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# **CHAPTER 66**

# BANKRUPTCY (SCOTLAND) ACT 1985

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Claims for aliment and periodical allowance on divorce

2 (1) A person entitled to aliment, however arising, from a...

Debts depending on contingency

3 (1) Subject to sub-paragraph (2) below, the amount which a...

Debts due under composition contracts

4 Where in the course of a sequestration the debtor is...

#### Secured debts

5 (1) In calculating the amount of his claim, a secured...

Valuation of claims against partners for debts of the partnership

6 Where a creditor claims in respect of a debt of...

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- 1 Section 24(2) shall, in so far as it relates to...
- 2 (1) In place of sections 25 and 26, sub-paragraphs (2)...
- 3 (1) In place of subsections (1) to (5) of section...
- 4 In section 29— (a) subsection (5) shall not have effect...
- 5 Where an appointment is made under paragraph 3(3), or by...
- 6 Section 30 shall not have effect, and, in any sequestration...
- 7 In section 39— (a) in subsection (1), the reference to...
- 8 Any power under section 44 or 45 to apply to...
- 9 In subsection (1) of section 53 the reference to the...

# Schedule 2A — Modification of duties of permanent trustee in summary administration

- 1 The permanent trustee shall comply with the requirements of sections...
- 2 The permanent trustee shall, until the debtor is discharged under...
- 3 (1) Where the Accountant in Bankruptcy is not the permanent...
- 4 (1) The permanent trustee shall, as soon as a certificate...
- 5 Except in the case of an application for the grant...

# SCHEDULE 3 — PREFERRED DEBTS

Part I — LIST OF PREFERRED DEBTS

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#### Debts to Inland Revenue

1 (1) Sums due at the relevant date from the debtor...

Debts due to Customs and Excise

2 (1) Any value added tax which is referable to the...

Social Security contributions

3 (1) All sums which on the relevant date are due...

Contributions to occupational pension schemes, etc.

4 Any sum which is owed by the debtor and is...

Remuneration of employees, etc.

- 5 (1) So much of any amount which—
- 6 So much of any amount which—(a) is ordered, whether...

Levies on coal and steel production

6A Any sums due at the relevant date from the debtor... Part II — INTERPRETATION OF PART I

Meaning of "the relevant date"

7 In Part I of this Schedule "the relevant date" means—...

Periods to which value added tax referable

8 (1) For the purpose of paragraph 2(1) of Part I...

Periods to which insurance premium tax referable

8A (1) For the purpose of paragraph 2(1A) of Part I...

Periods to which landfill tax referable

8B (1) For the purpose of paragraph 2(1B) of Part I...

Periods to which climate change levy referable

- 8C (1) For the purpose of paragraph 2(1C) of Part I...
- 8D Periods to which aggregates levy referable

Amounts payable by way of remuneration

9 (1) For the purposes of paragraph 5 of Part I...

Transitional Provisions

10 Regulations under paragraph 5 or 6 of Part I of...

# SCHEDULE 4 — Discharge on Composition

- 1 (1) At any time after the sheriff clerk issues the...
- 2 The permanent trustee shall submit the offer of composition along...
- 3 The commissioners or, if there are no commissioners, the Accountant...

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- 4 Where a recommendation is made that the offer of composition...
- 5 (1) The permanent trustee shall determine from the completed prescribed...
- 6 Where the permanent trustee determines that the creditors have accepted...
- 7 (1) The sheriff shall, on the receipt by him of...
- 8 (1) At the hearing the sheriff shall examine the documents...
- 8A (1) The Scottish Ministers may by regulations amend paragraphs 4...
  - 9 (1) Where the offer of composition is approved, the permanent...
- 10 As soon as the procedure under paragraph 9 of this...
- 11 Once the documents have been lodged under paragraph 10 of...
- 12 An order under paragraph 11 of this Schedule discharging the...
- 13 Notwithstanding that an offer of composition has been made, the...
- 14 A creditor who has not submitted a claim under section...
- 15 A debtor may make two, but no more than two,...
- 16 (1) On an order under paragraph 11 of this Schedule...
- 17 (1) Without prejudice to any rule of law relating to...
- 18 (1) Without prejudice to any rule of law relating to...

# SCHEDULE 5 — Voluntary Trust Deeds for Creditors

# Remuneration of trustee

1 Whether or not provision is made in the trust deed...

# Accountant in Bankruptcy's power to carry out audit

1A The Accountant in Bankruptcy may, at any time, audit the...

#### Registration of notice of inhibition

2 (1) The trustee, from time to time after the trust...

