

# NORTHERN TERRITORY OF AUSTRALIA

## CORPORATIONS LAW RULES

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## CORPORATIONS LAW RULES

### Rules under the *Corporations Reform (Northern Territory) Act*

#### Division 1 Preliminary

##### 1.1 Citation

These Rules may be cited as the *Corporations Law Rules*.

##### 1.2 Commencement

These Rules come into operation on a date fixed by the Chief Justice of the Court by notice in the *Gazette*.

##### 1.3 Application of these Rules and other rules of the Court

- (1) Unless the Court otherwise orders, these Rules apply to a proceeding in the Court under the Corporations Act, or the ASIC Act, that is commenced on or after the commencement of these Rules.
- (2) The Rules in Chapter 1 of the *Supreme Court Rules* apply, so far as they are relevant and not inconsistent with these Rules, to a proceeding in the Court under the Corporations Act, or the ASIC Act, that is commenced on or after the commencement of these Rules.
- (3) Unless the Court otherwise orders, the rules applying to a proceeding in the Court under the Corporations Act, or the ASIC Act, as in force immediately before the commencement of these Rules, continue to apply to a proceeding under the Corporations Act, or the ASIC Act, that was commenced before the commencement of these Rules.

#### *Note*

By virtue of the definition of **this Act** in section 9 of the *Corporations Act*, a reference to the *Corporations Act* includes a reference to the *Corporations Regulations*.

## 1.4 Expressions used in the Corporations Act

Unless the contrary intention appears, an expression used in these Rules and in the Corporations Act has the same meaning in these Rules as it has in the Corporations Act.

*Note*

*Expressions used in these Rules (including the notes to these Rules) that are defined in the Corporations Act include:*

**ABN** (short for **Australian Business Number**) – see section 9

**ACN** (short for **Australian Company Number**) – see section 9

**ARBN** (short for **Australian Registered Body Number**) – see section 9  
**body** – see section 9

**body corporate** – see section 9

**books** – see section 9

**Commission** – see section 9

**company** – see section 9

**corporation** – see section 57A

**daily newspaper** – see section 9

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**officer**, in relation to a body corporate – see section 82A

**official liquidator** – see section 9

**Part 5.1 body** – see section 9

**Part 5.7 body** – see section 9

**register** – see section 9

**registered liquidator** – see section 9

**registered office** – see section 9

**statutory demand** – see section 9

## 1.5 Definitions for these Rules

In these Rules, unless the contrary intention appears:

**applicant** means a person claiming interlocutory relief in a proceeding.

**ASIC Act** means the *Australian Securities and Investments Commission Act 2001* of the Commonwealth.

**Corporations Act** means the *Corporations Act 2001* of the Commonwealth.

**Corporations Regulations** means the *Corporations Regulations 2001* of the Commonwealth.

**defendant** means a person against whom relief (except interlocutory relief) is claimed under the Corporations Act or the ASIC Act, whether in the originating process or not.

**interlocutory process** means an interlocutory process in accordance with Form 3.



***originating process*** means an originating process in accordance with Form 2.

***plaintiff*** means a person claiming relief (except interlocutory relief) under the Corporations Act or the ASIC Act, whether in the originating process or not.

***respondent*** means a person against whom interlocutory relief is claimed in a proceeding.

## **1.6 References to rules and forms**

In these Rules, unless the contrary intention appears:

- (a) a reference to a rule is a reference to a rule in these Rules; and
- (b) a reference to a form followed by a number is a reference to the form so numbered in Schedule 1 to these Rules.

## **1.7 Substantial compliance with forms**

- (1) It is sufficient compliance with these Rules in relation to a document that is required to be in accordance with a form in Schedule 1 if the document is substantially in accordance with the form required or has only such variations as the nature of the case requires.
- (2) Without limiting subrule (1), the Registrar must not reject a document for filing only because a term used to describe a party in the document differs from the term used in these Rules.

## **1.8 Court's power to give directions**

The Court may give directions in relation to the practice and procedure to be followed in a proceeding if it is satisfied, in the circumstances of the proceeding, that:

- (a) the provisions of the Corporations Act, ASIC Act, or the rules of this Court do not adequately provide for the practice and procedure to be followed in the proceeding; or
- (b) a difficulty arises, or doubt exists, in relation to the practice and procedure to be followed in the proceeding.

## **1.9 Calculation of time**

- (1) If, for any purpose, these Rules:
  - (a) prohibit, permit or require an act or thing to be done within, by, or before the end of; or

(b) otherwise prescribe, allow or provide for,

a period of time before or after a particular day, act or event, the period is to be calculated without counting that day, or the day of the act or event, as the case may be.

- (2) Without limiting subrule (1), in calculating how many days a particular day, act or event is before or after another day, act or event, only the first day, or the day of the first act or event, is to be counted.
- (3) If the last day of any period prescribed or allowed by these Rules for an act or thing to be done falls on a day that is not a business day in the place where the act or thing is to be or may be done, the act or thing may be done on the first business day in the place after that day.
- (4) In calculating a period of time for the purposes of these Rules, the period beginning on 25 December in a year and ending at the end of 1 January in the next year is not to be counted.

#### **1.10 Extension and abridgment of time**

Unless the Corporations Act, the ASIC Act, or these Rules otherwise provide, the rules in Chapter 1 of the *Supreme Court Rules* that provide for the extension or abridgment of a period of time fixed for the doing of any act or thing in relation to a proceeding apply to a proceeding to which these Rules apply.

### **Division 2 Proceedings generally**

#### **2.1 Title of documents in a proceeding – Form 1**

The title of a document filed in a proceeding must be in accordance with Form 1.

#### **2.2 Originating process and interlocutory process – Forms 2 and 3**

- (1) Unless these Rules otherwise provide, a person must make an application required or permitted by the Corporations Act to be made to the Court:
  - (a) if the application is not made in a proceeding already commenced in the Court – by filing an originating process; and
  - (b) in any other case, and whether interlocutory relief or final relief is claimed – by filing an interlocutory process.

- (2) Unless the Court otherwise directs, a person may make an application to the Court in relation to a proceeding in respect of which final relief has been granted by filing an interlocutory process in that proceeding.
- (3) An originating process must:
  - (a) be in accordance with Form 2; and
  - (b) state:
    - (i) each section of the Corporations Act or the ASIC Act, or each regulation of the Corporations Regulations, under which the proceeding is brought; and
    - (ii) the relief sought.
- (4) An interlocutory process must:
  - (a) be in accordance with Form 3; and
  - (b) state:
    - (i) if appropriate, each section of the Corporations Act or the ASIC Act, or each regulation of the Corporations Regulations, or each rule of Court under which the application is made; and
    - (ii) the relief sought.

*Note*

*In an application for winding up in insolvency on the ground that the company has failed to comply with a statutory demand, the applicant should consider completing Part C of Form 2 as shown in Schedule 2 (Notes to these Rules).*

### **2.3 Fixing of hearing**

On receiving an originating process or interlocutory process, the Registrar:

- (a) must fix a time, date and place for hearing and endorse those details on the originating process or interlocutory process; and
- (b) may seal a sufficient number of copies for service and proof of service.

### **2.4 Supporting affidavit**

- (1) Unless the Court otherwise directs, an originating process, or interlocutory process, must be supported by an affidavit stating the facts in support of the process.

- (2) Subject to rule 2.4A, an affidavit in support of an originating process must annex a record of a search of the records maintained by the Commission, in relation to the company that is the subject of the application to which the originating process relates, carried out no earlier than 7 days before the originating process is filed.

*Note*

*An example of the affidavit in support of an application for winding up in insolvency for failure to comply with a statutory demand is shown in Schedule 2 (Notes to these Rules).*

#### **2.4A Application for order setting aside statutory demand (Corporations Act s 459G)**

- (1) This rule applies, and subrule 2.4(2) does not apply, to an application by a company under section 459G of the Corporations Act for an order setting aside a statutory demand served on the company.
- (2) The plaintiff may file with the originating process seeking the order a copy of the statutory demand and a copy of any affidavit that accompanied the statutory demand.
- (3) The plaintiff must:
  - (a) no earlier than 7 days before the originating process is filed, and no later than the day before the hearing of the application, carry out a search of the records maintained by the Commission in relation to the plaintiff; and
  - (b) either:
    - (i) annex the record of the search to the affidavit in support of the originating process; or
    - (ii) file the record of the search before or tender it on the hearing of the application.

#### **2.5 Affidavits made by creditors**

Subject to rule 5.4, an affidavit that is to be made by a creditor may be made:

- (a) if the creditor is a corporation – by a director, secretary, or other principal officer of the corporation, or by a person employed by the corporation who is authorised to make the affidavit on its behalf;

- (b) if the creditor is a company to which a liquidator, provisional liquidator, receiver, administrator or controller has been appointed – by that person; or
- (c) in any other case – by the creditor or a person authorised by the creditor to make the affidavit on behalf of the creditor.

