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I, HEATHER HUMPHREYS, Minister for Social Protection, in exercise of the powers conferred on me by section 1(3) of the Paternity Leave and Benefit Act 2016 (No. 11 of 2016), hereby order as follows:

1. This Order may be cited as the Paternity Leave and Benefit Act 2016 (Section 31) (Commencement) Order 2022.

2. The 1st day of July 2022 is appointed as the day on which section 31 of the Paternity Leave and Benefit Act 2016 (No. 11 of 2016) (except insofar as it already is in operation) shall come into operation.



GIVEN under my Official Seal,  
30 June, 2022.

HEATHER HUMPHREYS,  
Minister for Social Protection.

#### EXPLANATORY NOTE

*(This note is not part of the Instrument and does not purport to be a legal interpretation.)*

This Order provides for the commencement of section 31 of the Paternity Leave and Benefit Act 2016 insofar as it relates to the insertion of paragraph (b)(ii)(III) of the definition of “relevant parent” in section 61A(1) of the Social Welfare Consolidation Act 2005 (No. 26 of 2005).

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