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## SCHEDULES

### [<sup>F1</sup>SCHEDULE B1

#### ADMINISTRATION

##### Textual Amendments

- F1** Sch. B1 inserted (15.9.2003) by 2002 c. 40, ss. 248(2), 279, Sch. 16 (with s. 249(1)-(3)(6)); S.I. 2003/2093, art. 2(1), Sch. 1 (subject to arts. 3-8 (as amended by S.I. 2003/2332, art. 2))

##### Modifications etc. (not altering text)

- C1** Pt. 2 (including Sch. B1) applied (with modifications) (1.2.2011) by The Financial Services and Markets Act 2000 (Administration Orders Relating to Insurers) Order 2010 (S.I. 2010/3023), art. 2, Sch. (with art. 6) (as amended (1.4.2013) by S.I. 2013/472, Sch. 2 para. 195(c); and (7.4.2017) by S.I. 2017/400, regs. 1(2), 9)
- C1** Pt. 2 (including Sch. B1) applied (with modifications) (6.4.2014) by The Co-operative and Community Benefit Societies and Credit Unions (Arrangements, Reconstructions and Administration) Order 2014 (S.I. 2014/229), art. 2(2), Sch. 1 (as renamed (1.8.2014) by S.I. 2014/1815, Sch. para 33; and as amended (1.8.2014) by S.I. 2014/1822, art. 5; and (13.3.2018) by S.I. 2018/208, regs. 1(3), 15(3)(b))
- C1** Sch. B1 applied in part (with modifications) (1.10.2011) by Postal Services Act 2011 (c. 5), ss. 73, 93(2) (3), Sch. 10 Pts. 1, 2; S.I. 2011/2329, art. 3 (with arts. 4, 5) (as amended (6.4.2017) by S.I. 2017/540, reg. 1, Sch. 1 para. 6(2) (with reg. 4))
- C1** Pt. 2 (including Sch. B1) applied (with modifications) (1.12.1994) by The Insolvent Partnerships Order 1994 (S.I. 1994/2421), art. 6(1), Sch. 2 (as amended (1.7.2005) by S.I. 2005/1516, art. 7, Sch. 1; (1.4.2013) by S.I. 2013/472, Sch. 2 para. 11(b)); (1.1.2015) by S.I. 2014/3486, arts. 1(2), 13 (with art. 3); (6.4.2017) by S.I. 2017/540, reg. 1, Sch. 2 para. 6 (with reg. 4); (19.12.2018) by S.I. 2018/1244, arts. 1(2), 19(2)(3) (with art. 3)); and (28.12.2020) (temp.) by S.I. 2020/1350, regs. 1(4), 121(3))
- C1** Sch. B1 applied (with modifications) by S.I. 2010/3023, art. 2, Sch. (as amended (13.3.2018) by The Small Business, Enterprise and Employment Act 2015 (Consequential Amendments, Savings and Transitional Provisions) Regulations 2018 (S.I. 2018/208), regs. 1(3), 12 (with reg. 22))
- C1** Sch. B1 specified provisions applied (with modifications) (4.7.2018) by The Insolvency of Registered Providers of Social Housing Regulations 2018 (S.I. 2018/728), regs. 1, 2(2), Sch. 1 Pt. 1
- C1** Sch. B1 specified provisions applied (with modifications) by S.I. 2012/3013, Sch. 2 Pt. 1 (as inserted (4.7.2018) by The Insolvency of Registered Providers of Social Housing Regulations 2018 (S.I. 2018/728), regs. 1, 3(6), Sch. 2)
- C1** Sch. B1 specified provisions applied (with modifications) (13.7.2018 for E.W.) by Financial Services (Banking Reform) Act 2013 (c. 33), s. 148(5), Sch. 6 para. 5; S.I. 2018/848, art. 2(b) (as amended by S.I. 2017/400, regs. 1(2), 6(a)(c); and S.I. 2018/208, regs. 1(3), 6(a))
- C1** Sch. B1 specified provisions applied (with modifications) (31.1.2019) by Technical and Further Education Act 2017 (c. 19), s. 47(2), Sch. 3; S.I. 2018/1161, reg. 3(c) (as amended (26.12.2023) by 2023 c. 55, s. 255(2)(c), Sch. 4 para. 210(a) (with s. 247))
- C1** Sch. B1 specified provisions applied (with modifications) (31.1.2019) by Technical and Further Education Act 2017 (c. 19), s. 47(2), Sch. 4; S.I. 2018/1161, reg. 3(d) (as amended: (28.6.2022) by 2022 c. 21, ss. 25(4), 36(2); and (26.12.2023) by 2023 c. 55, s. 255(2)(c), Sch. 4 para. 211(a) (with s. 247))

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- C1** Sch. B1 applied in part (with modifications) (5.10.2004) by [Energy Act 2004 \(c. 20\)](#), ss. 159(1), 198, [Sch. 20 Pts. 1-3](#); [S.I. 2004/2575](#), art. 2(1), [Sch. 1](#) (as amended (26.6.2020) by [Corporate Insolvency and Governance Act 2020 \(c. 12\)](#), s. 49(1), [Sch. 9 para. 27](#) (with ss. 2(2), 5(2)))
- C1** Sch. B1 modified (28.12.2020 until IP completion day when the amending provision ceases to have effect in accordance with reg. 1(4) of the amending S.I.) by [The Bank Recovery and Resolution \(Amendment\) \(EU Exit\) Regulations 2020 \(S.I. 2020/1350\)](#), regs. 1(4), [114](#) (with reg. 108)
- C1** Sch. B1 excluded in part (E.W.) (15.3.2024) by [The Water Industry \(Special Administration\) Regulations 2024 \(S.I. 2024/205\)](#), regs. 2(2), [5\(2\)](#) (with reg. 64)

## NATURE OF ADMINISTRATION

### *Purpose of administration*

- 3 (1) The administrator of a company must perform his functions with the objective of—
- (a) rescuing the company as a going concern, or
  - (b) achieving a better result for the company’s creditors as a whole than would be likely if the company were wound up (without first being in administration), or
  - (c) realising property in order to make a distribution to one or more secured or preferential creditors.
- (2) Subject to sub-paragraph (4), the administrator of a company must perform his functions in the interests of the company’s creditors as a whole.
- (3) The administrator must perform his functions with the objective specified in sub-paragraph (1)(a) unless he thinks either—
- (a) that it is not reasonably practicable to achieve that objective, or
  - (b) that the objective specified in sub-paragraph (1)(b) would achieve a better result for the company’s creditors as a whole.
- (4) The administrator may perform his functions with the objective specified in sub-paragraph (1)(c) only if—
- (a) he thinks that it is not reasonably practicable to achieve either of the objectives specified in sub-paragraph (1)(a) and (b), and
  - (b) he does not unnecessarily harm the interests of the creditors of the company as a whole.]

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**Changes and effects yet to be applied to the whole Act associated Parts and Chapters:**

- Act amendment to earlier affecting provision S.I. 1986/1999, art. 3, Sch. 1 Pt. 2 by [S.I. 2017/1119 Sch. 3 para. 1](#)
- Act savings and transitional provisions for amendments by S.I. 2022/1166 by [S.I. 2022/1172 Regulations](#)

Whole provisions yet to be inserted into this Act (including any effects on those provisions):

- s. 41HB(2) words substituted by [2018 c. 14 s. 1\(3\)\(b\)](#)