



# Insolvency Act 1986

## 1986 CHAPTER 45

### PART IV

#### WINDING UP OF COMPANIES REGISTERED UNDER THE COMPANIES ACTS

### CHAPTER IX

#### DISSOLUTION OF COMPANIES AFTER WINDING UP

#### **201 Dissolution (voluntary winding up).**

- (1) This section applies, in the case of a company wound up voluntarily, where the liquidator has sent to the registrar of companies his final account<sup>F1</sup>... under section 94 (members' voluntary) or [<sup>F2</sup>his final account and statement under] section 106 (creditors' voluntary).
- (2) The registrar on receiving the account [<sup>F3</sup>, or the account and statement,]<sup>F4</sup>... shall forthwith register [<sup>F5</sup>it or] them; and on the expiration of 3 months from the registration of [<sup>F6</sup>the account] the company is deemed to be dissolved<sup>F7</sup>....

<sup>F8</sup>(2A) .....

<sup>F8</sup>(2B) .....

- (3) However, the court may, on the application of the liquidator or any other person who appears to the court to be interested, make an order deferring the date at which the dissolution of the company is to take effect for such time as the court thinks fit.
- (4) It is the duty of the person on whose application an order of the court under this section is made within 7 days after the making of the order to deliver to the registrar [<sup>F9</sup>a copy] of the order for registration; and if that person fails to do so he is liable to a fine and, for continued contravention, to a daily default fine.

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### Textual Amendments

- F1** Words in s. 201(1) omitted (26.5.2015 for specified purposes, 6.4.2017 for E.W. in so far as not already in force, 6.4.2019 for S. in so far as not already in force) by virtue of [Small Business, Enterprise and Employment Act 2015 \(c. 26\), s. 164\(1\), Sch. 9 para. 48\(2\)\(a\)](#); S.I. 2015/1329, [reg. 3\(d\)](#); S.I. 2016/1020, [reg. 4\(e\)](#) (with [reg. 5](#)) (as amended by S.I. 2017/363, [reg. 3](#)); S.I. 2019/816, [reg. 4\(c\)](#) (with [reg. 5](#))
- F2** Words in s. 201(1) inserted (26.5.2015 for specified purposes, 6.4.2017 for E.W. in so far as not already in force, 6.4.2019 for S. in so far as not already in force) by [Small Business, Enterprise and Employment Act 2015 \(c. 26\), s. 164\(1\), Sch. 9 para. 48\(2\)\(b\)](#); S.I. 2015/1329, [reg. 3\(d\)](#); S.I. 2016/1020, [reg. 4\(e\)](#) (with [reg. 5](#)) (as amended by S.I. 2017/363, [reg. 3](#)); S.I. 2019/816, [reg. 4\(c\)](#) (with [reg. 5](#))
- F3** Words in s. 201(2) substituted (26.5.2015 for specified purposes, 6.4.2017 for E.W. in so far as not already in force, 6.4.2019 for S. in so far as not already in force) by [Small Business, Enterprise and Employment Act 2015 \(c. 26\), s. 164\(1\), Sch. 9 para. 48\(3\)\(a\)](#); S.I. 2015/1329, [reg. 3\(d\)](#); S.I. 2016/1020, [reg. 4\(e\)](#) (with [reg. 5](#)) (as amended by S.I. 2017/363, [reg. 3](#)); S.I. 2019/816, [reg. 4\(c\)](#) (with [reg. 5](#))
- F4** Words in s. 201(2) omitted (31.12.2020) by virtue of [The Insolvency \(Amendment\) \(EU Exit\) Regulations 2019 \(S.I. 2019/146\), reg. 1\(3\), Sch. para. 24\(2\)\(a\)](#) (with [regs. 4, 5](#)) (as amended by S.I. 2019/1459, [reg. 1\(2\)](#), [Sch. para. 2](#)); 2020 c. 1, [Sch. 5 para. 1\(1\)](#)
- F5** Words in s. 201(2) inserted (26.5.2015 for specified purposes, 6.4.2017 for E.W. in so far as not already in force, 6.4.2019 for S. in so far as not already in force) by [Small Business, Enterprise and Employment Act 2015 \(c. 26\), s. 164\(1\), Sch. 9 para. 48\(3\)\(b\)](#); S.I. 2015/1329, [reg. 3\(d\)](#); S.I. 2016/1020, [reg. 4\(e\)](#) (with [reg. 5](#)) (as amended by S.I. 2017/363, [reg. 3](#)); S.I. 2019/816, [reg. 4\(c\)](#) (with [reg. 5](#))
- F6** Words in s. 201(2) substituted (26.5.2015 for specified purposes, 6.4.2017 for E.W. in so far as not already in force, 6.4.2019 for S. in so far as not already in force) by [Small Business, Enterprise and Employment Act 2015 \(c. 26\), s. 164\(1\), Sch. 9 para. 48\(3\)\(c\)](#); S.I. 2015/1329, [reg. 3\(d\)](#); S.I. 2016/1020, [reg. 4\(e\)](#) (with [reg. 5](#)) (as amended by S.I. 2017/363, [reg. 3](#)); S.I. 2019/816, [reg. 4\(c\)](#) (with [reg. 5](#))
- F7** Words in s. 201(2) omitted (31.12.2020) by virtue of [The Insolvency \(Amendment\) \(EU Exit\) Regulations 2019 \(S.I. 2019/146\), reg. 1\(3\), Sch. para. 24\(2\)\(b\)](#) (with [regs. 4, 5](#)) (as amended by S.I. 2019/1459, [reg. 1\(2\)](#), [Sch. para. 2](#)); 2020 c. 1, [Sch. 5 para. 1\(1\)](#)
- F8** S. 201(2A)(2B) omitted (31.12.2020) by virtue of [The Insolvency \(Amendment\) \(EU Exit\) Regulations 2019 \(S.I. 2019/146\), reg. 1\(3\), Sch. para. 24\(3\)](#) (with [regs. 4, 5](#)) (as amended by S.I. 2019/1459, [reg. 1\(2\)](#), [Sch. para. 2](#)); 2020 c. 1, [Sch. 5 para. 1\(1\)](#)
- F9** Words in s. 201(4) substituted (1.1.2007) by [The Companies \(Registrar, Languages and Trading Disclosures\) Regulations 2006 \(S.I. 2006/3429\), regs. 1\(1\), 3\(1\)\(d\)](#)

### Modifications etc. (not altering text)

- C1** Ss. 201, 205 applied by [Building Societies Act 1986 \(c. 53\), ss. 54\(3\)\(a\)\(5\)\(a\), 90, 126\(3\), Sch. 15 para. 56](#)

**Changes to legislation:**

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**Changes and effects yet to be applied to :**

- s. 201(2) words omitted by [S.I. 2019/146 Sch. para. 136\(a\)](#) (This amendment not applied to legislation.gov.uk. Sch. para. 136 omitted before it comes into force by virtue of S.I. 2019/1459, reg. 1(2), Sch. para. 4)
- s. 201(2A)(2B) omitted by [S.I. 2019/146 Sch. para. 136\(b\)](#) (This amendment not applied to legislation.gov.uk. Sch. para. 136 omitted before it comes into force by virtue of S.I. 2019/1459, reg. 1(2), Sch. para. 4)

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