



Banking Act 2009

2009 CHAPTER 1

PART 2

BANK INSOLVENCY

Process of bank liquidation

103 General powers, duties and effect

- (1) A bank liquidator may do anything necessary or expedient for the pursuit of the Objectives in section 99.
- (2) The following provisions of this section provide for—
 - (a) general powers and duties of bank liquidators (by application of provisions about liquidators), and
 - (b) the general process and effects of bank insolvency (by application of provisions about winding up).
- (3) The provisions set out in the Table apply in relation to bank insolvency as in relation to winding up, with—
 - (a) the modifications set out in subsection (4),
 - (b) any other modification specified in the Table, and
 - (c) any other necessary modification.
- (4) The modifications are that—
 - (a) a reference to the liquidator is a reference to the bank liquidator,
 - (b) a reference to winding up is a reference to bank insolvency,
 - (c) a reference to winding up by the court is a reference to the imposition of bank insolvency by order of the court,
 - (d) a reference to being wound up under Part IV or V of the Insolvency Act 1986 is a reference to being made the subject of a bank insolvency order,
 - (e) a reference to the commencement of winding up is a reference to the commencement of bank insolvency,

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- (f) a reference to going into liquidation is a reference to entering bank insolvency,
 - (g) a reference to a winding-up order is a reference to a bank insolvency order, and
 - (h) [^{F1}except where otherwise specified in the Table,] a reference to a company is a reference to the bank.
- (5) Powers conferred by this Act, by the Insolvency Act 1986 (as applied) and the Companies Acts are in addition to, and not in restriction of, any existing powers of instituting proceedings against a contributory or debtor of a bank, or the estate of any contributory or debtor, for the recovery of any call or other sum.
- (6) A reference in an enactment or other document to anything done under a provision applied by this Part includes a reference to the provision as applied.
- [^{F2}(7) In the Table “Schedule 9 to the 2015 Act” means Schedule 9 to the Small Business, Enterprise and Employment Act 2015 (further amendments relating to the abolition of requirements to hold meetings: company insolvency).]

TABLE OF APPLIED PROVISIONS

<i>Provision of Insolvency Act 1986</i>	<i>Subject</i>	<i>Modification or comment</i>
Section 127	Avoidance of property dispositions	Ignore section 127(2).
Section 128	Avoidance of attachment, &c.	
Section 130	Consequences of winding-up order	Ignore section 130(4).
Section 131	Company's statement of affairs	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> (a) Treat references to the official receiver as references to the bank liquidator. (b) A creditor or contributory of the bank is entitled to receive a copy of a statement under section 131 on request to the bank liquidator.
Section 135	Provisional appointment	(a) Treat the reference to the presentation of a winding-up petition as a reference to the making of an application for a bank insolvency order.

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- (b) Subsection (2) applies in relation to England and Wales and Scotland (and subsection (3) does not apply).
- (c) Ignore the reference to the official receiver.
- (d) Only a person who is qualified to act as an insolvency practitioner [^{F3}in relation to the bank] and who consents to act may be appointed.
- (e) A provisional bank liquidator may not pay dividends to creditors.
- (f) The appointment of a provisional bank liquidator lapses on the appointment of a bank liquidator.

Section 141

Liquidation Committee
(England and Wales)

[^{F4}Ignore the amendment made by paragraph 36 of Schedule 9 to the 2015 Act.] The application of section 141 is subject to—

- (a) sections 100, 101 and 109 of this Act,
- (b) rules under section 411 (as applied by section 125 of this Act) which may, in particular, adapt section 141 to reflect
 - (i) the fact that the bank liquidator is appointed by the court and
 - (ii) the possibility of calling creditors' meetings under other provisions, and

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		(c) the omission of references to the official receiver.
Section 142	Liquidation Committee (Scotland)	[^{F5} Ignore the amendments made by paragraph 37 of Schedule 9 to the 2015 Act.] The application of section 142 is subject to— (a) sections 100, 101 and 109 of this Act, (b) rules under section 411 (as applied by section 125 of this Act) which may, in particular, adapt section 142 to reflect (i) the fact that the bank liquidator is appointed by the court and (ii) the possibility of calling creditors' meetings under other provisions, and (c) the omission of references to the official receiver.
Section 143	General functions of liquidator	(a) Section 143(1) is subject to Objective 1 in section 99 above. (b) Ignore section 143(2).
Section 144	Custody of property	
Section 145	Vesting of property	
Section 146	<i>Duty to summon final meeting</i>	<i>Section 146 is not applied— but section 115 below makes similar provision.</i>
Section 147	Power to stay or sist proceedings	An application may be made only by— (a) the bank liquidator, (b) the [^{F6} PRA], (c) the Bank of England, (d) the FSCS, or (e) a creditor or contributory (but only if the liquidation committee has

