



Insolvency Act 1986

1986 CHAPTER 45

PART IV

WINDING UP OF COMPANIES REGISTERED UNDER THE COMPANIES ACTS

CHAPTER VI

WINDING UP BY THE COURT

Commencement of winding up

129 Commencement of winding up by the court.

(1) If, before the presentation of a petition for the winding up of a company by the court, a resolution has been passed by the company for voluntary winding up, the winding up of the company is deemed to have commenced at the time of the passing of the resolution; and unless the court, on proof of fraud or mistake, directs otherwise, all proceedings taken in the voluntary winding up are deemed to have been validly taken.

[^{F1}(1A) Where the court makes a winding-up order by virtue of paragraph 13(1)(e) of Schedule B1, the winding up is deemed to commence on the making of the order.]

(2) In any other case, the winding up of a company by the court is deemed to commence at the time of the presentation of the petition for winding up.

Textual Amendments

F1 S. 129(1A) inserted (15.9.2003) by 2002 c. 40, ss. 248(3), 279, Sch. 17 para. 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))

Changes to legislation: *Insolvency Act 1986, Section 129 is up to date with all changes known to be in force on or before 11 April 2024. There are changes that may be brought into force at a future date. Changes that have been made appear in the content and are referenced with annotations. (See end of Document for details) View outstanding changes*

Modifications etc. (not altering text)

- C1** Pt. 4 applied (with modifications) (S.) by [S.S.I. 2001/128, reg. 4, Schs. 2, 3](#) (as modified) (temp.) (retrospective to 27.4.2020) by [Corporate Insolvency and Governance Act 2020 \(c. 12\), Sch. 10 paras. 8\(1\)\(2\), 14](#) (with ss. [2\(2\)](#), [5\(2\)](#))
- C2** S. 129 applied (7.2.1994) by [1993 c. 48, s. 144\(4\)\(b\)\(i\)](#) (with s. [6\(8\)](#)); [S.I. 1994/86, art. 2](#)
- C3** S. 129 applied (with modifications) (6.6.2013) by [The Collective Investment in Transferable Securities \(Contractual Scheme\) Regulations 2013 \(S.I. 2013/1388\), Pt. 3 reg. 1, Sch. 2 paras. 3, 5 Table](#) (with reg. [24](#))
- C4** S. 129(1A) modified (5.10.2004) by [Energy Act 2004 \(c. 20\), ss. 159\(1\), 198, Sch. 20 para. 45](#); [S.I. 2004/2575, art. 2\(1\), Sch. 1](#)
- C5** S. 129(1A) modified (1.10.2011) by [Postal Services Act 2011 \(c. 5\), ss. 73, 93\(2\)\(3\), Sch. 10 para. 45](#); [S.I. 2011/2329, art. 3](#) (with arts. [4](#), [5](#))
- C6** S. 129(1A) modified by [S.I. 2012/3013, Sch. 2 para. 38](#) (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](#))
- C7** S. 129(1A) modified (4.7.2018) by [The Insolvency of Registered Providers of Social Housing Regulations 2018 \(S.I. 2018/728\), regs. 1, 2\(3\), Sch. 1 Pt. 2](#)
- C8** S. 129(1A) modified (5.7.2018) by [Housing and Planning Act 2016 \(c. 22\), s. 216\(3\), Sch. 5 para. 44](#); [S.I. 2018/805, reg. 3\(b\)](#)
- C9** S. 129(2) modified (temp.) (retrospective to 27.4.2020) by [Corporate Insolvency and Governance Act 2020 \(c. 12\), Sch. 10 paras. 8\(1\)\(2\), 9](#) (with ss. [2\(2\)](#), [5\(2\)](#))

Changes to legislation:

Insolvency Act 1986, Section 129 is up to date with all changes known to be in force on or before 11 April 2024. There are changes that may be brought into force at a future date. Changes that have been made appear in the content and are referenced with annotations.

[View outstanding changes](#)

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\(3\)\(b\)](#)