

# **Child Maintenance Act** (Northern Ireland) 2008

#### CHAPTER 10

#### CHILD MAINTENANCE ACT (NORTHERN IRELAND) 2008

#### PART 1

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## SCHEDULES SCHEDULE 1 — CHANGES TO THE CALCULATION OF MAINTENANCE

#### *Introductory*

1. Part 1 of Schedule 1 to the Child Support Order...

Calculation by reference to gross weekly income

2. In Part 1 (under which the weekly amount of child...

#### Change to basic rate

3. For paragraph 2 (basic rate) substitute— (1) Subject to subparagraph (2), the basic rate is the...

Increase in flat rate and minimum amounts of liability

4. In the following provisions, for "£5" substitute "£7"...

Applicable rate where non-resident parent party to other maintenance arrangement

5. (1) In paragraph 1(1) (under which the weekly rate of...

#### Shared care

- 6. In paragraph 7(2) (circumstances in which decrease for shared care...
- 7. In paragraph 8(2) (circumstances in which decrease for shared care
- 8. (1) In paragraph 9 (regulations about shared care), the existing...

#### Weekly income

- 9. In paragraph 10 (which confers power to make regulations about...
- 10. In paragraph 10(3) (under which weekly income over £2,000 is

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### SCHEDULE 2 — MAINTENANCE CALCULATIONS: TRANSFER OF CASES TO NEW RULES

Power to require a decision about whether to stay in the statutory scheme

- 1. (1) The Department may require the interested parties in relation...
- 2. (1) The Department may by regulations make provision about the
- 3. (1) The Department shall by regulations make such provision as...
- 4. If, in a particular case, any of the interested parties...

Effect on accrual of liability of exercise of power under paragraph 1.

5. (1) Where the power under paragraph 1(1) is exercised in...

#### Additional powers

6. (1) The Department may by regulations make such provision as...

#### Interpretation

7. In this Schedule— "interested parties" has such meaning as may...

#### SCHEDULE 3 — USE OF INFORMATION

- 1. (1) This paragraph applies to information which is held for...
- 2. (1) This paragraph applies to information which is held for...

#### SCHEDULE 4 — MINOR AND CONSEQUENTIAL AMENDMENTS

The Child Support (Northern Ireland) Order 1991 (NI 23)

1. (1) The Child Support Order is amended as follows.

The Social Security Administration (Northern Ireland) Act 1992 (c. 8)

2. (1) The Social Administration (Northern Ireland) Act 1992 is amended...

The Deregulation and Contracting Out (Northern Ireland) Order 1996 (NI 11)

3. In Article 17 of the Deregulation and Contracting Out (Northern...

#### SCHEDULE 5 — REPEALS

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

- s. 35(2) repealed by S.I. 2015/2006 (N.I.) Sch. 12 Pt. 1
- s. 40(3)(4) word repealed by 2010 c. 13 (N.I.) Sch. 4 Pt. 4
- Sch. 4 para. 2(2) repealed by 2010 c. 13 (N.I.) Sch. 4 Pt. 1
- specified provision(s) amendment to earlier commencing SR 2012/440 art.
   3 by S.R. 2014/194 art. 4
- specified provision(s) amendment to earlier commencing SR 2013/201 art.
   3 by S.R. 2014/194 art. 5

## Changes and effects yet to be applied to the whole Act associated Parts and Chapters:

Whole provisions yet to be inserted into this Act (including any effects on those provisions):

Sch. 2 para. 3(3) inserted by S.I. 2015/2006 (N.I.) art. 126(2)