## **2.6 Form of affidavits**

An affidavit must be in a form that complies with:

- (a) the rules in Chapter 1 of the *Supreme Court Rules*;
- (b) the rules of the Supreme Court of the State (if any) or Territory (if any) where the affidavit was sworn or affirmed; or
- (c) the rules of the Federal Court of Australia.

## **2.7 Service of originating process or interlocutory process and supporting affidavit**

- (1) As soon as practicable after filing an originating process and, in any case, at least 5 days before the date fixed for hearing, the plaintiff must serve a copy of the originating process and any supporting affidavit on:
  - (a) each defendant (if any) to the proceeding; and
  - (b) if the corporation to which the proceeding relates is not a party to the proceeding – the corporation.
- (2) As soon as practicable after filing an interlocutory process and, in any case, at least 3 days before the date fixed for hearing, the applicant must serve a copy of the interlocutory process and any supporting affidavit on:
  - (a) each respondent (if any) to the application in the interlocutory process; and
  - (b) if the corporation to which the application in the interlocutory process relates is not a party to the application in the interlocutory process – the corporation.

## **2.8 Notice of certain applications to be given to Commission**

- (1) This rule has effect in addition to the requirements of the Corporations Act that, in relation to a proceeding, particular documents are to be served on the Commission or notice of particular matters is to be given to the Commission.

- (2) This rule does not apply to a person making an application if the person is the Commission or a person authorised by the Commission.
- (3) Unless the Court otherwise orders, if a person makes an application under a provision of the Corporations Act mentioned in Column 1 of an item of the following table, the person must serve on the Commission, a reasonable time before the hearing of the application, a copy of the originating process, or interlocutory process, and supporting affidavit in respect of the application.

Column 1		Column 2
Item	Provision	Description of application
1.	Section 480	For the release of a liquidator of a company and the deregistration of the company
2.	Subsection 482(1)	For the stay of a compulsory winding up
3.	Subsection 509(6)	For the deregistration of a company
4.	Subsection 536(1)	For an inquiry into the conduct of a liquidator
5.	Subsection 601AH(2)	To reinstate the registration of a company
6.	Subsection 601CC(8)	To restore the name of an Australian body to the register
7.	Subsection 601CL(9)	To restore the name of a foreign company to the register
8.	Chapter 6, 6A, 6B, 6C, 6D or 7	Any application under these Chapters
9.	Subsections 1317S(2), (4) and (5)	For the relief from liability for contravention of a civil penalty provision

## **2.9 Notice of appearance (Corporations Act s 465C) – Form 4**

- (1) A person who intends to appear before the Court at the hearing of an application must, before appearing:
- (a) file:
- (i) a notice of appearance in accordance with Form 4; and

- (ii) if appropriate – an affidavit stating any facts on which the person intends to rely; and
- (b) serve on the plaintiff a copy of the notice of appearance and any affidavit not later than:
  - (i) if the person is named in an originating process – 3 days before the date fixed for hearing; or
  - (ii) if the person is named in an interlocutory process – one day before the date fixed for hearing.
- (2) If the person intends to appear before the Court to oppose an application for winding up, the person may include in the notice of appearance the notice of the grounds on which the person opposes the application required by section 465C of the Corporations Act.
- (3) The period prescribed for filing and serving the notice and affidavit required by section 465C of the Corporations Act is the period mentioned in subparagraph (1) (b) (i).

*Note*

*Under section 465C of the Corporations Act, a person may not, without the leave of the Court, oppose an application for winding up unless, within the period prescribed by the rules (see subrule (3) of this rule), the person has filed, and served on the plaintiff, notice of the grounds on which the person opposes the application and an affidavit verifying the matters stated in the notice.*

## **2.10 Intervention in proceeding by Commission (Corporations Acts 1330) – Form 5**

- (1) If the Commission intends to intervene in a proceeding, the Commission must file a notice of intervention in accordance with Form 5.
- (2) Not later than 3 days before the date fixed for the hearing at which the Commission intends to appear in the proceeding, the Commission must serve a copy of the notice, and any affidavit on which it intends to rely, on the plaintiff and on any other party to the proceeding.

## **2.11 Publication of notices**

If a rule requires a notice in relation to a body to be published in accordance with this rule, the notice must be published once in a daily newspaper circulating generally in the State or Territory where the body has its principal, or last known, place of business.

*Note*

*Under the Corporations Act, certain notices may also be required to be published in the Gazette. Nothing in this rule is intended to affect the operation of any*

*provision of the Corporations Act that requires publication of a notice in the Gazette.*

## **2.12 Proof of publication**

- (1) This rule applies in relation to any matter published in connection with a proceeding.
- (2) Unless these Rules otherwise provide, or the Court otherwise orders, the person responsible for the publication of the matter, or the person's legal practitioner, must file:
  - (a) an affidavit made by the person, or the person's legal practitioner, that states the date of publication and to which is annexed or exhibited a copy of the published matter; or
  - (b) a memorandum signed by the person, or the person's legal practitioner, that states the date of publication and refers to and annexes a copy of the published matter.
- (3) The affidavit or memorandum is prima facie evidence that the publication took place on the date and otherwise as stated in the affidavit or memorandum.

## **2.13 Leave to creditor, contributory or officer to be heard**

- (1) The Court may grant leave to any person who is, or who claims to be:
  - (a) a creditor, contributory or officer of a corporation;
  - (b) an officer of a creditor, or contributory, of a corporation; or
  - (c) any other interested person,to be heard in a proceeding without becoming a party to the proceeding.
- (2) If the Court considers that the attendance of a person to whom leave has been granted under subrule (1) has resulted in additional costs for any party, or the corporation, which should be borne by the person to whom leave was granted, the Court may:
  - (a) direct that the person pay the costs; and
  - (b) order that the person not be heard further in the proceeding until the costs are paid or secured to the Court's satisfaction.
- (3) The Court may order that a person who is, or who claims to be, a creditor, contributory or officer of a corporation be added as a defendant to the proceeding.



- (4) The Court may grant leave to a person under subrule (1), or order that a person be added as a defendant to a proceeding under subrule (3):
  - (a) on application by the person or a party to the proceeding; or
  - (b) on the Court's own initiative.
- (5) The Court may:
  - (a) appoint a creditor or contributory to represent all or any class of the creditors or contributories on any question, or in relation to any proceeding, before the Court, at the expense of the corporation; and
  - (b) remove any person so appointed.

#### **2.14 Inquiry in relation to corporation's debts etc**

The Court may direct an inquiry in relation to the debts, claims or liabilities, or a class of debts, claims or liabilities, of or affecting a corporation to which a proceeding relates.

#### **2.15 Meetings ordered by the Court**

Subject to the Corporations Act, these Rules and any direction of the Court to the contrary, regulations 5.6.12 to 5.6.36A of the Corporations Regulations apply to meetings ordered by the Court.

### **Division 3      Compromises and arrangements in relation to Part 5.1 bodies**

#### **3.1 Application of Division 3**

This Division applies if an application is made to the Court for approval of a compromise or arrangement between a Part 5.1 body and its creditors or members, or any class of its creditors or members.

#### **3.2 Nomination of chairperson for meeting**

Before the hearing of an application under subsection 411(1), (1A) or (1B) of the Corporations Act, the plaintiff must file an affidavit stating:

- (a) the names of the persons who have been nominated to be the chairperson and alternate chairperson of the meeting;

- (b) that each person nominated:
  - (i) is willing to act as chairperson;
  - (ii) has had no previous relationship or dealing with the body, or any other person interested in the proposed compromise or arrangement, except as disclosed in the affidavit; and
  - (iii) has no interest or obligation that may give rise to a conflict of interest or duty if the person were to act as chairperson of the meeting, except as disclosed in the affidavit;
- (c) the name of the person (if any) proposed to be appointed to administer the proposed compromise or arrangement; and
- (d) that the person does not fall within paragraphs 411(7)(a) to (f) of the Corporations Act, except as disclosed in the affidavit.

### **3.3 Order for meetings to identify proposed scheme**

- (1) An order under subsection 411(1) or (1A) of the Corporations Act ordering a meeting or meetings in relation to a proposed compromise or arrangement must set out in a schedule, or otherwise identify, a copy of the proposed compromise or arrangement.
- (2) Unless the Court otherwise orders, a meeting of members ordered under section 411 of the Corporations Act must be convened, held and conducted in accordance with:
  - (a) the provisions of Part 2G.2 of the Corporations Act that apply to the members of a company; and
  - (b) the provisions of the plaintiff's constitution that apply in relation to meetings of members and are not inconsistent with Part 2G.2 of the Corporations Act.
- (3) Unless the Court otherwise orders, a meeting of a class of holders of convertible securities ordered under section 411 of the Corporations Act must be convened, held and conducted as if:
  - (a) the holders were a separate class of members; and
  - (b) the meeting were a meeting of members convened, held and conducted under subrule (2),

but in accordance with, and subject to, the applicable provisions of the instrument under which the securities were issued.