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		passed a full payment resolution).
Section 148	List of contributories and application of assets	<i>By virtue of the Insolvency Rules the functions under this section are largely delegated to the liquidator—rules by virtue of section 125 may achieve a similar delegation to the bank liquidator.</i>
Section 149	Debts due from contributories	
Section 150	Power to make calls	
Section 152	Order on contributory: evidence	
Section 153	Exclusion of creditors	
Section 154	Adjustment of rights of contributories	
Section 155	Inspection of books by creditors	In making or considering whether to make an order under section 155 the court shall have regard to Objective 1 in section 99 above.
Section 156	Payment of expenses of winding up	
Section 157	Attendance at company meetings (Scotland)	
Section 158	Power to arrest absconding contributory	
Section 159	<i>Powers to be cumulative</i>	<i>Section 159 is not applied—but subsection (5) above makes similar provision.</i>
Section 160	Delegation of powers to liquidator (England and Wales)	[^{F7} Ignore the amendment made by paragraph 39 of Schedule 9 to the 2015 Act.]
Section 161	Orders for calls on contributories (Scotland)	
Section 162	Appeals from orders (Scotland)	An appeal may be brought only if the liquidation committee has passed a full payment resolution.
Section 167 and Schedule 4	General powers of liquidator	(a) An application to the court may not

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be made under section 167(3) unless the liquidation committee has passed a full payment resolution (although a creditor or contributory may apply to the court with respect to any action (or inaction) of the liquidation committee, under section 101(3) above).

- (b) In exercising or considering whether to exercise a power under Schedule 4 the bank liquidator shall have regard to Objective 1 in section 99.
- (c) A reference to the liquidation committee is to the liquidation committee established by section 100.
- (d) The power in paragraph 4 of Schedule 4 includes the power to submit matters to arbitration.

Some additional general powers are conferred by section 104 below.

Section 168

Supplementary powers of liquidator

- [^{F8}(za) Ignore the amendment made by paragraph 41 of Schedule 9 to the 2015 Act.]
- (a) A direction or request under section 168(2) has no effect unless the liquidation committee has passed a full payment resolution.

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		(b) Section 168(5) also applies in the case of the imposition of bank insolvency by order of the Court of Session.
		(c) An application to the court may not be made under section 168(5) unless the liquidation committee has passed a full payment resolution (except as provided in section 100 or 102 above).
Section 169	Supplementary powers (Scotland)	^{F9} (a) (b) Powers of the bank liquidator by virtue of section 169(2) are subject to Objective 1 in section 99 above.
Section 170	Liquidator's duty to make returns	The liquidation committee is added to the list of persons able to apply under section 170(2).
Section 172	Removal of liquidator	<i>Section 172 is not applied to a bank liquidator—but section 108 makes similar provision.</i> Section 172(1), (2) and (5) are applied to a provisional bank liquidator.
<i>Section 174</i>	<i>Release of liquidator</i>	<i>Section 174 is not applied—but section 115 makes similar provision.</i>
Section 175	Preferential debts	
Section 176	Preferential charge on goods restrained	
[^{F10} Section 176AZA	Non-preferential debts of financial institutions]	
Section 176ZA	Expenses of winding up	

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[^{F11} Section 176ZB	Application of proceeds of office-holder claims]	
Section 176A	Share of assets for unsecured creditors	
Section 177	Appointment of special manager	
Section 178	Power to disclaim onerous property	
Section 179	Disclaimer of leaseholds	
Section 180	Land subject to rentcharge	
Section 181	Disclaimer: powers of court	
Section 182	Leaseholds	
Section 183	Effect of execution or attachment (England and Wales)	
Section 184	Execution of writs (England and Wales)	
Section 185	Effect of diligence (Scotland)	In the application of [^{F12} section 24(1) and (2) of the Bankruptcy (Scotland) Act 2016] the reference to an order of the court awarding winding up is a reference to the making of the bank insolvency order.
Section 186	Rescission of contracts by court	
Section 187	Transfer of assets to employees	
Section 188	Publicity	
Section 189	Interest on debts	
Section 190	Exemption from stamp duty	
Section 191	Company's books as evidence	
Section 192	Information about pending liquidations	
Section 193	Unclaimed dividends (Scotland)	
Section 194	Resolutions passed at adjourned meetings	[^{F13} Section 194 applies as it applied before its repeal by paragraph 46

