STATUTORY INSTRUMENTS

1974 No. 141

SOCIAL SECURITY

BASIC SCHEME

The Social Security (Maternity Allowance) (Transitional) Regulations 1974

Made - - -	31*st January* 1974
Laid before Parliament	8*th February* 1974
Coming into Operation	6*th April* 1975

The Secretary of State for Social Services, in exercise of powers conferred upon him by paragraph 2 of Schedule 26 to the Social Security Act 1973(**a**) and of all other powers enabling him in that behalf, hereby makes the following regulations:—

Citation, commencement and interpretation

1.—(1) These regulations may be cited as the Social Security (Maternity Allowance) (Transitional) Regulations 1974, and shall come into operation on 6th April 1975.

(2) In these regulations—

"the Act" means the Social Security Act 1973;

and other expressions have the same meaning as in the Act as modified by these regulations.

Modifications of the Act

2.—(1) There shall be substituted for the conditions set out in paragraph 3(2) and 3(3) of Schedule 3 to the Act (contribution conditions for a maternity allowance) the condition that there have been paid by or credited (otherwise than under regulations made under section 102 of the former principal Act) to the claimant in the cases set out in column 1 below in respect of the period set out against those cases respectively in column 2 below, whichever would give the more favourable result for the claimant, not less than 50 contributions under the former principal Act as an insured person of any class, and of those

(**a**) 1973 c. 38.

contributions not less than 39 are contributions as an employed or self-employed person, and of the contributions as an employed or self-employed person not less than 26 have been actually paid.

1. *The case*	2. *The period*
Where the expected week of confinement begins after 13th July 1975 and ends before 20th March 1977	The 52 contribution weeks under the former principal Act immediately preceding 6th April 1975
Where the expected week of confinement begins after 13th July 1975 and ends before 29th March 1976	The period of 52 or 53 contribution weeks under the former principal Act ending at midnight between the first Sunday and Monday in March, June, September or December 1974 which has been determined by the Secretary of State to be applicable in the claimant's case for the purposes of contributions under that Act

(2) In relation to any case to which paragraph (1) of this regulation applies, "week" wherever it occurs in section 17 of and Schedule 3 to the Act means a period of 7 days beginning with midnight between Sunday and Monday, or, in relation to the week which would otherwise begin, by virtue of this paragraph, at midnight between Sunday 13th March 1977 and Monday 14th March 1977, the period of 6 days so beginning.

Keith Joseph,
Secretary of State for Social Services.

31st January 1974.

EXPLANATORY NOTE

(This Note is not part of the Regulations.)

These Regulations substitute, in the case of women whose confinements occur before the contribution conditions for a maternity allowance set out in the Social Security Act 1973 can be satisfied, and after the contribution conditions set out in the National Insurance Act 1965 (1965 c.51) could entitle them to the allowance, contribution conditions based on those contained in the 1965 Act.

These Regulations, being made before the day appointed for the coming into force of section 2 of the Social Security Act 1973, by virtue of section 48(2) of and paragraph 16 of Schedule 12 to that Act are not required to be referred to the National Insurance Advisory Committee and no such reference has been made.

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