**3.4 Notice of hearing (Corporations Act s 411 (4), s 413 (1)) – Form 6**

- (1) This rule applies to:
  - (a) an application, under subsection 411(4) of the Corporations Act, for an order approving a proposed compromise or arrangement in relation to a Part 5.1 body; and
  - (b) an application, under subsection 413(1) of the Corporations Act, for an order in relation to the reconstruction of a Part 5.1 body, or Part 5.1 bodies, or the amalgamation of 2 or more Part 5.1 bodies.
- (2) Unless the Court otherwise orders, the plaintiff must publish a notice of the hearing of the application.
- (3) The notice must be:
  - (a) in accordance with Form 6; and
  - (b) published in accordance with rule 2.11 at least 5 days before the date fixed for the hearing of the application.

**3.5 Copy of order approving compromise or arrangement to be lodged with Commission**

If the Court makes an order under subsection 411(1), (1A) or (4) or 413(1) of the Corporations Act, the plaintiff must, as soon as practicable after the order is made:

- (a) have the order authenticated;
- (b) lodge an office copy of the order with the Commission; and
- (c) serve an office copy of the order on any person appointed to administer the compromise or arrangement.

**Division 4 Receivers and other controllers of corporation property (Corporations Act Part 5.2)**

**4.1 Inquiry into the conduct of controller (Corporations Act s 423)**

A complaint to the Court under paragraph 423(1)(b) of the Corporations Act about an act or omission of a receiver, or a controller appointed by the Court, must be made by an originating process seeking an inquiry in relation to the complaint.

**Division 5 Winding up proceedings (including oppression proceedings where winding up is sought)**

**5.1 Application of Division 5**

This Division applies to the following applications for the winding up of a company:

- (a) an application for an order under Part 2F.1 of the Corporations Act;
- (b) an application under Part 5.4 or Part 5.4A of the Corporations Act.

**5.2 Affidavit accompanying statutory demand (Corporations Act s 459E(3)) – Form 7**

For the purposes of subsection 459E(3) of the Corporations Act, the affidavit accompanying a statutory demand relating to a debt, or debts, owed by a company must:

- (a) be in accordance with Form 7 and state the matters mentioned in that Form;
- (b) be made by the creditor or by a person with the authority of the creditor or creditors; and
- (c) not state a proceeding number, or refer to a Court proceeding, in any heading or title to the affidavit.

**5.3 Application for leave to apply for winding up in insolvency (Corporations Act s 459P(2))**

An application for leave to apply to the Court for an order that a company be wound up in insolvency may be made at the same time as the application for an order that the company be wound up in insolvency is made.

**5.4 Affidavit in support of application for winding up (Corporations Act s 459P, s 462, s 464)**

- (1) The affidavit in support of an originating process seeking an order that a company be wound up must be made by the plaintiff or by a person with the authority of the plaintiff or plaintiffs.
- (2) If the application is made in reliance on a failure by the company to comply with a statutory demand, the affidavit must:
  - (a) verify service of the demand on the company;

- (b) verify the failure of the company to comply with the demand; and
- (c) state whether and, if so, to what extent, the debt, or each of the debts, to which the demand relates is still due and payable by the company at the date when the affidavit is made.

*Note*

*An example of the affidavit in support of an application for winding up in insolvency for failure to comply with a statutory demand is shown in Schedule 2 (Notes to these Rules).*

- (3) If the application is made in reliance on the ground mentioned in paragraph 461(1)(a) of the Corporations Act, the affidavit must:
  - (a) state whether the company is able to pay all its debts as and when they become due and payable; and
  - (b) refer to the company's most recent balance sheet and profit and loss statement as an annexure or exhibit to the affidavit, or explain their absence.
- (4) The affidavit must be made within 7 days before the originating process is filed.

### **5.5 Consent of liquidator (Corporations Act s 532 (9)) – Form 8**

- (1) In this rule, **liquidator** does not include a provisional liquidator.
- (2) For the purposes of subsection 532(9) of the Corporations Act, the consent of an official liquidator to act as liquidator of a company must be in accordance with Form 8.
- (3) In an application for an order that a company be wound up, the plaintiff must:
  - (a) before the hearing of the application, file the consent mentioned in subrule (2) of an official liquidator who would be entitled to be appointed as liquidator of the company; and
  - (b) serve a copy of the consent on the company at least one day before the hearing.

### **5.6 Notice of application for winding up – Form 9**

- (1) Unless the Court otherwise orders, the plaintiff must publish a notice of the application for an order that a company be wound up.

- (2) The notice must be:
- (a) in accordance with Form 9; and
  - (b) published in accordance with rule 2.11:
    - (i) at least 3 days after the originating process is served on the company; and
    - (ii) at least 7 days before the date fixed for hearing of the application.

**5.7 Applicant to make copies of documents available**

A copy of any document filed in a proceeding to which this Division applies must be available at the plaintiff's address for service for inspection by a creditor, contributory or officer of the company, or an officer of a creditor or contributory of the company.

**5.8 Discontinuance of application for winding up**

An application for an order that a company be wound up may not be discontinued except with the leave of the Court.

**5.9 Appearance before Registrar**

After filing an originating process seeking an order that a company be wound up, the plaintiff must, if required:

- (a) appear before the Registrar on a date to be appointed by the Registrar; and
- (b) satisfy the Registrar that the plaintiff has complied with the Corporations Act and these Rules in relation to applications for a winding up order.

**5.10 Order substituting plaintiff in application for winding up (Corporations Act s 465B) – Form 10**

- (1) If the Court makes an order under section 465B of the Corporations Act, the Court may also order that the substituted plaintiff or plaintiffs publish a notice stating that the substituted plaintiff or plaintiffs intend to apply for an order that the company be wound up.
- (2) The notice must be:
  - (a) in accordance with Form 10; and

- (b) published:
  - (i) in accordance with rule 2.11 at least 7 days before the date fixed for the hearing of the application; or
  - (ii) as otherwise directed by the Court.

**5.11 Notice of winding up order and appointment of liquidator – Form 11**

- (1) This rule applies if the Court orders that a company be wound up and an official liquidator be appointed as liquidator of the company.
- (2) Not later than the day after the order is made, the plaintiff must inform the liquidator of the appointment.
- (3) As soon as practicable after being informed of the appointment, the liquidator must publish a notice of the winding up order and the liquidator's appointment.
- (4) The notice must be:
  - (a) in accordance with Form 11; and
  - (b) published in accordance with rule 2.11.
- (5) In this rule, *liquidator* does not include a provisional liquidator.

**Division 6 Provisional liquidators (Corporations Act Part 5.4B)**

**6.1 Appointment of provisional liquidator (Corporations Act s 472) – Form 8**

- (1) An application for an official liquidator to be appointed, under subsection 472(2) of the Corporations Act, as a provisional liquidator of a company must be accompanied by the written consent of the official liquidator.
- (2) The consent must be in accordance with Form 8.
- (3) If:
  - (a) an order is made appointing a provisional liquidator; and
  - (b) the order provides that the provisional liquidator may take into the provisional liquidator's custody part only of the property of the company,

the order is to include a short description of the part of the property of the company that the provisional liquidator may take into custody.

- (4) The Court may require the plaintiff to give an undertaking as to damages.

## **6.2 Notice of appointment of provisional liquidator – Form 12**

- (1) This rule applies if the Court orders that an official liquidator be appointed as a provisional liquidator of a company.
- (2) Not later than the day after the order is made, the plaintiff must:
  - (a) except if the plaintiff is the Commission – lodge an office copy of the order with the Commission;
  - (b) serve an office copy of the order on the company (except if the plaintiff is the company) and on any other person as directed by the Court; and
  - (c) give to the provisional liquidator an office copy of the order and a written statement that the order has been served as required by paragraph (b).
- (3) As soon as practicable after the order is made, the provisional liquidator must publish a notice of the provisional liquidator's appointment.
- (4) The notice must be:
  - (a) in accordance with Form 12; and
  - (b) published in accordance with rule 2.11.

## **Division 7 Liquidators**

### **7.1 Resignation of liquidator (Corporations Act s 473(1))**

- (1) A liquidator appointed by the Court who wishes to resign office must file with the Registrar, and lodge with the Commission, a memorandum of resignation.
- (2) The resignation takes effect on the filing and lodging of the memorandum.



**7.2 Filling vacancy in office of liquidator (Corporations Act s 473(7), s 502)**

- (1) If, for any reason, there is no liquidator acting in a winding up, the Court may:
  - (a) in the case of a winding up by the Court – appoint another official liquidator whose written consent in accordance with Form 8 has been filed; and
  - (b) in the case of a voluntary winding up – appoint another registered liquidator whose written consent in accordance with Form 8 has been filed.
- (2) The Court may make the appointment:
  - (a) in any case – on application by the Commission, a creditor or a contributory; or
  - (b) in the case of a winding up by the Court – on its own initiative.

