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## SCHEDULES

### [<sup>F1</sup>SCHEDULE B1

#### ADMINISTRATION

##### Textual Amendments

- F1** Sch. B1 inserted (15.9.2003) by 2002 c. 40, ss. 248(2), 279, Sch. 16 (with s. 249(1)-(3)(6)); S.I. 2003/2093, art. 2(1), Sch. 1 (subject to arts. 3-8 (as amended by S.I. 2003/2332, art. 2))

##### Modifications etc. (not altering text)

- C1** Pt. 2 (including Sch. B1) applied (with modifications) (1.2.2011) by The Financial Services and Markets Act 2000 (Administration Orders Relating to Insurers) Order 2010 (S.I. 2010/3023), art. 2, Sch. (with art. 6) (as amended (1.4.2013) by S.I. 2013/472, Sch. 2 para. 195(c); and (7.4.2017) by S.I. 2017/400, regs. 1(2), 9)
- C1** Pt. 2 (including Sch. B1) applied (with modifications) (6.4.2014) by The Co-operative and Community Benefit Societies and Credit Unions (Arrangements, Reconstructions and Administration) Order 2014 (S.I. 2014/229), art. 2(2), Sch. 1 (as renamed (1.8.2014) by S.I. 2014/1815, Sch. para 33; and as amended (1.8.2014) by S.I. 2014/1822, art. 5; and (13.3.2018) by S.I. 2018/208, regs. 1(3), 15(3)(b))
- C1** Sch. B1 applied in part (with modifications) (1.10.2011) by Postal Services Act 2011 (c. 5), ss. 73, 93(2) (3), Sch. 10 Pts. 1, 2; S.I. 2011/2329, art. 3 (with arts. 4, 5) (as amended (6.4.2017) by S.I. 2017/540, reg. 1, Sch. 1 para. 6(2) (with reg. 4))
- C1** Pt. 2 (including Sch. B1) applied (with modifications) (1.12.1994) by The Insolvent Partnerships Order 1994 (S.I. 1994/2421), art. 6(1), Sch. 2 (as amended (1.7.2005) by S.I. 2005/1516, art. 7, Sch. 1; (1.4.2013) by S.I. 2013/472, Sch. 2 para. 11(b)); (1.1.2015) by S.I. 2014/3486, arts. 1(2), 13 (with art. 3); (6.4.2017) by S.I. 2017/540, reg. 1, Sch. 2 para. 6 (with reg. 4); (19.12.2018) by S.I. 2018/1244, arts. 1(2), 19(2)(3) (with art. 3)); and (28.12.2020) (temp.) by S.I. 2020/1350, regs. 1(4), 121(3))
- C1** Sch. B1 applied (with modifications) by S.I. 2010/3023, art. 2, Sch. (as amended (13.3.2018) by The Small Business, Enterprise and Employment Act 2015 (Consequential Amendments, Savings and Transitional Provisions) Regulations 2018 (S.I. 2018/208), regs. 1(3), 12 (with reg. 22))
- C1** Sch. B1 specified provisions applied (with modifications) (4.7.2018) by The Insolvency of Registered Providers of Social Housing Regulations 2018 (S.I. 2018/728), regs. 1, 2(2), Sch. 1 Pt. 1
- C1** Sch. B1 specified provisions applied (with modifications) by S.I. 2012/3013, Sch. 2 Pt. 1 (as inserted (4.7.2018) by The Insolvency of Registered Providers of Social Housing Regulations 2018 (S.I. 2018/728), regs. 1, 3(6), Sch. 2)
- C1** Sch. B1 specified provisions applied (with modifications) (13.7.2018 for E.W.) by Financial Services (Banking Reform) Act 2013 (c. 33), s. 148(5), Sch. 6 para. 5; S.I. 2018/848, art. 2(b) (as amended by S.I. 2017/400, regs. 1(2), 6(a)(c); and S.I. 2018/208, regs. 1(3), 6(a))
- C1** Sch. B1 applied in part (with modifications) (5.10.2004) by Energy Act 2004 (c. 20), ss. 159(1), 198, Sch. 20 Pts. 1-3; S.I. 2004/2575, art. 2(1), Sch. 1 (as amended (26.6.2020) by Corporate Insolvency and Governance Act 2020 (c. 12), s. 49(1), Sch. 9 para. 27 (with ss. 2(2), 5(2)))
- C1** Sch. B1 modified (28.12.2020 until IP completion day when the amending provision ceases to have effect in accordance with reg. 1(4) of the amending S.I.) by The Bank Recovery and Resolution (Amendment) (EU Exit) Regulations 2020 (S.I. 2020/1350), regs. 1(4), 114 (with reg. 108)
- C1** Sch. B1 excluded in part (E.W.) (15.3.2024) by The Water Industry (Special Administration) Regulations 2024 (S.I. 2024/205), regs. 2(2), 5(2) (with reg. 64)

