
STATUTORY INSTRUMENTS

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Solicitors (Northern Ireland) Order 1976

PART II

QUALIFICATION, ADMISSION, PRACTISING CERTIFICATES, ETC.

Practising certificates

[^{F1}Suspension of practising certificate

15.—(1) The making of an order suspending a solicitor from practice and the adjudication of bankruptcy of a solicitor [^{F2}or his becoming the subject of a bankruptcy restrictions order][^{F3}or the making of a debt relief order in respect of him or his becoming the subject of a debt relief restrictions order,] shall operate to suspend any practising certificate of that solicitor for the time being in force.

(2) Where, under any provision of this Order, Schedule 1 applies in relation to a solicitor, the Council may in their discretion suspend any practising certificate of that solicitor for the time being in force.

(3) For the purposes of this Order a practising certificate shall be deemed not to be in force at any time while it is suspended.

(4) A solicitor aggrieved by a decision of the Council under paragraph (2) suspending his practising certificate may, within one month from the date on which notice of that decision is served on him, appeal to the Lord Chief Justice who may—

(a) affirm or revoke the decision;

(b) direct that—

(i) the certificate; or

(ii) the certificate and any subsequent certificate issued by the registrar to the solicitor, shall have effect subject to such terms and conditions as the Lord Chief Justice thinks fit.

(5) The registrar shall be entitled without payment of any fee to inspect the file of proceedings in bankruptcy relating to any solicitor against whom proceedings in bankruptcy have been taken and to be supplied with office copies of those proceedings on payment of the usual charges for the copies.]

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F2 Words in art. 15(1) inserted (21.4.2015) by [The Insolvency \(Northern Ireland\) Order 2005 \(Consequential Amendments\) Order \(Northern Ireland\) 2015 \(S.R. 2015/159\)](#), art. 1, **Sch. para. 5(3)**

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