**7.3 Report to liquidator as to company's affairs (Corporations Act s 475)**

- (1) If a person is required under section 475 of the Corporations Act to submit and verify a report as to the affairs of a company, the liquidator must give to the person the appropriate forms and instructions for the preparation of the report.
- (2) Except by order of the Court, no person is to be allowed out of the property of a company any costs or expenses incurred in relation to the preparation of the report that have not been:
  - (a) sanctioned by the liquidator before being incurred; or
  - (b) taxed or assessed.
- (3) The liquidator must report to the Court any default in complying with the requirements of section 475 of the Corporations Act.
- (4) In this rule, *liquidator* includes a provisional liquidator.

**7.4 Liquidator to file certificate and copy of settled list of contributories (Corporations Act s 478)**

If, in a winding up by the Court, a liquidator has settled and certified a list, or supplementary list, of contributories, the liquidator must, within 14 days after doing so, file the certificate and a copy of the list.

**7.5 Release of liquidator and deregistration of company  
(Corporations s 480(c) and (d))**

- (1) This rule applies to an application by the liquidator of a company:
  - (a) for an order that the liquidator be released; or
  - (b) for an order that the liquidator be released and that the Commission deregister the company.
- (2) The interlocutory process seeking the order must include:
  - (a) a notice stating that any objection to the release of the liquidator must be made by filing and serving a notice of objection, in the prescribed form, within 21 days after the date of service of the interlocutory process; and
  - (b) a statement setting out the terms of subsection 481(3) of the Corporations Act.

*Note*

*Subsection 481(3) of the Corporations Act provides that an order of the Court releasing a liquidator discharges the liquidator from all liability in respect of any act done or default made by the liquidator in the administration of the affairs of the company, or otherwise in relation to the liquidator's conduct as liquidator, but any such order may be revoked on proof that it was obtained by fraud or by suppression or by concealment of any material fact.*

- (3) The supporting affidavit must include details of the following matters:
  - (a) whether the whole of the company's property has been realised or whether so much of the company's property has been realised as, in the liquidator's opinion, can be realised without needlessly protracting the winding up;
  - (b) any calls made on contributories in the course of the winding up;
  - (c) any dividends paid in the course of the winding up;
  - (d) whether the committee of inspection (if any) has passed a resolution approving the liquidator's release;
  - (e) whether the Commission has appointed an auditor to report on an account or statement of the position in the winding up under subsection 539(2) of the Corporations Act;
  - (f) whether the Court has ordered a report on the accounts of the liquidator to be prepared;

- (g) whether any objection to the release of the liquidator has been received by the liquidator from:
    - (i) an auditor appointed by the Commission or by the Court;  
or
    - (ii) any creditor, contributory or other interested person;
  - (h) whether any report has been submitted by the liquidator to the Commission under section 533 of the Corporations Act;
  - (i) whether the liquidator considers it necessary to report on the affairs of the company or any of its officers;
  - (j) any property disclaimed in the course of the winding up;
  - (k) any remuneration paid or payable to the liquidator and how such remuneration was determined;
  - (l) any costs, charges or expenses payable by the liquidator if the Court grants the liquidator's release;
  - (m) if the application is made under paragraph 480(c) of the Corporations Act – the facts and circumstances by reason of which it is submitted that the company should not be deregistered.
- (4) The liquidator must include in the supporting affidavit the statements set out in paragraphs (a) and (b) of this subrule, including, if appropriate, the words in brackets:
- (a) "To the best of my belief, there has been no act done or default made by me in the administration of the affairs of the subject corporation or otherwise in relation to my conduct as liquidator which is likely to give rise to any liability to the subject corporation or any creditor or contributory [except as disclosed in this affidavit]";
  - (b) "I am not aware of any claim made by any person that there has been any such act or default [except as disclosed in this affidavit]".
- (5) The liquidator must file with, or annex to, the supporting affidavit:
- (a) a statement of the financial position of the company at the date when the interlocutory process seeking release was filed;  
and
  - (b) a summary of the liquidator's receipts and payments in winding up the company.

- (6) Unless the Court otherwise orders, the liquidator must serve by prepaid post, on each creditor who has proved a debt in the course of the winding up, and on each contributory, a copy of the interlocutory process accompanied by:
- (a) a copy of the summary of the liquidator's receipts and payments in winding up the company; and
  - (b) a copy of the statement of the financial position of the company at the date when the interlocutory process seeking release was filed.

### **7.6 Objection to release of liquidator – Form 13**

- (1) A creditor or contributory of a company who wishes to object to the release of the liquidator of the company must, within 21 days after the date of service of the interlocutory process seeking release:
- (a) file:
    - (i) a notice of objection in accordance with Form 13; and
    - (ii) if appropriate, an affidavit stating any facts relied on; and
  - (b) serve a copy of the notice and the affidavit (if any) on the liquidator.
- (2) If the liquidator is served with a notice of objection by a creditor or contributory, the liquidator must, within 3 days after being served, serve on the creditor or contributory a copy of the affidavit supporting the interlocutory process.

### **7.7 Report on accounts of liquidator (Corporations Act s 481)**

- (1) If the Court orders that a report on the accounts of a liquidator be prepared under subsection 481(1) of the Corporations Act, the liquidator must give to the auditor appointed to prepare the report all information, books and vouchers required to prepare the report.
- (2) On completing the report, the auditor must:
- (a) file a copy of the report in a sealed envelope that is marked with the title and number of the proceeding and the words "Auditor's report under subsection 481(1) of the Corporations Act 2001";
  - (b) serve a copy of the report on the liquidator; and
  - (c) lodge a copy of the report with the Commission.

- (3) Except with the leave of the Court, a report is not available for inspection by any person except the liquidator or the Commission.

**7.8 Application for payment of call (Corporations Act s 483(3)(b)) – Form 14**

The affidavit in support of an application by the liquidator of a company, under paragraph 483(3)(b) of the Corporations Act, for an order for the payment of a call must be in accordance with Form 14.

**7.9 Distribution of surplus by liquidator with special leave of the Court (Corporations Act s 488 (2)) – Form 15**

- (1) The affidavit in support of an application for special leave to distribute a surplus must state how the liquidator intends to distribute the surplus including the name and address of each person to whom the liquidator intends to distribute any part of the surplus.
- (2) At least 14 days before the date fixed for hearing of the application, the liquidator must publish a notice of the application.
- (3) The notice must be:
  - (a) in accordance with Form 15; and
  - (b) published in accordance with rule 2.11.

**7.10 Powers delegated to liquidator by the Court (Corporations Act s 488)**

Subject to the Corporations Act, the Corporations Regulations, these Rules, and any order of the Court, the powers and duties conferred or imposed on the Court by Part 5.4B of the Corporations Act in respect of the matters mentioned in subsection 488(1) of the Corporations Act may be exercised or performed by a liquidator appointed by the Court as an officer of the Court and subject to the control of the Court.

**7.11 Inquiry into conduct of liquidator (Corporations Act s 536(1) and (2))**

- (1) A complaint to the Court under paragraph 536(1)(b) of the Corporations Act must be made:
  - (a) in the case of a winding up by the Court – by an interlocutory process seeking an inquiry; and
  - (b) in the case of a voluntary winding up – by an originating process seeking an inquiry.

- (2) A report to the Court by the Commission under subsection 536(2) of the Corporations Act must be made:
  - (a) in the case of a winding up by the Court – by filing:
    - (i) an interlocutory process seeking orders under the section; and
    - (ii) a written report in a sealed envelope that is marked with the title and number of the proceeding; and
  - (b) in the case of a voluntary winding up – by filing:
    - (i) an originating process seeking orders under the subsection; and
    - (ii) a written report in a sealed envelope that is marked with the title of the proceeding and provision for its number.
- (3) The contents of a report filed under subrule (2) need not, at the time of filing, be verified by an affidavit.
- (4) Except with the leave of the Court, a report made under section 536(2) of the Corporations Act is not available for inspection by any person except the liquidator or the Commission.
- (5) In this rule, **liquidator** includes a provisional liquidator.

## **Division 8 Special managers (Corporations Act Part 5.4B)**

### **8.1 Application for appointment of special manager (Corporations Act s 484)**

- (1) An application by a liquidator for the appointment of a special manager in relation to a company must state the powers which, in the liquidator's opinion, should be entrusted by the Court to the special manager.
- (2) The supporting affidavit must state:
  - (a) the circumstances making it proper that a special manager be appointed;
  - (b) details of the remuneration proposed to be paid to the special manager; and
  - (c) whether any committee of inspection in the winding up, or a meeting of creditors, has approved the appointment of a special manager.

## **8.2 Security given by special manager (Corporations Act s 484)**

- (1) The Court may, from time to time, direct that the amount of security given by a special manager be varied.
- (2) Unless the Court otherwise directs, the costs of furnishing the security given by a special manager in respect of a particular winding up:
  - (a) are the personal expenses of the special manager; and
  - (b) are not to be charged against the property of the company as an expense incurred in the winding up.

## **8.3 Special manager's receipts and payments (Corporations Act s 484)**

- (1) A special manager must give to the liquidator:
  - (a) an account of the special manager's receipts and payments; and
  - (b) a statutory declaration verifying the account.
- (2) If the liquidator approves the account, the liquidator must include the total amounts of the special manager's receipts and payments in the liquidator's accounts.

