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The Insolvency Registers

WHAT ARE THE INSOLVENCY REGISTERS?

The Insolvency Service must keep up-to-date registers, open to public inspection, which show:

- Individual Voluntary Arrangements (IVAs) and Fast-Track Voluntary Arrangements (FTVAs);
- Bankruptcy Restrictions Orders or Undertakings (BROs/BRUs);
- Debt Relief Orders (DROs); and
- Debt Relief Restrictions Orders or Undertakings (DRROs/DRRUs).

As the law requires us to keep these registers, we cannot be held responsible for the actions of anyone who obtains and uses data from them. This includes people using internet search engines.

THE BANKRUPTCY REGISTER

In Northern Ireland the Bankruptcy Register is maintained by the Bankruptcy and Companies Office of the Northern Ireland High Court. To arrange a search you should contact the Bankruptcy and Companies Office by telephoning the Royal Courts of Justice on 028 9023 5111 and asking to be put through to the Bankruptcy and Companies Office.

The Office is at the Royal Courts of Justice, Chichester Street, Belfast.

WHAT INFORMATION IS ON THE INSOLVENCY REGISTERS?

The registers give details of:

- current IVAs and FTVAs;
- current BROs and BRUs;
- DROs that are current or have ended in the last 3 months; and
- current DRROs and DRRUs.

HOW CAN I SEARCH THE INSOLVENCY REGISTERS?

You can search the IVA, the DRO and the DRRO and DRRU registers online, or by visiting the Official Receiver's office. You will need to visit the Official Receiver's office to search the BRO and BRU registers.

All searches of these registers are free of charge.

How to search the IVA DRO, DRRO and DRRU registers online

The easiest and quickest way to search these Registers is to use the following links;

- For the IVA Register [Individual Voluntary Arrangement Register | Department for the Economy](#)
- For the DRO/DRRO/DRRU Register [DRO and BRO Register Search | Department for the Economy](#)

You can search the database online with just the surname (or even part of the surname) of the individual.

Searching at the Official Receiver's office

You can also perform a search, and in the case of BROs and BRUs you will only be able to perform a search by visiting the Official Receiver's office Monday to Friday between 9am and 5pm.

The Official Receiver's office is at,

Adelaide House
Adelaide House
Belfast
BT2
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Tel: 028 9025 1441

Fax: 028 9054 8555

E-mail: insolvency@economy-ni.gov.uk.gov.uk

WHAT DETAILS CAN I GET FROM THE INSOLVENCY REGISTERS?

For voluntary arrangements the information includes:

- the date the arrangement was approved by creditors;
- the debtor's name (including any other names by which they were known);
- their last known address;
- their date of birth;
- their gender;
- the name and address of the supervisor.

For debt relief orders the information includes:

- the debtor's name
- their occupation;
- the name and address and type of any business they may have had (including whether they traded alone or with someone else);
- their date of birth;
- details of the current DRO;
- the date the DRO 'moratorium' period ended or will end;
- if applicable, the date of a bankruptcy order or DRO that happened during the 6 years before the current DRO. If there has been more than one bankruptcy or DRO during those 6 years, the register will show the date of the latest of them.

For bankruptcy restrictions orders or undertakings, and interim bankruptcy

restrictions orders, the information includes the bankrupt's:

- name;
- occupation and trading details;
- date of birth;
- gender;
- last known address.

The register also shows details of the order, including when it began and how long it will last.

For debt relief restrictions orders or undertakings, the information includes the debtor's:

- name;
- occupation;
- date of birth;
- gender;
- last known address.

The register also shows details of the order, including when it began and how long it will last.

HOW LONG DO RECORDS STAY ON THE INSOLVENCY REGISTERS?

Depending on the type of entry, details stay on the registers as follows:

- IVA and FTVA records stay on the register until the arrangement is withdrawn, completed or terminated.
- DRO records stay on the register for 3 months after the moratorium has ended.
- If the moratorium period is extended, the register is changed to show the expected date of the end of the moratorium. Details of the DRO are removed 3 months after that date.
- If a DRO is withdrawn, the register is amended to show this. Details of the DRO are then removed 3 months after the DRO has been withdrawn.
- BRO and BRU records stay on the register until they expire or come to an end. They will be removed if the bankruptcy is annulled because it should not have been made.
- DRRO and DRRU records stay on the register until they expire or come to an end.

WHAT INFORMATION IS NOT INCLUDED IN THE INSOLVENCY REGISTERS?

The registers do not include information about the following:

- Disqualified directors.
- Company insolvencies.
- Insolvencies in England, Scotland or Wales.
- Bankruptcy orders.

WHAT CAN I DO IF I DISCOVER AN ERROR IN THE INSOLVENCY REGISTERS?

If you identify information in the electronic registers which appears to be incorrect or omitted you can inform us by email at: insolvency@economy-ni.gov.uk

In the case of the BRO/BRRU register you should bring the matter to the attention of the Insolvency Service staff.

**WHERE CAN I GET DETAILS OF PERSONAL
INSOLVENCIES IN ENGLAND, SCOTLAND OR
WALES?**

In Scotland

The Accountant in Bankruptcy
1 Pennyburn Road
Kilwinning
Ayrshire
KA13 6SA

Tel: 0300 200 2600
Fax: 0300 200 2601
Helpline: 0300 200 2777
Email: helpline@aib.gsi.gov.uk

In England and Wales

The Insolvency Service
21 Bloomsbury Street
London
WC1B 3QW

Tel: 0845 6029848
Email: insolvency.enquiryline@insolvency.gsi.gov.uk

**WHERE CAN I FIND RECORDS OF COMPANY
LIQUIDATIONS AND DISQUALIFIED DIRECTORS?**

You can search the Disqualified Directors Register
at www.companieshouse.gov.uk.

You can also obtain details from:

The Register of Companies
Companies House
Crown Way
Maindy
CARDIFF
CF4 3UX

Tel: 0303 1234 500

WHERE CAN I GET MORE INFORMATION?

For general enquiries on insolvency, you can
contact the Insolvency Enquiry Line on
028 9054 8531 available
Monday - Friday 8.00 am - 5.00pm (except public
holidays)
or e-mail: insolvency@economy-ni.gov.uk

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