

## EXPLANATORY NOTE

*(This note is not part of the Regulations)*

These Regulations, which relate to maternity allowance, are made under provisions substituted by section 49(2) of, and Part II of Schedule 4 to, the Social Security Act 1986. These provisions have not yet been in force for 12 months. Accordingly the Regulations are exempt, by section 61(5) of the Act of 1986, from reference to the Social Security Advisory Committee and are made without reference to that Committee.

Regulation 2 specifies the circumstances in which a woman is to be disqualified for receiving maternity allowance.

Regulation 3 modifies the provisions of section 22(2) of the Social Security Act 1975, which relates to the maternity allowance period, where a woman is confined before the 11th week before the expected week of confinement or is confined before she makes a claim for maternity allowance in expectation of that confinement.

Regulation 4 and the Schedule provide for revocation and consequential amendment of specified provisions; and for those provisions to continue in force for certain transitional purposes.

**Changes to legislation:**

The Social Security (Maternity Allowance) Regulations 1987 is up to date with all changes known to be in force on or before 11 July 2024. There are changes that may be brought into force at a future date. Changes that have been made appear in the content and are referenced with annotations.

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**Changes and effects yet to be applied to :**

- [reg.3\(4\)\(c\) head \(ii\) substituted by S.I. 1994/1882 reg.9](#)