## **Division 9 Remuneration of office-holders**

### **9.1 Remuneration of receiver (Corporations Act s 425(1)) – Form 16**

- (1) This rule applies to an application by a receiver of property of a corporation for an order under subsection 425(1) of the Corporations Act fixing the receiver's remuneration.

*Note*

*Under paragraph 425(2)(b) of the Corporations Act, the Court may exercise its power to make an order fixing the remuneration of a receiver appointed under an instrument even if the receiver has died, or has ceased to act, before the making of the order or the application for the order.*

- (2) At least 21 days before filing an originating process, or interlocutory process, seeking the order, the receiver must serve a notice in accordance with Form 16 of the receiver's intention to apply for the order, and a copy of any affidavit on which the receiver intends to rely, on the following persons:
  - (a) the person who appointed the receiver;

- (b) any creditor holding security over all or any of the same property of the corporation (except if the creditor is the person who appointed the receiver);
  - (c) any administrator, liquidator or provisional liquidator of the corporation;
  - (d) any administrator of a deed of company arrangement executed by the corporation;
  - (e) if there is no person of the kind mentioned in paragraph (c) or (d):
    - (i) each of the 5 largest (measured by amount of debt) unsecured creditors of the corporation; and
    - (ii) each member of the corporation whose shareholding represents at least 10 per cent of the issued capital of the corporation.
- (3) Within 21 days after the last service of the documents mentioned in subrule (2), any creditor or contributory, or any person mentioned in paragraph (2) (c), (d) or (e), may give to the receiver a notice of objection to the remuneration claimed, stating the grounds of objection.
- (4) If the receiver does not receive a notice of objection within the period mentioned in subrule (3):
- (a) the receiver may file an affidavit, made after the end of that period, in support of the originating process, or interlocutory process, seeking the order stating:
    - (i) the date, or dates, when the notice and affidavit required to be served under subrule (2) were served; and
    - (ii) that the receiver has not received any notice of objection to the remuneration claimed within the period mentioned in subrule (3);
  - (b) the receiver may endorse the originating process, or interlocutory process, with a request that the application be dealt with in the absence of the public and without any attendance by, or on behalf of, the receiver; and
  - (c) the application may be so dealt with.



- (5) If the receiver receives a notice of objection within the period mentioned in subrule (3), the receiver must serve a copy of the originating process, or interlocutory process, seeking the order on each creditor or contributory, or other person, who has given a notice of objection.
- (6) An affidavit in support of the originating process, or interlocutory process, seeking the order must:
  - (a) state the nature of the work carried out by the receiver;
  - (b) state the amount of remuneration claimed;
  - (c) include a summary of the receipts taken and payments made by the receiver for the period for which remuneration is claimed;
  - (d) state particulars of any objection of which the receiver has received notice; and
  - (e) if the receivership is continuing – give details of any matters delaying the completion of the receivership.

## **9.2 Remuneration of administrator (Corporations Act s 449E(1)) – Form 16**

- (1) This rule applies to an application by the administrator of a company under administration, or of a deed of company arrangement, for an order under subsection 449E(1) of the Corporations Act fixing the administrator's remuneration.
- (2) The administrator must not apply for the order until after the date of the meeting of creditors mentioned in paragraph 449E(1)(a) of the Corporations Act.
- (3) At least 21 days before filing an originating process, or interlocutory process, seeking the order, the administrator must serve a notice in accordance with Form 16 of the administrator's intention to apply for the order, and a copy of any affidavit on which the administrator intends to rely, on the following persons:
  - (a) each creditor who was present, in person or by proxy at the meeting of creditors;
  - (b) each member of any committee of creditors;
  - (c) each member of the company whose shareholding represents at least 10 per cent of the issued capital of the company.

- (4) Within 21 days after the last service of the documents mentioned in subrule (3), any creditor or contributory may give to the administrator a notice of objection to the remuneration claimed, stating the grounds of objection.
- (5) If the administrator does not receive a notice of objection within the period mentioned in subrule (4):
  - (a) the administrator may file an affidavit, made after the end of that period, in support of the originating process, or interlocutory process, seeking the order stating:
    - (i) the date, or dates, when the notice and affidavit required to be served under subrule (3) were served; and
    - (ii) that the administrator has not received any notice of objection to the remuneration claimed within the period mentioned in subrule (4);
  - (b) the administrator may endorse the originating process, or interlocutory process, with a request that the application be dealt with in the absence of the public and without any attendance by, or on behalf of, the administrator; and
  - (c) the application may be so dealt with.
- (6) If the administrator receives a notice of objection within the period mentioned in subrule (4), the administrator must serve a copy of the originating process, or interlocutory process, seeking the order on each creditor or contributory who has given a notice of objection.
- (7) An affidavit in support of the originating process, or interlocutory process, seeking the order must:
  - (a) state the nature of the work carried out by the administrator;
  - (b) state the amount of remuneration claimed;
  - (c) include a summary of the receipts taken and payments made by the administrator for the period for which remuneration is claimed;
  - (d) state particulars of any objection of which the administrator has received notice; and
  - (e) if the administration is continuing – give details of any matters delaying the completion of the administration.

**9.3 Remuneration of provisional liquidator (Corporations Act s 473(2)) – Form 16**

- (1) This rule applies to an application by a provisional liquidator of a company for an order under subsection 473(2) of the Corporations Act determining the provisional liquidator's remuneration.
- (2) The application must be made by interlocutory process in the winding up proceeding.
- (3) At least 21 days before filing the interlocutory process seeking the order, the provisional liquidator must serve a notice in accordance with Form 16 of the provisional liquidator's intention to apply for the order, and a copy of any affidavit on which the provisional liquidator intends to rely, on the following persons:
  - (a) any liquidator (except the provisional liquidator) of the company;
  - (b) each member of any committee of creditors or, if there is no committee of creditors, each of the 5 largest (measured by amount of debt) creditors of the company;
  - (c) each member of the company whose shareholding represents at least 10 per cent of the issued capital of the company.
- (4) Within 21 days after the last service of the documents mentioned in subrule (3), the liquidator, or any creditor or contributory, may give to the provisional liquidator a notice of objection to the remuneration claimed, stating the grounds of objection.
- (5) If the provisional liquidator does not receive a notice of objection within the period mentioned in subrule (4):
  - (a) the provisional liquidator may file an affidavit, made after the end of that period, in support of the interlocutory process seeking the order stating:
    - (i) the date, or dates, when the notice and affidavit required to be served under subrule (3) were served; and
    - (ii) that the provisional liquidator has not received any notice of objection to the remuneration claimed within the period mentioned in subrule (4);
  - (b) the provisional liquidator may endorse the interlocutory process with a request that the application be dealt with in the absence of the public and without any attendance by, or on behalf of, the provisional liquidator; and

- (c) the application may be so dealt with.
- (6) If the provisional liquidator receives a notice of objection within the period mentioned in subrule (4), the provisional liquidator must serve a copy of the interlocutory process seeking the order:
- (a) on each creditor or contributory who has given a notice of objection; and
  - (b) on the liquidator (if any).
- (7) An affidavit in support of the interlocutory process seeking the order must:
- (a) state the nature of the work carried out by the provisional liquidator;
  - (b) state the amount of remuneration claimed;
  - (c) include a summary of the receipts taken and payments made by the provisional liquidator for the period for which remuneration is claimed;
  - (d) state particulars of any objection of which the provisional liquidator has received notice; and
  - (e) if the winding up proceeding has not been determined – give details of:
    - (i) any reasons known to the provisional liquidator why the winding up proceeding has not been determined; and
    - (ii) any reasons why the provisional liquidator's remuneration should be determined before the determination of the winding up proceeding.

**9.4 Remuneration of liquidator (Corporations Act s 473(3)) – Form 16**

- (1) This rule applies to an application by a liquidator of a company for an order under subsection 473(3) of the Corporations Act determining the liquidator's remuneration.
- (2) The application:
  - (a) must be made by interlocutory process in the winding up proceeding; and

- (b) must not be made until after the date of the meeting of creditors mentioned in subsection 473(4) of the Corporations Act.
- (3) At least 21 days before filing the interlocutory process seeking the order, the liquidator must serve a notice in accordance with Form 16 of the liquidator's intention to apply for the order, and a copy of any affidavit on which the liquidator intends to rely, on the following persons:
  - (a) each creditor who was present, in person or by proxy, at the meeting of creditors;
  - (b) each member of any committee of creditors;
  - (c) each member of the company whose shareholding represents at least 10 per cent of the issued capital of the company.
- (4) Within 21 days after the last service of the documents mentioned in subrule (3), any creditor or contributory may give to the liquidator a notice of objection to the remuneration claimed, stating the grounds of objection.
- (5) If the liquidator does not receive a notice of objection within the period mentioned in subrule (4):
  - (a) the liquidator may file an affidavit, made after the end of that period, in support of the interlocutory process seeking the order stating:
    - (i) the date, or dates, when the notice and affidavit required to be served under subrule (3) were served; and
    - (ii) that the liquidator has not received any notice of objection to the remuneration claimed within the period mentioned in subrule (4);
  - (b) the liquidator may endorse the interlocutory process with a request that the application be dealt with in the absence of the public and without any attendance by, or on behalf of, the liquidator; and
  - (c) the application may be so dealt with.
- (6) If the liquidator receives a notice of objection within the period mentioned in subrule (4), the liquidator must serve a copy of the interlocutory process seeking the order on each creditor or contributory who has given a notice of objection.

