



# Registration of Deeds Act (Northern Ireland) 1970

## 1970 CHAPTER 25

### *General*

#### **17 Remedy for breach of statutory duty by registry officials.**

- (1) Any person who suffers loss by reason of the breach of any duty imposed under the Registration of Deeds Acts upon an officer or servant of the Ministry may, by action—
  - (a) where the amount claimed does not exceed<sup>[F1]</sup> £10,000, in the county court; or
  - (b) where the amount claimed exceeds<sup>[F1]</sup> £10,000, in the High Court;recover damages from the Ministry for the loss so suffered.
- (2) Damages recovered from the Ministry under subsection (1) shall be defrayed out of moneys provided by Parliament.

**F1** SR 1992/372

#### **18 Procuring registration of false document.**

Any person who procures or attempts to procure the registration under the Registration of Deeds Acts of any document—

- (a) knowing the same to be false in any material particular; or
- (b) knowing any signature thereon to be false;

shall be guilty of an offence and shall be liable—

- (i) on summary conviction, to imprisonment for a term not exceeding one year or to a fine not exceeding<sup>[F2]</sup> level 4 on the standard scale, or to both; and
- (ii) on conviction on indictment, to imprisonment for a term not exceeding three years or to<sup>[F2]</sup> an unlimited fine, or to both.

**F2** 1984 NI 3

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## 19 Regulations.

- (1) The Ministry may make regulations prescribing anything that under this Act is to be, or may be, prescribed<sup>F3</sup> and providing for anything for which provision is permitted or required by the Registration of Deeds Acts to be made by regulations].
- (2) All regulations under subsection (1) shall be subject to negative resolution.
- [<sup>F4</sup>(3) The power <sup>F5</sup>. . . to make rules under Article 359 of the Insolvency (Northern Ireland) Order 1989 shall include power to make rules as respects the registration and re# registration of a bankruptcy petition under section 3A and a bankruptcy order under section 3B, as if the registration and re#registration were required by that Order of 1989.
- (4) <sup>F6</sup> . . . . .]

<b>F3</b>	1992 NI 7
<b>F4</b>	1989 NI 19
<b>F5</b>	Words in s. 19(3) omitted (12.4.2010) by virtue of Northern Ireland Act 1998 (Devolution of Policing and Justice Functions) Order 2010 (S.I. 2010/976), arts. 1(2), 15(5), <b>Sch. 18 para. 110(2)(a)</b> (with arts. 28-31); S.I. 2010/977, <b>art. 1(2)</b>
<b>F6</b>	S. 19(4) omitted (12.4.2010) by virtue of Northern Ireland Act 1998 (Devolution of Policing and Justice Functions) Order 2010 (S.I. 2010/976), arts. 1(2), 15(5), <b>Sch. 18 para. 110(2)(b)</b> (with arts. 28-31); S.I. 2010/977, <b>art. 1(2)</b>

## 20 Interpretation.

- (1) In this Act—
- [<sup>F7</sup>“bankruptcy order” means an order adjudging an individual bankrupt;  
“bankruptcy petition” means a petition to the High Court for a bankruptcy order;]  
“document” includes a deed or conveyance, and any other document whether or not under seal, which may be registered in the registry of deeds under the Registration of Deeds Acts;  
[<sup>F8</sup>“insolvency administration” means the administration in bankruptcy of the insolvent estate of a deceased person;  
“insolvency administration order” means an order for the administration in bankruptcy of the insolvent estate of a deceased debtor (being an individual at the date of his death);  
“insolvency administration petition” means a petition for an insolvency administration order;  
“the Judgments Enforcement Order” means the Judgments Enforcement (Northern Ireland) Order 1981;  
“the Land Registration Act” means the Land Registration Act (Northern Ireland) 1970;]  
“the Ministry” means the Ministry of Finance;  
[<sup>F8</sup>“the Order” means the Insolvency (Northern Ireland) Order 1989;]  
“prescribed” means prescribed by regulations made by the Ministry;  
“registered”, in relation to any document, means registered under the Registration of Deeds Acts.  
[<sup>F8</sup>“the Rules” means the Insolvency Rules (Northern Ireland) 1991;]

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- (2) Any reference in any provision in the Registration of Deeds Acts to registering a memorial shall be construed as a reference to registering the document of which it is a memorial.
- (3) References in any enactment to a document a memorial of which is registered in the registry of deeds shall be construed as including a reference to a document registered in the registry of deeds.

<b>F7</b>	<a href="#">1989 NI 19</a>
<b>F8</b>	SR 1991/365

## **21 Repeals, amendments and transitional provisions.**

*Subs.(1), with Schedule 2, effects repeals; subs.(2) amends s.46 of 1954 c.33 (NI)*

- (3) Nothing in this Act shall affect the registration or priority of any document—
  - (a) lodged for registration before the coming into operation of this Act;
  - (b) registered, or a memorial of which was registered, under the Registration of Deeds Acts in accordance with the law in force at the time of such registration;
  - (c) deemed by any enactment repealed by this Act to have been validly registered under the Registration of Deeds Acts.
- (4) It shall continue not to be necessary to transcribe any memorials entered or registered in the registry of deeds and references in the Registration of Deeds Acts and in orders made thereunder to transcripts of memorials shall be construed as references to transcripts of memorials entered or registered before the 1st January 1958 (the date from which it became unnecessary to transcribe memorials).

### **[<sup>F9</sup>21A The Crown.**

This Act binds the Crown.]

<b>F9</b>	<a href="#">1992 NI 7</a>
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## **22 Short title and commencement.**

- (1) This Act may be cited as the Registration of Deeds Act (Northern Ireland) 1970.
- (2) This section shall come into operation on the passing of this Act and the other provisions of this Act other than section 3 shall come into operation on such day or days as the Minister of Finance may, by order, appoint.

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