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		of Schedule 9 to the 2015 Act.]
Section 195	Meetings to ascertain wishes of creditors or contributories	[^{F14} (a) Ignore the amendments made by paragraph 47 of Schedule 9 to the 2015 Act.] [^{F15} (b) The power to have regard to the wishes of creditors and contributories is subject to Objective 1 in section 99.]
Section 196	Judicial notice of court documents	
Section 197	Commission for receiving evidence	
Section 198	Court order for examination of persons (Scotland)	
Section 199	Costs of application for leave to proceed (Scotland)	
Section 200	Affidavits	
Section 206	Fraud in anticipation of winding up	
Section 207	Transactions in fraud of creditors	
Section 208	Misconduct in course of winding up	[^{F16} Ignore the amendment made by paragraph 52 of Schedule 9 to the 2015 Act.]
Section 209	Falsification of company's books	
Section 210	Material omissions	
Section 211	False representations to creditors	
Section 212	Summary remedy against directors, &c.	
Section 213	Fraudulent trading	
[^{F17} Section 214	Wrongful trading	(a) Treat the reference in subsection (2)(b) to entering insolvent administration as a

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		reference to entering bank administration under Part 3 of this Act at a time when the bank's assets are insufficient for the payment of its debts and other liabilities and the expenses of the administration. (b) Ignore subsection (6A).]
Section 215	Sections 213 & 214: procedure	
Section 216	Restriction on re-use of company names	
Section 217	Personal liability for debts	
Section 218	Prosecution of officers and members of company	(a) Ignore subsections (4) and (6). (b) In subsection (3), treat the second reference to the official receiver as a reference to the Secretary of State. (c) In subsection (5) treat the reference to subsection (4) as a reference to subsection (3).
Section 219	Obligations under section 218	
Section 231	Appointment of 2 or more persons	
Section 232	Validity of acts	
Section 233	Utilities	
Section 234	Getting in company's property	
Section 235	Co-operation with liquidator	Ignore references to the official receiver
Section 236	Inquiry into company's dealings	Ignore references to the official receiver
Section 237	Section 236: enforcement by court	
Section 238	Transactions at undervalue (England and Wales)	Anything done by the bank in connection with the exercise of a stabilisation

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		power under Part 1 of this Act is not a transaction at an undervalue for the purposes of section 238.
Section 239	Preferences (England and Wales)	Action taken by the bank in connection with the exercise of a stabilisation power under Part 1 of this Act does not amount to giving a preference for the purpose of section 239.
Section 240	Sections 238 & 239: relevant time	
Section 241	Orders under sections 238 & 239	Having notice of the relevant proceedings means having notice of— (a) an application by the Bank of England, the [^{F18} PRA] or the Secretary of State for a bank insolvency order, or (b) notice under section 120 below.
Section 242	Gratuitous alienations (Scotland)	Anything done by the bank in connection with the exercise of a stabilisation power under Part 1 of this Act is not a gratuitous alienation for the purpose of section 242 or any other rule of law.
Section 243	Unfair preferences (Scotland)	Action taken by the bank in connection with the exercise of a stabilisation power under Part 1 of this Act does not amount to an unfair preference for the purpose of section 243 or any other rule of law.
Section 244	Extortionate credit transactions	
Section 245	Avoidance of floating charges	
Section 246	Unenforceability of liens	
[^{F19} Section 246ZD	Power to assign certain causes of action]	

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Sections 386 & 387, and Schedule 6 (and Schedule 4 to the Pension Schemes Act 1993)	Preferential debts	
[^{F20} Section 387A	Financial institutions and their non-preferential debts]	
Section 389	Offence of acting without being qualified	Treat references to acting as an insolvency practitioner as references to acting as a bank liquidator.
[^{F21} Sections 390 to 391T	Authorisation and regulation of insolvency practitioners	(a) In section 390 treat references to acting as an insolvency practitioner as references to acting as a bank liquidator. (b) Read subsection (2) of that section (as so modified) as if after “authorised” there were inserted “to act as an insolvency practitioner”. (c) An order under section 391 has effect in relation to any provision applied for the purposes of bank insolvency. (d) In sections 390A, 390B(1) and (3), 391O(1) (b) and 391R(3)(b), in a reference to authorisation or permission to act as an insolvency practitioner in relation to (or only in relation to) companies the reference to companies has effect without the modification in subsection (4)(h) of this section. (e) In sections 391Q(2) (b) and 391S(3)(e) the reference to a company has effect without the modification in subsection (4)(h) of this section.]
Sections 423–425	Transactions defrauding creditors	Anything done by the bank in connection with the exercise of a stabilisation

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Sections 430 to 432 and Schedule 10	Offences	power under Part 1 of this Act is not a transaction at an undervalue for the purposes of section 423.
Section 433	Statements: admissibility	For section 433(1)(a) and (b) substitute a reference to a statement prepared for the purposes of a provision of this Part.