- (7) An affidavit in support of the interlocutory process seeking the order must:
- (a) state the nature of the work carried out by the liquidator;
  - (b) state the amount of remuneration claimed;
  - (c) include a summary of the receipts taken and payments made by the liquidator for the period for which remuneration is claimed;
  - (d) state particulars of any objection of which the liquidator has received notice; and
  - (e) if the winding up is continuing – give details of any matters delaying the completion of the winding up.

**9.5 Remuneration of special manager (Corporations Act s 484(2)) – Form 16**

- (1) This rule applies to an application by a special manager of the property or business of a company for an order under subsection 484(2) of the Corporations Act fixing the special manager's remuneration.
- (2) The application must be made by interlocutory process in the winding up proceeding.
- (3) At least 21 days before filing the interlocutory process seeking the order, the special manager must serve a notice in accordance with Form 16 of the special manager's intention to apply for the order, and a copy of any affidavit on which the special manager intends to rely, on the following persons:
- (a) the liquidator of the company;
  - (b) each member of any committee of creditors or, if there is no committee of creditors, each of the 5 largest (measured by amount of debt) creditors of the company;
  - (c) each member of the company whose shareholding represents at least 10 per cent of the issued capital of the company.
- (4) Within 21 days after the last service of the documents mentioned in subrule (3), the liquidator, or any creditor or contributory, may give to the special manager a notice of objection to the remuneration claimed, stating the grounds of objection.

- (5) If the special manager does not receive a notice of objection within the period mentioned in subrule (4):
- (a) the special manager may file an affidavit, made after the end of that period, in support of the interlocutory process seeking the order stating:
    - (i) the date, or dates, when the notice and affidavit required to be served under subrule (3) were served; and
    - (ii) that the special manager has not received any notice of objection to the remuneration claimed within the period mentioned in subrule (4);
  - (b) the special manager may endorse the interlocutory process with a request that the application be dealt with in the absence of the public and without any attendance by, or on behalf of, the special manager; and
  - (c) the application may be so dealt with.
- (6) If the special manager receives a notice of objection within the period mentioned in subrule (4), the special manager must serve a copy of the interlocutory process seeking the order:
- (a) on each creditor or contributory who has given a notice of objection; and
  - (b) on the liquidator.
- (7) The affidavit in support of the interlocutory process seeking the order must:
- (a) state the nature of the work carried out by the special manager;
  - (b) state the amount of remuneration claimed;
  - (c) include a summary of the receipts taken and payments made by the special manager for the period for which remuneration is claimed;
  - (d) state particulars of any objection of which the special manager has received notice; and
  - (e) if the special management is continuing – give details of any matters delaying the completion of the special management.

## **Division 10 Winding up generally**

### **10.1 Determination of value of debts or claims (Corporations Act s 554A(2))**

A reference to the Court by a liquidator of a company under paragraph 554A(2)(b) of the Corporations Act must be made:

- (a) in the case of a winding up by the Court – by filing an interlocutory process seeking an order estimating, or determining a method for working out, the value of the debt or claim; and
- (b) in the case of a voluntary winding up – by filing an originating process seeking an order estimating, or determining a method for working out, the value of the debt or claim.

### **10.2 Disclaimer of contract (Corporations Act s 568(1A))**

- (1) The affidavit in support of an application by a liquidator, under subsection 568(1A) of the Corporations Act, for leave to disclaim a contract in relation to a company must:
  - (a) specify the persons interested, and their interests, under the contract; and
  - (b) state the facts on which it is submitted that the contract should be disclaimed.
- (2) The liquidator must serve the affidavit on each party to the contract (except the company) and on any person interested in the contract.

### **10.3 Winding up Part 5.7 bodies (Corporations Act s 583, s 585) and registered schemes (Corporations Act s 601ND)**

These Rules apply, with any necessary adaptations, and in the same way as they apply to a company, in relation to the winding up of a Part 5.7 body or a registered scheme.

## **Division 11 Examinations and orders (Corporations Act Part 5.9 Divisions 1 and 2)**

### **11.1 Definition for Division 11**

In this Division, **examination summons** means a summons under section 596A or 596B of the Corporations Act for the examination of a person about a corporation's examinable affairs.



**11.2 Application for examination or investigation under s 411(9)(B), s 423 or s 536 (3) of the Corporations Act**

- (1) An application for an order for the examination or investigation of a person under paragraph 411(9)(b), section 423 or subsection 536(3) of the Corporations Act may be made by:
  - (a) the Commission;
  - (b) a person authorised by the Commission;
  - (c) a creditor or contributory; or
  - (d) any other person aggrieved by the conduct of:
    - (i) a person appointed to administer a compromise or arrangement;
    - (ii) a controller; or
    - (iii) a liquidator or provisional liquidator.
- (2) The application may be made without notice to any person.
- (3) The provisions of this Division that apply to an examination under Division 1 of Part 5.9 of the Corporations Act apply, with any necessary adaptations, to an examination or an investigation under paragraph 411(9)(b), section 423 or subsection 536(3) of the Corporations Act.

**11.3 Application for examination summons (Corporations Act s 596A, s 596B) – Form 17**

- (1) An application for the issue of an examination summons must be made by filing an interlocutory process or an originating process, as the case requires.
- (2) The application may be made without notice to any person.
- (3) The originating process, or interlocutory process, seeking the issue of the examination summons must be:
  - (a) supported by an affidavit stating the facts in support of the process; and
  - (b) accompanied by a draft examination summons.

- (4) The originating process, or interlocutory process, and supporting affidavit must be filed in a sealed envelope marked, as appropriate:
  - (a) "Application and supporting affidavit for issue of summons for examination under section 596A of the Corporations Act 2001"; or
  - (b) "Application and supporting affidavit for issue of summons for examination under section 596B of the Corporations Act 2001".
- (5) If the application is not made by the liquidator, the liquidator must be given notice of the application and, if required by the liquidator, served with a copy of the originating process, or interlocutory process, and the supporting affidavit.
- (6) If the application is not made by the Commission, the Commission must be given notice of the application and, if required by the Commission, served with a copy of the originating process, or interlocutory process, and the supporting affidavit.
- (7) Unless the Court otherwise orders, an affidavit in support of an application for an examination summons is not available for inspection by any person.
- (8) An examination summons is to be in accordance with Form 17.

#### **11.4 Service of examination summons**

An examination summons issued by the Court must be personally served, or served in any other manner as the Court may direct, on the person who is to be examined at least 8 days before the date fixed for the examination.

#### **11.5 Discharge of examination summons**

- (1) This rule applies if a person is served with an examination summons.
- (2) Within 3 days after the person is served with the examination summons, the person may apply to the Court for an order discharging the summons by filing:
  - (a) an interlocutory process seeking an order discharging the summons; and
  - (b) an affidavit stating the facts in support of the interlocutory process.

- (3) As soon as practicable after filing the interlocutory process seeking the order and the supporting affidavit, the person must serve a copy of the interlocutory process and the supporting affidavit on:
- (a) the person who applied for the examination; and
  - (b) unless that person is the Commission or a person authorised by the Commission – the Commission.

**11.6 Filing of record of examination (Corporations Act s 597(13))**

If the Court makes an order in relation to an examination under subsection 597(13) of the Corporations Act, the Court may give directions for the filing of the written record of the examination.

**11.7 Authentication of transcript of examination (Corporations Act s 597(14))**

For the purposes of subsection 597(14) of the Corporations Act, a transcript of an examination may be authenticated:

- (a) by the person, or persons, who prepared the record of examination, or under whose supervision the record was prepared, certifying in writing signed by the person or persons, that the record is a true transcript of the record of examination; or
- (b) by any person present at the examination, or any part of the examination, signing the person's name at the bottom of each page of the written record that records a part of the examination at which the person was present.

**11.8 Inspection of record or transcript of examination or investigation under s 411, s 423 or s 536 of the Corporations Act**

- (1) A written record or transcript of an examination or investigation under section 411, 423 or 536 is not available for inspection by any person except:
- (a) with the consent of the liquidator (if any) or the Commission; or
  - (b) by leave of the Court.
- (2) This rule does not apply to the liquidator, the Commission or any person authorised by the Commission.

**11.9 Entitlement to record or transcript of examination held in public**

- (1) This rule applies if:
  - (a) an examination under section 597 of the Corporations Act is held wholly or partly in public; and
  - (b) a written record or transcript of the examination is filed in the Court.
- (2) The person examined may apply to the Registrar, within 3 years after the date of completion of the examination, for a copy of the record or transcript of the part of the examination of the person held in public.
- (3) On receiving an application from a person under subrule (2), and any applicable fee, the Registrar must give a copy of the record or transcript to the person.