# Lodging of claim to bar effect of limitation of actions

3 The submission of a claim by a creditor to the...

#### Valuation of claims

4 Unless the trust deed otherwise provides, Schedule 1 to this...

# Protected trust deeds

- 5 Paragraphs 6 and 7 of this Schedule shall apply in...
- 6 Where the provisions of paragraph 5 of this Schedule have...
- 7 (1) A qualified creditor who has not acceded to the...
- 8 In this Act a trust deed in respect of which...
- 9 Where the trustee under a protected trust deed has made...
- 10 Where the trustee under a protected trust deed has obtained...

# Creditors not acceding to protected trust deed

- 11 A creditor who has not acceded to a protected trust...
- Where, on an application by a creditor under paragraph 11...
- Where the court makes an order under paragraph 12 above,...

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# SCHEDULE 6 — MEETINGS OF CREDITORS AND COMMISSIONERS Part I — MEETINGS OF CREDITORS OTHER THAN THE STATUTORY MEETING

# Calling of meeting

- 1 The permanent trustee shall call a meeting of creditors if...
- 2 A meeting called under paragraph 1 above shall be held...
- 3 The permanent trustee or a commissioner who has given written...
- 4 The permanent trustee or a commissioner calling a meeting under...
- 5 (1) Where a requirement has been made under paragraph 1...
- 6 It shall not be necessary to notify under paragraph 4...

# Role of permanent trustee at meeting

7 (1) At the commencement of a meeting, the chairman shall...

#### **Appeals**

8 The permanent trustee, a creditor or any other person having...
Part II — ALL MEETINGS OF CREDITORS

# Validity of proceedings

9 No proceedings at a meeting shall be invalidated by reason...

# Locus of meeting

10 Every meeting shall be held in such place (whether or...

# Mandatories

11 (1) A creditor may authorise in writing any person to...

#### Quorum

12 The quorum at any meeting shall be one creditor.

# Voting at meeting

13 Any question at a meeting shall be determined by a...

# Objections by creditors

14 (1) The chairman at any meeting may allow or disallow...

# Adjournment of meeting

15 (1) If no creditor has appeared at a meeting at...

#### Minutes of meeting

- 16 The minutes of every meeting shall be signed by the...
  - Part III MEETINGS OF COMMISSIONERS
- 17 The permanent trustee may call a meeting of commissioners at...
- 18 If the permanent trustee fails to call a meeting of...
- 19 The permanent trustee shall give the commissioners at least 7...
- 20 The permanent trustee shall act as clerk at meetings and...

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	21 22 23	If the commissioners are considering the performance of the functions The quorum at a meeting of commissioners shall be one Any matter may be agreed by the commissioners without a
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		The Judicial Factors (Scotland) Act 1880 (c.4)
	1 2	In section 3 (interpretation), for the words "section 14 or
19-	7 10 —22	
		The Judicial Factors (Scotland) Act 1889 (c.39)
	3 4	In section 2, at the beginning there shall be inserted After section 11 there shall be inserted the following sections—
		The Conveyancing (Scotland) Act 1924 (c. 27)
	5	In section 44(4)(c) (limitation of effect of entries in the
	6	The Third Parties (Rights Against Insurers) Act 1930 (c.25) (1) In section 1(2) (rights of third parties against insurers
	U	
	8	The Conveyancing and Feudal Reform (Scotland) Act 1970 (c.35) In paragraph 9(2)(b) of Schedule 3 ("insolvent" for purposes of
		The Superannuation Act 1972 (c.11)
	9	In section 5(2) (benefits under civil service superannuation schemes not
		The Prescription and Limitation (Scotland) Act 1973 (c.52)
	11	In section 9(1), for paragraph (b) there shall be substituted
		The Local Government (Scotland) Act 1973 (c.65)
	12	In section 31(2) (disqualifications regarding members of local authority), for

The Social Security Pensions Act 1975 (c.60)

13 In section 58 of the Social Security Pensions Act 1975...

The Employment Protection (Consolidation) Act 1978 (c.44)

14 (1) In section 106(6) (payments out of fund to employees),...

The Land Registration (Scotland) Act 1979 (c.33)

15 In section 12(3)(b) (restriction as regards indemnity in respect of...

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# *The Banking Act 1979 (c.37)*

16 In section 28 (payments to depositors on institution's insolvency)—

The Estate Agents Act 1979 (c.38)

17 In section 23(2) (bankrupts not to engage in estate agency...

The Value Added Tax Act 1983 (c.55)

18 In section 22(4)(a)(ii) ("insolvency" for purposes of refund of tax...

The Family Law (Scotland) Act 1985 (c.37)

23 In section 14(5)(b) for the words from "sections 30" to...

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(SCOTLAND) ACT 1913 (C. 20)

# Arrestments and Poindings

24 (1) Subject to sub-paragraph (2) below, all arrestments and pointings...

Exemptions from stamp or other duties for conveyances, deeds etc. relating to sequestrated estates

25 Any— (a) conveyance, assignation, instrument, discharge, writing, or deed relating...

SCHEDULE 8 — Repeals

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