



# Insolvency Act 1986

## 1986 CHAPTER 45

### PART IX

#### BANKRUPTCY

#### CHAPTER IV

##### ADMINISTRATION BY TRUSTEE

##### *Distribution of bankrupt's estate*

### 331 Final [<sup>F1</sup>report].

- (1) Subject as follows in this section and the next, this section applies where—
- (a) it appears to the trustee that the administration of the bankrupt's estate in accordance with this Chapter is for practical purposes complete, and
  - (b) the trustee is not the official receiver.
- [<sup>F2</sup>(2) The trustee must give the bankrupt's creditors (other than opted-out creditors) notice that it appears to the trustee that the administration of the bankrupt's estate is for practical purposes complete.
- (2A) The notice must—
- (a) be accompanied by a report of the trustee's administration of the bankrupt's estate;
  - (b) explain the effect of section 299(3)(d) and how the creditors may object to the trustee's release.]

<sup>F3</sup>(3) .....

<sup>F3</sup>(4) .....

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### Textual Amendments

- F1** Word in s. 331 heading substituted (26.5.2015 for specified purposes, 6.4.2017 for E.W. in so far as not already in force) by [Small Business, Enterprise and Employment Act 2015 \(c. 26\), s. 164\(1\), Sch. 9 para. 83\(4\)](#); 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)
- F2** S. 331(2)(2A) substituted for s. 331(2) (26.5.2015 for specified purposes, 6.4.2017 for E.W. in so far as not already in force) by [Small Business, Enterprise and Employment Act 2015 \(c. 26\), s. 164\(1\), Sch. 9 para. 83\(2\)](#); 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)
- F3** S. 331(3)(4) omitted (26.5.2015 for specified purposes, 6.4.2017 for E.W. 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. 83\(3\)](#); 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)

### Modifications etc. (not altering text)

- C1** S. 331 applied with modifications by S.I. 1986/1999, art. 3, [Sch. 1 Pt. II](#)  
S. 331 applied (with modifications) (1.12.1994) by S.I. 1994/2421, art. 10(6), [Sch. 4 Pt. II para. 18](#)
- C2** S. 331 modified (1.12.1994) by S.I. 1994/2421, art. 11(2)(3), [Sch. 7 para. 22](#)

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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 extended (N.I.) for specified purposes (except for ss. 13-15) by [2024 c. 3 Sch. 13 para. 4\(3\)](#)
- 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. 21(5) inserted by [2024 c. 3 Sch. 13 para. 2\(12\)\(b\)](#)
- s. 22(2B) inserted by [2024 c. 3 Sch. 13 para. 2\(13\)](#)
- s. 22H(1)(a) words inserted by [2024 c. 3 Sch. 13 para. 2\(14\)\(a\)](#)
- s. 22H(1)(aa) inserted by [2024 c. 3 Sch. 13 para. 2\(14\)\(b\)](#)
- s. 22H(4)(j) words inserted by [2024 c. 3 Sch. 13 para. 2\(14\)\(c\)](#)
- s. 22H(4)(k) inserted by [2024 c. 3 Sch. 13 para. 2\(14\)\(d\)](#)
- s. 41HB(2) words substituted by [2018 c. 14 s. 1\(3\)\(b\)](#)