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MINOR AND CONSEQUENTIAL AMENDMENTS

The Local Government Act (Northern Ireland) 1972 (c. 9)

1 In section 4 of the Local Government Act (Northern Ireland) 1972 (disqualifications) in subsection (1) for paragraph (b) substitute—

- “(b) is the subject of—
- (i) a bankruptcy restrictions order or interim order; or
 - (ii) a debt relief restrictions order or interim order;”.

The Judicature (Northern Ireland) Act 1978 (c. 23)

2 In section 106 of the Judicature (Northern Ireland) Act 1978 (rights of audience in the High Court and Court of Appeal) in subsection (1)(a)—

- (a) after “relating to” insert “ debt relief orders, ”;
- (b) for “Parts VIII to X” substitute “ Parts 7A to 10 ”.

The Judgments Enforcement (Northern Ireland) Order 1981 (NI 6)

3 In the Judgments Enforcement (Northern Ireland) Order 1981 after Article 87 (discharge of administration order) insert—

“Effect of administration order on debt relief order

87A.—(1) This Article applies if—

- (a) an administration order is made, and
- (b) immediately before the order is made, a debt relief order is in force in respect of the debtor.

(2) The debt relief order ceases to be in force when the administration order is made.

(3) If the Office is aware of the debt relief order, the Office shall give the official receiver notice that the administration order has been made.

(4) In a case where the Office is aware of a debt relief order at the time it makes the administration order, it shall give the notice as soon as practicable after making the order.

(5) In a case where the Office becomes aware of a debt relief order after it makes the administration order, it shall give the notice as soon as practicable after becoming aware of it.

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(6) In this Article “debt relief order” means a debt relief order within the meaning of Part 7A of the Order.

(7) For the purposes of this Article a debt relief order is “in force” if the moratorium applicable to the order under Article 208H of the Order has not yet ended.

Notice of administration order ceasing to be in force

87B In a case where an administration order ceases to be in force in accordance with Article 208F of the Order the Office shall send notice of the fact to every person to whom a debt scheduled to the administration order is owed.”.

The Insolvency (Northern Ireland) Order 1989 (NI 19)

4.—(1) The Order of 1989 is amended as follows.

(2) In Article 2 (general interpretation) in paragraph (2) in the definition of “official receiver” for “or individual voluntary arrangement” (in both places) substitute “, individual voluntary arrangement, debt relief order or application for such an order”.

(3) In the cross heading immediately preceding Article 9 for “Parts VIII to X” substitute “ Parts 7A to 10 ”.

(4) In Article 9 (interpretation)—

(a) in paragraph (1)—

(i) for “Parts VIII to X” substitute “ Parts 7A to 10 ”;

(ii) in the definition of “the debtor”, before sub-paragraph (a) insert—

“(za) in relation to a debt relief order or an application for such an order, has the same meaning as in Part 7A,”;

(iii) after the definition of “debtor's petition” insert—

““debt relief order” means an order made by the official receiver under Part 7A,”;

(b) in paragraph (2) for “Parts VIII to X” substitute “ Parts 7A to 10 ”.

(5) In Article 10 (“security”, etc.) in paragraph (1) for “Parts VIII to X” substitute “ Parts 7A to 10 ”.

(6) In Article 41 (disqualification of bankrupt)—

(a) in the heading to that Article after “bankrupt” insert “ or person in respect of whom a debt relief order is made ”;

(b) in paragraph (1)—

(i) after sub-paragraph (a) insert—

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“(aa) a moratorium period under a debt relief order applies in relation to him, or”;

(ii) in sub-paragraph (b) after “order” insert “ or a debt relief restrictions order ”.

(7) After Article 248 (action on report of insolvency practitioner) insert—

“ Debtor who meets conditions for a debt relief order

248A.—(1) This Article applies where, on the hearing of a debtor's petition—

(a) it appears to the High Court that a debt relief order would be made in relation to the debtor if, instead of presenting the petition, he had made an application under Part 7A; and

(b) the Court does not appoint an insolvency practitioner under Article 247.