**11.10 Default in relation to examination**

- (1) This rule applies if a person is summoned or ordered by the Court to attend for examination, and:
  - (a) without reasonable cause, the person:
    - (i) fails to attend at the time and place appointed;
    - (ii) fails to attend from day to day until the conclusion of the examination;
    - (iii) refuses or fails to take an oath or make an affirmation;
    - (iv) refuses or fails to answer a question that the Court directs the person to answer;
    - (v) refuses or fails to produce books that the summons requires the person to produce; or
    - (vi) fails to comply with a requirement by the Court to sign a written record of the examination; or
  - (b) before the day fixed for the examination, the person who applied for the summons or order satisfies the Court that there is reason to believe that the person summoned or ordered to attend for examination has absconded or is about to abscond.

- (2) The Court may:
- (a) issue a warrant for the arrest of the person summoned or ordered to attend for examination; and
  - (b) make any other orders that the Court thinks just or necessary.

**11.11 Service of application for order in relation to breaches etc by person concerned with corporation (Corporations Act s 598)**

- (1) This rule applies to a person applying for an order under section 598 of the Corporations Act.
- (2) In addition to complying with rules 2.7 and 2.8, the person must serve a copy of the originating process, or interlocutory process, as the case requires, and the supporting affidavit on any liquidator or provisional liquidator (except if the person is the liquidator or provisional liquidator) of the corporation or body.

*Note*

*Under rule 2.7, a plaintiff must serve a copy of the originating process, and any supporting affidavit, on a defendant to the proceeding and, if necessary, on the corporation to which the proceeding relates; and an applicant must serve a copy of an interlocutory process, and any supporting affidavit, on a respondent to the proceeding and, if necessary, on the corporation to which the proceeding relates. In certain cases, these documents may also be required to be served on the Commission – see rule 2.8.*

**Division 12 Takeovers, acquisitions of shares etc. (Corporations Act Chapters 6 to 6B) and Securities (Corporations Act Chapter 7)**

**12.1 Service on Commission in relation to proceedings under Chapter 6, 6A, 6B, 6C, 6D or 7 of the Corporations Act**

If the Commission is not a party to an application made under Chapter 6, 6A, 6B, 6C, 6D or 7 of the Corporations Act, the plaintiff must serve a copy of the originating process and the supporting affidavit on the Commission as soon as practicable after filing the originating process.

**12.1A Reference to Court of question of law arising in proceeding before Takeovers Panel (Corporations Act s 659A)**

Order 64 of the *Supreme Court Rules* applies, with any necessary adaptations, to a reference of a question of law arising in a proceeding before the Takeovers Panel to the Court under section 659A of the Corporations Act.

**12.1B Notification to Court where proceeding is commenced before end of takeover bid period (Corporations Act s 659B)**

- (1) This rule applies to a party to a proceeding who suspects or becomes aware that:
  - (a) the proceeding was commenced in relation to a takeover bid, or proposed takeover bid, before the end of the bid period; and
  - (b) the proceeding falls within the definition ***court proceedings in relation to a takeover bid or proposed takeover bid*** in section 659B(4) of the Corporations Act.
- (2) The party identified in subrule (1) must, immediately on suspecting or becoming aware of the matters mentioned in subrule (1), notify any other party to the proceeding and the Court of that suspicion or knowledge.
- (3) The party must comply with subrule (2), unless any other party to the proceeding has given a notice under this rule to the party.

**12.2 Application for summons for appearance of person (Corporations Act s 1071D(4)) – Form 18**

- (1) An application for the issue of a summons under section 1071D(4) of the Corporations Act must be made by filing an originating process or an interlocutory process.
- (2) The application may be made ex parte.
- (3) The originating process, or interlocutory process, seeking the issue of the summons must be:
  - (a) supported by an affidavit stating the facts in support of the process; and
  - (b) accompanied by a draft summons.
- (4) Unless the Court otherwise orders, a summons issued under this rule is to be in accordance with Form 18.

**12.3 Application for orders relating to refusal to register transfer or transmission of securities (Corporations Act s 1071F)**

As soon as practicable after filing an originating process under section 1071F of the Corporations Act, the plaintiff must serve a copy of the originating process and the supporting affidavit on:

- (a) the company; and

- (b) any person against whom an order is sought.

## **Division 14 Powers of Courts (Corporations Act Part 9.5)**

### **14.1 Appeal from act, omission or decision of administrator, receiver or liquidator, etc (Corporations Act s 554A, s 1321)**

- (1) All appeals to the Court authorised by the Corporations Act must be commenced by an originating process, or interlocutory process, stating:
  - (a) the act, omission or decision complained of;
  - (b) in the case of an appeal against a decision – whether the whole or part only and, if part only, which part of the decision is complained of; and
  - (c) the grounds on which the complaint is based.
- (2) Unless the Corporations Act or the Corporations Regulations otherwise provide, the originating process, or interlocutory process, must be filed within:
  - (a) 21 days after the date of the act, omission or decision appealed against; or
  - (b) any further time allowed by the Court.
- (3) The Court may extend the time for filing the originating process, or interlocutory process, either before or after the time for filing expires and whether or not the application for extension is made before the time expires.
- (4) As soon as practicable after filing the originating process, or interlocutory process, and, in any case, at least 5 days before the date fixed for hearing, the person instituting the appeal must serve a copy of the originating process, or interlocutory process, and any supporting affidavit, on each person directly affected by the appeal.
- (5) As soon as practicable after being served with a copy of the originating process, or interlocutory process, and any supporting affidavit, a person whose act, omission or decision is being appealed against must file an affidavit:
  - (a) stating the basis on which the act, omission or decision was done or made; and
  - (b) annexing or exhibiting a copy of all relevant documents that have not been put in evidence by the person instituting the appeal.

## **Division 15 Proceedings under the ASIC Act**

### **15.1 Reference to Court of question of law arising at hearing of Commission (ASIC Act s 61)**

Order 64 of the *Supreme Court Rules* applies, with any necessary adaptations, to a reference of a question of law arising at a hearing by the Commission to the Court under section 61 of the ASIC Act.

### **15.3 Application for inquiry (ASIC Act s 70, s 201, s 219)**

An application for an inquiry under subsection 70(3), 201(3) or 219(7) of the ASIC Act must be made by filing an originating process seeking an inquiry and orders under the relevant section.

## **Division 16 Powers of Master and Registrar**

### **16.1 Powers of Master**

- (1) The Master may hear and determine any originating process or interlocutory process brought under these Rules, subject to the limitations contained in rule 77.02(4) of the *Supreme Court Rules*.
- (2) If a proceeding before the Master appears to the Master to be proper for the decision of a Judge, the Master may, on the application of a party or of his or her own motion, refer the proceeding to a Judge.
- (3) Any application brought under subrule (2) is to be dealt with before the substantive application is heard.
- (4) If the Master refers a proceeding to a Judge, the Judge may dispose of the proceeding or refer it back to the Master with any direction that the Judge considers appropriate.
- (5) A Judge before whom any application is brought may direct that it, or any issue relating to it, be heard by the Master.

### **16.2 Powers of Registrar**

- (1) The Master may, with the approval of the Chief Justice, direct that, during a specified period or at any time, a Registrar may hear:
  - (a) a specified application;
  - (b) an application of a specified type; or
  - (c) all applications,that the Master may hear.



- (2) If a proceeding before a Registrar appears to the Registrar to be proper for the decision of a Judge, the Registrar:
  - (a) may refer the proceeding to a Judge; or
  - (b) on the application of a party to the proceeding – must refer the proceeding to a Judge.
- (3) If the Registrar refers a proceeding to a Judge, the Judge may dispose of the proceeding or refer it back to the Registrar with any direction that the Judge considers appropriate.

### **16.3 Appeal**

- (1) A person affected by a direction, decision or order of the Master or Registrar may appeal to a Judge under rule 77.05 of the *Supreme Court Rules*.
- (2) Rule 77.05 of the *Supreme Court Rules* applies, with any necessary adaptations, in relation to an appeal under this rule as if it were an appeal in relation to a judgment given or order made by the Master or Registrar under Chapter 1 of the *Supreme Court Rules*.

## **Division 17 Repeal**

### **17. Repeal**

The *Supreme Court (Corporations Law) Interim Rules* (Regulations 1990, No. 51) and the *Supreme Court (Companies) Rules* (Regulations 1986, No. 31 and Regulations 1988, No. 27) are repealed.

## Schedule 1 Forms

rule 1.6

### Form 1 Document Title

(rule 2.1)

IN THE [*name of Court*]

No. of [*year*]

DIVISION: [*insert if appropriate*]

REGISTRY: [*1*]

IN THE MATTER OF [*full name of corporation to which the proceeding relates and, if applicable, the words '(in liquidation)', '(receiver appointed)', '(receiver and manager appointed)', '(controller acting)', or '(administrator appointed)'*]

ABN or ACN or ARBN: [*insert ABN or ACN or ARBN*]

AB (and Others)

Plaintiff(s)

[*list, in a schedule, any further plaintiffs*]

CD (and Others)

Defendant(s)

[*list, in a schedule, any further defendants*]

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## Form 2 Originating process

(rules 2.2)

[*Title*]

### A. DETAILS OF APPLICATION

This application is made under \*section/\*regulation [*number*] of the \*Corporations Act/\*ASIC Act/\*Corporations Regulations.

