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**2016 No. 1024**

**The Insolvency (England and Wales) Rules 2016**

**PART 10**

**BANKRUPTCY**

**CHAPTER 3**

**Debtors' bankruptcy applications**

**Court to which applications are to be made**

**10.48.**—(1) An application to the court under this Chapter must be made to the debtor's own hearing centre where the debtor is resident in England and Wales.

(2) If the debtor is not resident in England and Wales but was resident or carried on business in England and Wales within the six months immediately preceding the making of the bankruptcy application, an application may be made to the debtor's own hearing centre or to the High Court.

(3) In this rule the debtor's own hearing centre is—

(a) where the debtor has carried on business in England and Wales within the six months immediately preceding the filing with the court of the application, the hearing centre for the insolvency district where for the longest period during those six months—

(i) the debtor carried on business, or

(ii) the principal place of business was located, if business was carried on in more than one insolvency district; or

(b) where the debtor has not carried on business in England and Wales within the six months immediately before making the application to the court, the hearing centre for the insolvency district where the debtor resided for the longest period during those six months.

(4) Where, for whatever reason, it is not possible for the application to be made to the debtor's own hearing centre, the applicant may, with a view to expediting the application, make the application—

(a) where paragraph (3)(a) applies, to—

(i) the hearing centre for the insolvency district in which the debtor resides, or

(ii) whichever court or hearing centre is specified in Schedule 6 as being the nearest full-time court or hearing centre in relation to—

(aa) the hearing centre in paragraph (3)(a), or

(bb) the hearing centre in paragraph (4)(a)(i); or

(b) where paragraph (3)(b) applies, whichever court or hearing centre is specified in Schedule 6 as being the nearest full-time court or hearing centre in relation to the court in that paragraph.

(5) The application must contain sufficient information to establish that it is brought in the appropriate court or hearing centre.