



Dormant Assets Act 2022

2022 CHAPTER 5

PART 1 U.K.

THE DORMANT ASSETS SCHEME

Securities assets

16 Meaning of “dormant” in relation to eligible proceeds or distribution U.K.

- (1) This section sets out the meaning for the purposes of this Act of “dormant” in relation to the different kinds of eligible proceeds or distribution.
- (2) Eligible share conversion proceeds are, or an eligible distribution is, “dormant” at a particular time if, at that time, the traded public company concerned regards the relevant individual as having been gone-away throughout the preceding 12 years.
- (3) For the purposes of subsection (2)—
 - (a) the relevant individual is the individual in whose name the share was registered immediately before its conversion, and
 - (b) a company may regard an individual as “gone-away” throughout a period if it has received no communication from the individual (or any person acting on behalf of that individual) during that period.
- (4) Eligible corporate action proceeds are “dormant” after a period of at least 12 years—
 - (a) beginning with the day on which the traded public company concerned is notified of the consideration in relation to the corporate action, and
 - (b) during which the proceeds have remained unclaimed.
- (5) Eligible corporate action proceeds relating to a share may also be treated as “dormant” at any time if they become money owing to a person after the transfer to an authorised reclaim fund as mentioned in section 14(1)(a) of eligible share conversion proceeds from the same share.
- (6) In this section, in relation to a share in a traded public company—

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“eligible corporate action proceeds” means an amount owing by virtue of a corporate action, as mentioned in section 15(1)(c),

“eligible distribution” means an amount owing as a distribution as mentioned in section 15(1)(b), and

“eligible share conversion proceeds” means an amount owing by virtue of the conversion of the share as mentioned in section 15(1)(a).

Commencement Information

- I1** S. 16 not in force at Royal Assent, see [s. 34\(3\)](#)
- I2** [S. 16](#) in force at 6.6.2022 by [S.I. 2022/582](#), [reg. 2](#)

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