



# Insolvency Act 1986

## 1986 CHAPTER 45

### PART IX

#### BANKRUPTCY

#### [<sup>F1</sup>CHAPTER IA

#### COMMENCEMENT AND DURATION OF BANKRUPTCY]

#### 278 Commencement and continuance.

The bankruptcy of an individual against whom a bankruptcy order has been made—

- (a) commences with the day on which the order is made, and
- (b) continues until the individual is discharged under <sup>F1</sup>... this Chapter.

#### Textual Amendments

- F1** Words in s. 278(b) omitted (6.4.2016) by virtue of [Enterprise and Regulatory Reform Act 2013 \(c. 24\)](#), s. 103(3), [Sch. 19 para. 11](#); S.I. 2016/191, [art. 2](#) (with [art. 3](#))

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

- C1** S. 278 applied with modifications by [S.I. 1986/1999](#), [art. 3](#), [Sch. 1 Pt. II](#)  
S. 278 applied (7.2.1994) by [1993 c. 48](#), [s. 144\(4\)\(a\)\(ii\)](#) (with s. 6(8)); S.I. 1994/86, [art. 2](#)

**Changes to legislation:**

Insolvency Act 1986, Section 278 is up to date with all changes known to be in force on or before 19 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.

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