(2) If the High Court thinks it would be in the debtor's interests to apply for a debt relief order instead of proceeding on the petition, the Court may refer the debtor to an approved intermediary (within the meaning of Part 7A) for the purposes of making an application for a debt relief order.

(3) Where a reference is made under paragraph (2) the High Court shall stay proceedings on the petition on such terms and conditions as it thinks fit; but if following the reference a debt relief order is made in relation to the debtor the Court shall dismiss the petition.”.

(8) In Article 344 (time-limits) for “Parts VIII to X” substitute “ Parts 7A to 10 ”.

(9) In Article 349 (persons not qualified to act as insolvency practitioners)—

(a) in paragraph (4) after sub-paragraph (a) insert—

“(aa) a moratorium period under a debt relief order applies in relation to him,”;

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(10) In Article 361 (fees orders) in paragraph (1) before sub-paragraph (a) insert—

“(za) the costs of persons acting as approved intermediaries under Part 7A;”.

(11) In Article 361A (fees orders (supplementary)) before paragraph (1) insert—

“(A1) The Department—

(a) may, with the concurrence of the Department of Finance and Personnel, by order subject to negative resolution require a person or body to pay a fee in connection with the grant or maintenance

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of a designation of that person or body as a competent authority under Article 208U, and

(b) may refuse to grant, or may withdraw, any such designation where a fee is not paid.”.

(12) In Article 362 (monetary limits) in paragraph (1)(b)—

- (a) at the beginning of the list of provisions insert— “ Article 208S(4) (maximum amount of credit which a person in respect of whom a debt relief order is made may obtain without disclosure of his status); ”;
- (b) at the end of the list of provisions (before “or”) insert— “ paragraphs 6 to 8 of Schedule 2ZA (maximum amount of a person's debts, monthly surplus income and property for purposes of obtaining a debt relief order); ”.

(13) In Article 370 (Assembly disqualification)—

(a) for paragraph (1) substitute—

“(1) If the High Court makes any order mentioned in paragraph (1A) in respect of a member of the Assembly, the Court shall notify the presiding officer of the Assembly.

(1A) The orders are—

- (a) a bankruptcy restrictions order;
- (b) a debt relief restrictions order;
- (c) an interim bankruptcy restrictions order; or
- (d) an interim debt relief restrictions order.”;

(b) in paragraph (2) after “bankruptcy restrictions undertaking” insert “ or a debt relief restrictions undertaking ”.

(14) In Schedule 6 (provisions capable of inclusion in individual insolvency rules)—

- (a) in paragraph 1 for “Parts VIII to X” substitute “ Parts 7A to 10 ”;
- (b) in paragraph 2 for “Parts VIII to X” substitute “ Parts 7A to 10 ”;
- (c) in paragraph 3 for “Parts VIII to X” substitute “ Parts 7A to 10 ”;
- (d) in paragraph 4 for “Parts VIII to X” substitute “ Parts 7A to 10 ”;
- (e) in paragraph 5 for “Parts VIII to X” substitute “ Parts 7A to 10 ”;
- (f) after paragraph 5 insert—

“Debt relief orders

5A Provision as to the manner in which the official receiver is to carry out his functions under Part 7A.

5B Provision as to the manner in which any requirement that may be imposed by the official receiver on a person under Part 7A is to take effect.

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5C Provision modifying the application of Part 7A in relation to an individual who has died at a time when a moratorium period under a debt relief order applies in relation to him.

Debt relief restrictions orders and undertakings

5D Provision about debt relief restrictions orders, interim orders and undertakings, including provision about evidence.

Register of debt relief orders and debt relief restrictions orders, etc.

