

# FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS (FAQs) INSOLVENCY

- **1. "Insolvency Practitioner"** means a person ordinarily resident in Mauritius holding office as:
  - i) Liquidator
  - ii) Receiver / Manager
  - iii) Administrator

### 2. How to Register as Insolvency Practitioner?

- Application for registration as an Insolvency Practitioner should be submitted via downloadable form available on our website. ((refer to downloadable forms **IS9**)
  - Applicant should be qualified as per section **165** and **198** of Companies Act 2001.
  - At least 3 years' relevant post qualification experience in the area covered by the professional qualification is mandatory.
  - Evidence of experience in managing Insolvency matters.
  - To provide Business Registration Number in his own name

 Professional indemnity insurance cover for not less than one million rupees is mandatory.

## 3. What are the modes of Winding Up under the Insolvency Act 2009?

- Winding up Order made by court
- Voluntary Winding up- Members Winding Up (solvent companies) and Creditors Winding Up (Insolvent companies).
- By way of a resolution of creditors at the watershed meeting (following administration).

# 4. What are the statutory documents required as regarding liquidation/Administration/Receivership of companies?

#### Liquidation:

- Statement of Affairs & Declaration of Solvency.
- Shareholders' resolution.
- Consent of Liquidator.
- Liquidator's Account by Affidavit)
- Notice of final Meeting.

For Creditors Winding up: Notice of Declaration of Insolvency, Creditors' meeting and List of Creditors.

• Court Order for Winding up by Court

### Receivership:

- Notice of Appointment of Receiver/Manager & Consent of Receiver/Manager
- First Report within 2 months (S 198)
- Further Report every 6 months (\$ 199)
- Notice of end of Receivership

#### Administration:

- Notice of Appointment/consent of Administrator
- Administrator's Account
- Decisions at the Watershed Meeting (s240):
  - resolve that the company execute a deed of company arrangement
  - resolve that the administration should end or
  - appoint a liquidator

#### 5. What is a DOCA?

Deed of Company Arrangement means the deed that is executed by a company and its creditors providing for payments towards the creditors' debts.

#### 6. What is a watershed meeting?

"watershed meeting" means the creditors' meeting called by the administrator to decide the future of a company and, particular, whether the company and the creditors should execute a deed of company arrangement.

### 7. What is the convening period of the watershed meeting?

- 28 days after the date on which the administrator is appointed, and includes any period for which it is extended.
- Court may extend the convening period.
- Application to court for extension of the convening period should be made before the convening period expires.
- The watershed meeting shall be held within 7 days after the end of the convening period or extended convening period, as the case may be

#### 8. What is the time frame to dissolve the company?

On the expiry of 3 months after the notice of the final meeting has been filed with the Director of Insolvency. (S 151 (5) of IA 2009)

#### 9. What are the procedures to file a complaint against an IP?

- The Director may receive representations from any person on the conduct and performance of an Insolvency Practitioner.
- Within 7 days of receiving any such representation, the Director shall disclose the substance of that representation to the Insolvency Practitioner and seek comment on it.
- Apply to court for prohibition order.

# 10. What information is contained in the public register of bankrupt?

- the person's full name;
- whether the person is currently bankrupt, or has been discharged from bankruptcy;
- the bankruptcy number;
- The person' address;
- the time and date of the adjudication by court;
- the date, type, and conditions of discharge;
- annulment of Bank reply (conditional)