



# Companies Act 2006

## 2006 CHAPTER 46

### PART 2

#### COMPANY FORMATION

##### *General*

#### **7 Method of forming company**

- (1) A company is formed under this Act by one or more persons—
  - (a) subscribing their names to a memorandum of association (see section 8), and
  - (b) complying with the requirements of this Act as to registration (see sections 9 to 13).
- (2) A company may not be so formed for an unlawful purpose.

#### **8 Memorandum of association**

- (1) A memorandum of association is a memorandum stating that the subscribers—
  - (a) wish to form a company under this Act, and
  - (b) agree to become members of the company and, in the case of a company that is to have a share capital, to take at least one share each.
- (2) The memorandum must be in the prescribed form and must be authenticated by each subscriber.

#### **Annotations:**

#### **Commencement Information**

- II** S. 8 wholly in force at 1.10.2009; s. 8 not in force at Royal Assent, see s. 1300; s. 8 in force for specified purposes at 20.1.2007 by [S.I. 2006/3428](#), [art. 3\(3\)](#) (subject to [art. 5](#), [Sch. 1](#) and with [arts. 6](#),

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8, Sch. 5); s. 8 in force at 1.10.2009 in so far as not already in force by S.I. 2008/2860, **art. 3(b)** (with arts. 5, 7, 8, Sch. 2) (as amended by S.I. 2009/1802, art. 18)

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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. 2008/373 reg. 11(1) by [S.I. 2013/1971 reg. 9\(a\)](#) (This amendment not applied to legislation.gov.uk. Amending Regulations revoked (1.10.2013) without ever being in force by S.I. 2013/2224, reg. 2)
- Act amendment to earlier affecting provision S.I. 2008/373 reg. 3(4) by [S.I. 2013/1971 reg. 4](#) (This amendment not applied to legislation.gov.uk. Amending Regulations revoked (1.10.2013) without ever being in force by S.I. 2013/2224, reg. 2)

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

- s. 156A-156C inserted by [2015 c. 26 s. 87\(4\)](#)
- s. 1221(1A)(1B) substituted for s. 1221(1A) by [S.I. 2017/1164 Sch. 1 para. 21\(a\)](#)
- s. 1221(7C)(7D) inserted by [S.I. 2017/1164 Sch. 1 para. 21\(e\)](#)
- Sch. 10 para. 7A inserted by [S.I. 2017/1164 Sch. 1 para. 22](#)