5E Provision about the register required to be maintained by Article 208W and the information to be contained in it, including provision—

- (a) enabling the amalgamation of the register with another register;
- (b) enabling inspection of the register by the public.”;
- (g) in paragraph 12 for “Parts VIII to X” substitute “ Parts 7A to 10 ”;
- (h) in paragraph 22(a) for “Parts VIII to X” substitute “ Parts 7A to 10 ”.
- (15) In the Table in Schedule 7 (punishment of offences)—
 - (a) in the entry relating to Article 41(1), in the column describing the general nature of the offence, after “bankrupt” insert “ or person in respect of whom a debt relief order is made ”;
 - (b) after the entry relating to Article 199(5) insert the following entries—

“208O(1)	False representations or omissions in making an application for a debt relief order.	(1) (1) On 7 years or a fine, indictment or both. (2) Summary 6 months or the statutory maximum, or both.
208O(2)(a)	Failing to comply with duty in connection with an application for a debt relief order.	(1) (1) On 2 years or a fine, indictment or both. (2) Summary 6 months or the statutory maximum, or both.
208O(2)(b)	False representations or omissions in connection with duty in relation to	(1) (1) On 7 years or a fine, indictment or both. (2) Summary 6 months or the statutory maximum, or both.

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	an application for a debt relief order.	
208O(4)(a)	Failing to comply with duty in connection with a debt relief order.	(1) (1) On 2 years or a fine, indictment or both. (2) Summary 6 months or the statutory maximum, or both.
208O(4)(b)	False representations or omissions in connection with a duty in relation to a debt relief order.	(1) (1) On 7 years or a fine, indictment or both. (2) Summary 6 months or the statutory maximum, or both.
208P(1)	Failing to deliver books, records and papers to official receiver, concealing or destroying them or making false entries in them by person in respect of whom a debt relief order is made.	(1) (1) On 7 years or a fine, indictment or both. (2) Summary 6 months or the statutory maximum, or both.
208P(2)	Person in respect of whom debt relief order is made doing anything falling within sub-paragraphs (c) to (e) of Article 208P(1) during the period of 12 months ending with the application date or doing anything falling within sub-paragraphs (b)	(1) (1) On 7 years or a fine, indictment or both. (2) Summary 6 months or the statutory maximum, or both.

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	to (e) of Article 208P(1) after that date but before the effective date.	
208Q(1)	Fraudulent disposal of property by person in respect of whom a debt relief order is made.	(1) (1) On 2 years or a fine, indictment or both. (2) Summary 6 months or the statutory maximum, or both.
208R(1)	Disposal of property that is not paid for by person in respect of whom a debt relief order is made.	(1) (1) On 7 years or a fine, indictment or both. (2) Summary 6 months or the statutory maximum, or both.
208R(2)	Obtaining property in respect of which money is owed by a person in respect of whom a debt relief order is made.	(1) (1) On 7 years or a fine, indictment or both. (2) Summary 6 months or the statutory maximum, or both.
208S(1)	Person in respect of whom a debt relief order is made obtaining credit or engaging in business without disclosing his status or name.	(1) (1) On 2 years or a fine, indictment or both. (2) Summary 6 months or the statutory maximum, or both.”.

Textual Amendments

- F1** Sch. para. 4(9)(b) omitted (1.10.2015) by virtue of [Small Business, Enterprise and Employment Act 2015 \(c. 26\)](#), [ss. 116\(4\)\(b\)](#), 164(1); S.I. 2015/1689, reg. 2(i) (with Sch. para. 14)

The Employment Rights (Northern Ireland) Order 1996 (NI 16)

5 In Article 228(2) of the Employment Rights (Northern Ireland) Order 1996 (insolvency of an employer who is individual) after sub-paragraph (a) insert—

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“(aa) a moratorium period under a debt relief order applies in relation to him, or”.

The Company Directors Disqualification (Northern Ireland) Order 2002 (NI 4)

6 In Article 15(1) of the Company Directors Disqualification (Northern Ireland) Order 2002 (undischarged bankrupts)—

(a) after sub-paragraph (a) insert—

“(aa) a moratorium period under a debt relief order applies in relation to him, or”;

(b) in sub-paragraph (b) after “bankruptcy restrictions order” insert “ or a debt relief restrictions order ”.

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