



Companies Act 2006

2006 CHAPTER 46

PART 10

A COMPANY'S DIRECTORS

CHAPTER 1

APPOINTMENT AND REMOVAL OF DIRECTORS

[^{F1}Register of directors, etc]

[^{F1}162 Register of directors

- (1) Every company must keep a register of its directors.
- (2) The register must contain the required particulars (see sections 163, 164 and 166) of each person who is a director of the company.
- (3) The register must be kept available for inspection—
 - (a) at the company's registered office, or
 - (b) at a place specified in regulations under section 1136.
- (4) The company must give notice to the registrar—
 - (a) of the place at which the register is kept available for inspection, and
 - (b) of any change in that place,unless it has at all times been kept at the company's registered office.
- (5) The register must be open to the inspection—
 - (a) of any member of the company without charge, and
 - (b) of any other person on payment of such fee as may be prescribed.

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(6) If default is made in complying with subsection (1), (2) or (3) or if default is made for 14 days in complying with subsection (4), or if an inspection required under subsection (5) is refused, an offence is committed by—

- (a) the company, and
- (b) every officer of the company who is in default.

For this purpose a shadow director is treated as an officer of the company.

(7) A person guilty of an offence under this section is liable on summary conviction to a fine not exceeding level 5 on the standard scale and, for continued contravention, a daily default fine not exceeding [^{F2}one-tenth of level 5 on the standard scale][^{F2}one-tenth of the greater of £5,000 or level 4 on the standard scale].

(8) In the case of a refusal of inspection of the register, the court may by order compel an immediate inspection of it.]

Textual Amendments

- F1** Ss. 161A-167F omitted (26.10.2023 for specified purposes, 4.3.2024 for specified purposes) by virtue of Economic Crime and Corporate Transparency Act 2023 (c. 56), s. 219(1)(2)(b), **Sch. 2 para. 2(a)**; S.I. 2024/269, reg. 2(z10)
- F2** Words in s. 162(7) substituted (E.W.) (12.3.2015) by The Legal Aid, Sentencing and Punishment of Offenders Act 2012 (Fines on Summary Conviction) Regulations 2015 (S.I. 2015/664), reg. 1(1), **Sch. 3 para. 9(5)** (with reg. 5(1))

Modifications etc. (not altering text)

- C1** S. 162: power to modify conferred (temp.) (26.6.2020) by Corporate Insolvency and Governance Act 2020 (c. 12), **ss. 39(1)**, 40(e), 49(1) (with **ss. 2(2)**, 5(2), 39(8)(9))
- C2** Pts. 1-39 modified (31.12.2020) by Regulation (EC) No. 2157/2001, Art. AAA1(3) (as inserted by The European Public Limited-Liability Company (Amendment etc.) (EU Exit) Regulations 2018 (S.I. 2018/1298), regs. 1, **97** (with **regs. 140-145**) (as amended by S.I. 2020/523, **regs. 1(2)**, 5(a)-(f)); 2020 c. 1, **Sch. 5 para. 1(1)**)
- C3** S. 162 modified (22.2.2008) by The Northern Rock plc Transfer Order 2008 (S.I. 2008/432), art. 17(1), **Sch. para. 2(b)**
- C4** S. 162 modified (8.00 a.m. on 29.9.2008) by the The Bradford & Bingley plc Transfer of Securities and Property etc. Order 2008 (S.I. 2008/2546), art. 13(1)(3), **Sch. 1 para. 2(b)**
- C5** S. 162 modified (9.30 a.m. on 7.10.2008) by The Heritable Bank plc Transfer of Certain Rights and Liabilities Order 2008 (S.I. 2008/2644), art. 26, **Sch. 2 para. 2(b)**
- C6** S. 162 modified (retrospective to 30.3.2009 at 8.00 a.m.) by The Amendments to Law (Resolution of Dunfermline Building Society) Order 2009 (S.I. 2009/814), arts. 1(2), 7, **Sch. para. 2(b)**
- C7** Ss. 162-167 applied (with modifications) (1.10.2009) by The Unregistered Companies Regulations 2009 (S.I. 2009/2436), **regs. 3-5**, **Sch. 1 para. 6** (with transitional provisions and savings in **regs. 7**, 9, **Sch. 2**)
- C8** Ss. 162-165 applied (with modifications) (1.10.2009) by The Limited Liability Partnerships (Application of Companies Act 2006) Regulations 2009 (S.I. 2009/1804), **regs. 2**, **18** (with **Sch. 1 paras. 5**, 6, 13, 14, 34, 35) (as amended (E.W.) (12.3.2015) by The Legal Aid, Sentencing and Punishment of Offenders Act 2012 (Fines on Summary Conviction) Regulations 2015 (S.I. 2015/664), reg. 1(1), **Sch. 3 para. 14(2)** (with reg. 5(1)))
- C9** S. 162 modified (1.3.2016) by The NRAM plc (formerly Northern Rock plc) Consequential and Supplementary Provisions Order 2016 (S.I. 2016/114), arts. 1(1), 7(1), (3), **Sch. para. 1(b)**
- C10** S. 162 modified (6.4.2016) by The Companies (Address of Registered Office) Regulations 2016 (S.I. 2016/423), **regs. 1(1)**, **11(a)(ii)**

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- C11** S. 162 restricted (temp.) (4.3.2024) by [The Registered Office Address \(Rectification of Register\) Regulations 2024 \(S.I. 2024/233\)](#), regs. 1(2), **16**; [S.I. 2024/269](#), reg. 2(z42)
- C12** S. 162(6) modified (temp.) (27.6.2020) by [The Companies etc. \(Filing Requirements\) \(Temporary Modifications\) Regulations 2020 \(S.I. 2020/645\)](#), regs. 2, **7**

Commencement Information

- II** S. 162 wholly in force at 1.10.2009; s. 162 not in force at Royal Assent, see s. 1300; s. 162 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, 8](#), [Sch. 5](#)); s. 162 otherwise in force at 1.10.2009 by [S.I. 2008/2860](#), **art. 3(i)** (with [arts. 5, 7, 8](#), [Sch. 2](#)) (as amended by [S.I. 2009/1802](#), [art. 18](#))

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