Textual Amendments

- F1** Words in s. 103(4)(h) inserted (7.4.2017) by The Deregulation Act 2015, the Small Business, Enterprise and Employment Act 2015 and the Insolvency (Amendment) Act (Northern Ireland) 2016 (Consequential Amendments and Transitional Provisions) Regulations 2017 (S.I. 2017/400), regs. 1(2), **5(3)**
- F2** S. 103(7) inserted (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), **5(2)**
- F3** Words in s. 103 Table inserted (7.4.2017) by The Deregulation Act 2015, the Small Business, Enterprise and Employment Act 2015 and the Insolvency (Amendment) Act (Northern Ireland) 2016 (Consequential Amendments and Transitional Provisions) Regulations 2017 (S.I. 2017/400), regs. 1(2), **5(4)(a)**
- F4** Words in s. 103 Table inserted (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), **5(3)(a)**
- F5** Words in s. 103 Table inserted (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), **5(3)(b)**
- F6** Word in s. 103 Table substituted (1.4.2013) by Financial Services Act 2012 (c. 21), s. 122(3), **Sch. 17 para. 38(a)** (with Sch. 20); S.I. 2013/423, art. 3, Sch.
- F7** Words in s. 103 Table inserted (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), **5(3)(c)**
- F8** Words in s. 103 Table inserted (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), **5(3)(d)**
- F9** Words in s. 103 Table omitted (7.4.2017) by virtue of The Deregulation Act 2015, the Small Business, Enterprise and Employment Act 2015 and the Insolvency (Amendment) Act (Northern Ireland) 2016 (Consequential Amendments and Transitional Provisions) Regulations 2017 (S.I. 2017/400), regs. 1(2), **5(4)(b)**
- F10** Words in s. 103 Table inserted (19.12.2018) by The Banks and Building Societies (Priorities on Insolvency) Order 2018 (S.I. 2018/1244), arts. 1(2), **14(1)** (with art. 3)
- F11** Words in s. 103 Table inserted (7.4.2017) by The Deregulation Act 2015, the Small Business, Enterprise and Employment Act 2015 and the Insolvency (Amendment) Act (Northern Ireland) 2016 (Consequential Amendments and Transitional Provisions) Regulations 2017 (S.I. 2017/400), regs. 1(2), **5(4)(c)**
- F12** Words in s. 103 Table substituted (30.11.2016) by The Bankruptcy (Scotland) Act 2016 (Consequential Provisions and Modifications) Order 2016 (S.I. 2016/1034), art. 1, **Sch. 1 para. 32**

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- F13** Words in s. 103 Table inserted (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), **5(3)(e)**
- F14** Words in s. 103 Table inserted (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), **5(3)(f)(i)**
- F15** Word in s. 103 Table inserted (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), **5(3)(f)(ii)**
- F16** Words in s. 103 Table inserted (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), **5(3)(g)**
- F17** Words in s. 103 Table substituted (7.4.2017) by The Deregulation Act 2015, the Small Business, Enterprise and Employment Act 2015 and the Insolvency (Amendment) Act (Northern Ireland) 2016 (Consequential Amendments and Transitional Provisions) Regulations 2017 (S.I. 2017/400), regs. 1(2), **5(4)(d)**
- F18** Word in s. 103 Table substituted (1.4.2013) by Financial Services Act 2012 (c. 21), s. 122(3), **Sch. 17 para. 38(b)** (with Sch. 20); S.I. 2013/423, art. 3, Sch.
- F19** Words in s. 103 Table inserted (7.4.2017) by The Deregulation Act 2015, the Small Business, Enterprise and Employment Act 2015 and the Insolvency (Amendment) Act (Northern Ireland) 2016 (Consequential Amendments and Transitional Provisions) Regulations 2017 (S.I. 2017/400), regs. 1(2), **5(4)(e)**
- F20** Words in s. 103 inserted (19.12.2018) by The Banks and Building Societies (Priorities on Insolvency) Order 2018 (S.I. 2018/1244), arts. 1(2), **14(2)** (with art. 3)
- F21** Words in s. 103 Table substituted (7.4.2017) by The Deregulation Act 2015, the Small Business, Enterprise and Employment Act 2015 and the Insolvency (Amendment) Act (Northern Ireland) 2016 (Consequential Amendments and Transitional Provisions) Regulations 2017 (S.I. 2017/400), regs. 1(2), **5(4)(f)** (with reg. 17)

Modifications etc. (not altering text)

- C1** S. 103 applied (with modifications) (23.11.2009) by Scottish and Northern Ireland Banknote Regulations 2009 (S.I. 2009/3056), reg. 1, **Sch. 1 para. 4**

Commencement Information

- I1** S. 103 in force at 21.2.2009 by S.I. 2009/296, art. 3, **Sch. para. 2**

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

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

- s. 4(8A)(8B) inserted by [2012 c. 21 s. 96\(3\)](#)
- s. 8(2)(d) and word inserted by [2012 c. 21 s. 96\(4\)\(b\)](#)