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STATUTORY INSTRUMENTS

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**2006 No. 1009**

**The Social Security (Reduced Rates of Class 1 Contributions,  
Rebates and Minimum Contributions) Order 2006**

**Citation, commencement, interpretation and extent**

1.—(1) This Order may be cited as the Social Security (Reduced Rates of Class 1 Contributions, Rebates and Minimum Contributions) Order 2006 and shall come into force on 6th April 2007.

(2) In this Order—

“the 1993 Act” means the Pension Schemes Act 1993;

“the Northern Ireland Act” means the Pension Schemes (Northern Ireland) Act 1993;

“the low earnings threshold”, in relation to a tax year, means the low earnings threshold for that tax year as specified in—

- (a) section 44A of the Social Security Contributions and Benefits Act 1992 <sup>M1</sup> (deemed earnings factors); or
- (b) in relation to Northern Ireland, section 44A(5) of the Social Security Contributions and Benefits (Northern Ireland) Act 1992 <sup>M2</sup> (deemed earnings factors);

“qualifying earnings factor”, in relation to a tax year, has the same meaning as in—

- (a) section 122(1) of the Social Security Contributions and Benefits Act 1992 (interpretation); or
- (b) in relation to Northern Ireland, section 121(1) of the Social Security Contributions and Benefits (Northern Ireland) Act 1992 (interpretation);

“the upper earnings threshold” means 3LET minus 2QEF, where—

- (a) 3LET means the amount produced by multiplying the low earnings threshold by 3; and
- (b) 2QEF means the amount produced by doubling the qualifying earnings factor and rounding the resulting figure to the nearest whole £100 (taking any amount of £50 as nearest to the previous whole £100);

“relevant tax year” means any of the following tax years—

- (a) 2007-2008;
- (b) 2008-2009;
- (c) 2009-2010;
- (d) 2010-2011;
- (e) 2011-2012.

(3) These provisions of this Order extend to England and Wales and Scotland—

- (a) articles 2 to 4;
- (b) this article, and the Schedules, so far as they relate to articles 2 to 4.

(4) These provisions of this Order extend to Northern Ireland—

- (a) articles 5 to 7;

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**Changes to legislation:** There are currently no known outstanding effects for the The Social Security (Reduced Rates of Class 1 Contributions, Rebates and Minimum Contributions) Order 2006, Section 1. (See end of Document for details)

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(b) this article, and the Schedules, so far as they relate to articles 5 to 7.

**Marginal Citations**

- M1** 1992 c. 4. Section 44A was inserted by section 30(3) of the 2000 Act and amended by paragraph 11 of Schedule 1 to the 2002 Act and paragraph 2 of the Schedule to [S.I. 2002/1457](#).
- M2** 1992 c. 7. Section 44A was inserted by section 29(3) of the [Child Support, Pensions and Social Security Act \(Northern Ireland\) 2000 \(c. 4\)](#).

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