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| <b>C3</b> | Sch. B1 specified provisions applied (with modifications) (31.1.2019) by <a href="#">Technical and Further Education Act 2017 (c. 19), s. 47(2)</a> , <a href="#">Sch. 3</a> ; <a href="#">S.I. 2018/1161, reg. 3(c)</a> (as amended (26.12.2023) by 2023 c. 55, s. 255(2)(c), <a href="#">Sch. 4 para. 210(a)</a> (with s. 247))  |
| <b>C4</b> | Sch. B1 specified provisions applied (with modifications) (31.1.2019) by <a href="#">Technical and Further Education Act 2017 (c. 19), s. 47(2)</a> , <a href="#">Sch. 4</a> ; <a href="#">S.I. 2018/1161, reg. 3(d)</a> (as amended: (28.6.2022) by 2022 c. 21, <a href="#">ss. 25(4), 36(2)</a> ; and (26.12.2023) by 2023 c. 55, s. 255(2)(c), <a href="#">Sch. 4 para. 211(a)</a> (with s. 247)) |

## APPOINTMENT OF ADMINISTRATOR BY COURT

### *Administration order*

- 10 An administration order is an order appointing a person as the administrator of a company.

### *Conditions for making order*

- 11 The court may make an administration order in relation to a company only if satisfied—
- (a) that the company is or is likely to become unable to pay its debts, and
  - (b) that the administration order is reasonably likely to achieve the purpose of administration.

### *Administration application*

- 12 (1) An application to the court for an administration order in respect of a company (an “administration application”) may be made only by—
- (a) the company,
  - (b) the directors of the company,
  - (c) one or more creditors of the company,
  - (d) the [<sup>F2</sup>designated officer] for a magistrates’ court in the exercise of the power conferred by section 87A of the Magistrates’ Courts Act 1980 (c. 43) (fine imposed on company), or
  - (e) a combination of persons listed in paragraphs (a) to (d).
- (2) As soon as is reasonably practicable after the making of an administration application the applicant shall notify—
- (a) any person who has appointed an administrative receiver of the company,
  - (b) any person who is or may be entitled to appoint an administrative receiver of the company,
  - (c) any person who is or may be entitled to appoint an administrator of the company under paragraph 14, and
  - (d) such other persons as may be prescribed.
- (3) An administration application may not be withdrawn without the permission of the court.
- (4) In sub-paragraph (1) “creditor” includes a contingent creditor and a prospective creditor.

[ Sub-paragraph (1) is without prejudice to section 7(4)(b).]

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#### Textual Amendments

- F2** Words in Sch. B1 para. 12(1)(d) substituted (1.4.2005) by [Courts Act 2003 \(c. 39\)](#), ss. 109(1), 110, [Sch. 8 para. 299](#); S.I. 2005/910, [art. 3\(y\)](#)
- F3** Sch. B1 para. 12(5) added (15.9.2003) by [The Enterprise Act 2002 \(Insolvency\) Order 2003 \(S.I. 2003/2096\)](#), [art. 2\(2\)](#)

#### Modifications etc. (not altering text)

- C2** Sch. B1 para. 12 applied (5.7.2018) by [Housing and Planning Act 2016 \(c. 22\)](#), [ss. 106\(8\)](#), 216(3) (with [ss. 116, 117](#)); S.I. 2018/805, [reg. 3\(a\)](#)

### *Powers of court*

- 13 (1) On hearing an administration application the court may—
- make the administration order sought;
  - dismiss the application;
  - adjourn the hearing conditionally or unconditionally;
  - make an interim order;
  - treat the application as a winding-up petition and make any order which the court could make under section 125;
  - make any other order which the court thinks appropriate.
- (2) An appointment of an administrator by administration order takes effect—
- at a time appointed by the order, or
  - where no time is appointed by the order, when the order is made.
- (3) An interim order under sub-paragraph (1)(d) may, in particular—
- restrict the exercise of a power of the directors or the company;
  - make provision conferring a discretion on the court or on a person qualified to act as an insolvency practitioner in relation to the company.
- (4) This paragraph is subject to paragraph 39.]

#### Modifications etc. (not altering text)

- C5** Sch. B1 para. 13 restricted (5.10.2004) by [Energy Act 2004 \(c. 20\)](#), [ss. 162\(3\)](#), 198; S.I. 2004/2575, [art. 2\(1\)](#), [Sch. 1](#)
- C6** Sch. B1 para. 13 excluded (5.7.2018) by [Housing and Planning Act 2016 \(c. 22\)](#), [ss. 106\(3\)](#), 216(3) (with [ss. 116, 117](#)); S.I. 2018/805, [reg. 3\(a\)](#)
- C7** Sch. B1 para. 13 restricted (31.1.2019) by [Technical and Further Education Act 2017 \(c. 19\)](#), [ss. 9\(3\)](#), 47(2); S.I. 2018/1161, [reg. 3\(a\)](#)
- C8** [Sch. B1 para. 13](#) applied (with modifications) (E.W.) (15.3.2024) by [The Water Industry \(Special Administration\) Regulations 2024 \(S.I. 2024/205\)](#), [regs. 2\(2\)](#), [5\(1\)](#), 10 (with [reg. 64](#))

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

- Act amendment to earlier affecting provision S.I. 1986/1999, art. 3, Sch. 1 Pt. 2 by [S.I. 2017/1119 Sch. 3 para. 1](#)
- Act savings and transitional provisions for amendments by S.I. 2022/1166 by [S.I. 2022/1172 Regulations](#)

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

- s. 41HB(2) words substituted by [2018 c. 14 s. 1\(3\)\(b\)](#)