

Bankruptcy and Debt Advice (Scotland) Act 2014

Review of decisions made by Accountant in Bankruptcy

42 Review of decision about discharge of trustee

- (1) In section 57 of the 1985 Act (discharge of trustee)—
 - (a) after subsection (3), insert—
 - "(3A) A certificate of discharge granted under subsection (3)—
 - (a) must take effect after the expiry of the period mentioned in subsection (3C), and
 - (b) has no effect if an application for review is made under subsection (3B).
 - (3B) The trustee, the debtor or any creditor who has made representations under subsection (2)(a) may apply to the Accountant in Bankruptcy for a review of a determination under subsection (3).
 - (3C) An application under subsection (3B) must be made before the expiry of the period of 14 days beginning with the day of the determination.
 - (3D) If an application for a review under subsection (3B) is made, the Accountant in Bankruptcy must—
 - (a) take into account any representations made by an interested person before the expiry of the period of 21 days beginning with the day on which the application is made, and
 - (b) confirm, amend or revoke the determination (whether or not issuing a new certificate of discharge) before the expiry of the period of 28 days beginning with the day on which the application is made.", and
 - (b) in subsection (4), for "the issuing of the determination under subsection (3) above" substitute "a decision by the Accountant in Bankruptcy under subsection (3D)(b)".
- (2) In section 58A of the 1985 Act (discharge of Accountant in Bankruptcy)—

- (a) in subsection (4)(b), after paragraph (ii) insert—
 - "(iia) that an application for a review may be made under subsection (4A)",
- (b) after subsection (4), insert—
 - "(4A) The debtor or any creditor may apply to the Accountant in Bankruptcy for a review of the discharge of the Accountant in Bankruptcy in respect of the Accountant in Bankruptcy's actings as trustee.
 - (4B) An application under subsection (4A) must be made before the expiry of the period of 14 days beginning with the day on which notice is sent under subsection (4)(b).
 - (4C) If an application under subsection (4A) is made, the Accountant in Bankruptcy must—
 - (a) take into account any representations made by an interested person before the expiry of the period of 21 days beginning with the day on which the application is made, and
 - (b) confirm or revoke the discharge before the expiry of the period of 28 days beginning with the day on which the application is made.",
- (c) for subsection (5), substitute—
 - "(5) The debtor or any creditor may appeal to the sheriff against a decision by the Accountant in Bankruptcy under subsection (4C)(b) before the expiry of the period of 14 days beginning with the day on which the decision is made.", and
- (d) for subsection (6), substitute—
 - "(6) The decision of the sheriff on an appeal under subsection (5) is final.".