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The Social Security Pensions (Low Earnings Threshold) Order (Northern Ireland) 2002

Made . . . . . 21st February 2002

Coming into operation . . 6th April 2002

Whereas the Secretary of State for Work and Pensions has made an Order(**a**) under section 148A of the Social Security Administration Act 1992(**b**):

Now, therefore, the Department for Social Development, in exercise of the powers conferred by section 130A of the Social Security Administration (Northern Ireland) Act 1992(**c**) and of all other powers enabling it in that behalf, hereby makes the following Order:

Citation and commencement

1. This Order may be cited as the Social Security Pensions (Low Earnings Threshold) Order (Northern Ireland) 2002 and shall come into operation on 6th April 2002.

Low earnings threshold

2. It is hereby directed that, for the purposes of the Contributions and Benefits Act, the low earnings threshold(**d**) for the tax years following the tax year 2001-2002 shall be £10,800.

Sealed with the Official Seal of the Department for Social Development on 21st February 2002.

(L.S.) *John O'Neill*
Senior Officer of the Department for Social Development

(**a**) S.I. 2002/36
(**b**) 1992 c. 5
(**c**) 1992 c. 8; section 130A was inserted by section 32 of the Child Support, Pensions and Social Security Act (Northern Ireland) 2000 (c. 4 (N.I.)). *See also* Article 8(*b*) of S.R. 1999 No. 481
(**d**) *See* section 44A of the Social Security Contributions and Benefits (Northern Ireland) Act 1992 (c. 7) as inserted by section 29(3) of the Child Support, Pensions and Social Security Act (Northern Ireland) 2000

EXPLANATORY NOTE

(This note is not part of the Order.)

This Order, which corresponds to an Order (S.I. 2002/36) made by the Secretary of State for Work and Pensions under section 148A of the Social Security Administration Act 1992, directs that the low earnings threshold, for the purposes of the Social Security Contributions and Benefits (Northern Ireland) Act 1992, for the tax years following 2001-2002 shall be £10,800. The low earnings threshold is used for the purposes of calculating entitlement to the additional pension (the state second pension) in a state retirement pension.

Section 130A of the Social Security Administration (Northern Ireland) Act 1992, the enabling provision under which this Order is made, was inserted by section 32 of the Child Support, Pensions and Social Security Act (Northern Ireland) 2000 which was brought into operation on 1st February 2001, in so far as not already in operation, by virtue of Article 2(*b*) of the Child Support, Pensions and Social Security (2000 Act) (Commencement No. 4) Order (Northern Ireland) 2001 (S.R. 2001 No. 34 (C.1)).

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