[*State briefly the nature of the proceeding, eg application for winding-up on ground of insolvency; or complaint about a receiver.*]

On the facts stated in the supporting affidavit(s), the plaintiff claims:

1

2

etc

AND

Date:

.....  
*Signature of plaintiff or  
plaintiff's legal practitioner*

This application will be heard by ..... at  
[*address of Court*] at .....\*am/\*pm on .....

### B. NOTICE TO DEFENDANT(S) (IF ANY)

TO: [*name and address of each defendant (if any)*]

If you or your legal practitioner do not appear before the Court at the time shown above, the application may be dealt with, and an order made, in your absence. As soon after that time as the business of the Court will allow, any of the following may happen:

- (a) the application may be heard and final relief given;
- (b) directions may be given for the future conduct of the proceeding;
- (c) any interlocutory application may be heard.

Before appearing before the Court, you must file a notice of appearance, in the prescribed form, in the Registry and serve a copy of it on the plaintiff.

*Note*

*Unless the Court otherwise orders, a defendant that is a corporation must be represented at a hearing by a legal practitioner. It may be represented at a hearing by a director of the corporation only if the Court grants leave.*

\* Omit if not applicable.

**C. APPLICATION FOR WINDING UP ON GROUND OF INSOLVENCY**

**[Complete this section if this originating process is seeking an order that a company be wound up in insolvency on the ground that the company has failed to comply with a statutory demand (see section 459Q of the Corporations Act)]**

*[Set out particulars of service of the statutory demand on the company and of the failure to comply with the demand]*

*[Attach to this originating process a copy of the statutory demand and, if the demand has been varied by an order made under subsection 459H(4) of the Corporations Act because of a dispute or offsetting claim, a copy of the order made under that subsection]*

*[The affidavit in support of this originating process must:*

- (a) verify service of the demand on the company; and*
- (b) verify the failure of the company to comply with the demand; and*
- (c) state whether and, if so, to what extent the debt, or each of the debts, to which the demand relates is still due and payable at the date when the affidavit is made]*

*Note 1*

*In an application for winding up in insolvency on the ground that the company has failed to comply with a statutory demand, the applicant should consider completing Part C of Form 2 as shown in Schedule 2 (Notes to these Rules).*

*Note 2*

*An example of the affidavit in support of an application for winding up in insolvency for failure to comply with a statutory demand is shown in Schedule 2 (Notes to these Rules).*

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**D. FILING**

Date of filing: *[date of filing to be entered by Registrar]*

.....  
Registrar

This originating process is filed by *[name]* for the plaintiff.

**E. SERVICE**

The plaintiff's address for service is *[address of plaintiff's legal practitioner or of plaintiff]*.

\*It is not intended to serve a copy of this originating process on any person.

OR

\*It is intended to serve a copy of this originating process on each defendant and on any person listed below:

*[name of defendant and any other person on whom a copy of the originating process is to be served]*

***[Complete the following section if the time for service has been abridged]***

The time by which a copy of this originating process is to be served has been abridged by order made by *[name of Judge]* on *[date]* to *[time and date]*.

\* *Omit if not applicable*

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### Form 3 Interlocutory process

(rule 2.2)

[*Title*]

#### A. DETAILS OF APPLICATION

This interlocutory application is made under \*section/\*regulation [*number*] of the \*Corporations Act/\*ASIC Act/\*Corporations Regulations.

On the facts stated in the supporting affidavit(s), the plaintiff, [*name*], applies for the following relief:

1

2

etc

AND

Date:

.....  
*Signature of applicant making this application or  
applicant's legal practitioner*

This application will be heard by ..... at [*address  
of Court*] at .....\*am/\*pm on .....

#### B. NOTICE TO RESPONDENT(S) (IF ANY)

TO: [*name and address of each respondent to this interlocutory process (if any). If applicable, also state the respondent's address for service.*]

If you or your legal practitioner do not appear before the Court at the time shown above, the application may be dealt with, and an order made, in your absence.

Before appearing before the Court, you must, except if you have already done so or you are the plaintiff in this proceeding, file a notice of appearance, in the prescribed form, in the Registry and serve a copy of it on the plaintiff in the originating process.

*Note*

*Unless the Court otherwise orders, a respondent that is a corporation must be represented at a hearing by a legal practitioner. It may be represented at a hearing by a director of the corporation only if the Court grants leave.*

\* *Omit if not applicable.*

**C. FILING**

This interlocutory process is filed by *[name]* for the applicant.

**D. SERVICE**

The applicant's address for service is *[address of applicant's legal practitioner or of applicant]*.

\*It is not intended to serve a copy of this interlocutory process on any person.

OR

\*It is intended to serve a copy of this interlocutory process on each respondent and on any person listed below:

*[name of respondent and any other person on whom a copy of the interlocutory process is to be served]*

***[Complete the following section if the time for service has been abridged]***

The time by which a copy of this interlocutory process is to be served has been abridged by order made by *[name of Judge]* on *[date]* to *[time and date]*.

\* *Omit if not applicable*

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## Form 4 Notice Of Appearance

(rule 2.9)

[Title]

### A. DETAILS OF PERSON INTENDING TO APPEAR

Notice is given that [state full name and address], [briefly state your interest in the proceeding, eg a creditor for \$ (amount), or a contributory, of the corporation] intends to appear before the Court at the hearing of the application to be heard at [name of Court and address] on [date] and, if applicable, to \*oppose/\*support the application.

#### Note

*Unless the Court otherwise orders, a defendant or respondent that is a corporation must be represented at a hearing by a legal practitioner. It may be represented at a hearing by a director of the corporation only if the Court grants leave.*

### B. GROUNDS OF OPPOSITION TO WINDING UP

[Complete this section only if you are opposing an application to wind up a company]

The grounds on which I oppose the application for winding up are:

1

2

etc

### C. SERVICE

**[This section must be completed]**

The address for service of the person giving this notice is [address of person's legal practitioner or of person].

.....  
Signature of person giving notice  
or of person's legal practitioner

\* Omit if not applicable



**Form 5 Notice of intervention by the Commission**

(rule 2.10)

[*Title*]

The Australian Securities and Investments Commission, whose address for service is [*address*], intervenes in this proceeding.

Date:

.....  
*Signed on behalf of the Commission*

Name of signatory: [*name*].

Capacity of signatory: [*capacity*].

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## **Form 6 Notice of hearing to approve compromise or arrangement**

(rule 3.4)

TO all the creditors and members of [*name of company*].

TAKE NOTICE that at . . . . . \*am/\*pm on . . . . ., the . . . . . at [*address of Court*] will hear an application by [*name of plaintiff*] seeking the approval of a compromise or arrangement between the above-named company and its \*members/\*creditors as proposed by a resolution passed by the meeting of the \*members/\*creditors of the company held on [*date*].

### **[Complete this section if applicable]**

The proposed compromise or arrangement as passed by the meeting was amended from the form of compromise or arrangement previously sent to you in the following respects:

[*Set out the details of any amendment made at the meeting*]

If you wish to oppose the approval of the compromise or arrangement, you must file and serve on the plaintiff a notice of appearance, in the prescribed form, together with any affidavit on which you wish to rely at the hearing. The notice of appearance and affidavit must be served on the plaintiff at its address for service at least one day before the date fixed for the hearing of the application.

### **[This section must be completed]**

The address for service of the plaintiff is [*address of plaintiff's legal practitioner or of plaintiff*].

Name of person giving notice or of person's legal practitioner [*name*].

\* *Omit if not applicable*

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**Form 7 Affidavit accompanying statutory demand**

(rule 5.2)

[Name of creditor(s)]

Creditor(s)

[Name of debtor company]

Debtor company

I, [name] of [address and occupation], \*make oath and say/\*solemnly and sincerely affirm and declare:

1 I am [state deponent's relationship to the creditor(s), e.g. "the creditor", "(name), one of the creditors", "a director of the creditor", "a director of (name), one of the creditors"] in respect of \*a debt of \$[amount]/\*debts totalling \$[amount] owed by [name of debtor company] to \*it/\*them relating to [state nature of debt, or debts, ensuring that what is stated corresponds with the description of the debt, or debts, to be given in the proposed statutory demand, with which this affidavit is to be served on the debtor company].

2 [If the deponent is not the creditor, state the facts entitling the deponent to make the affidavit, eg 'I am authorised by the creditor(s) to make this affidavit on its/their behalf]

3 [State the source of the deponent's knowledge of the matters stated in the affidavit in relation to the debt or each of the debts, eg "I am the person who, on behalf of the creditor(s), had the dealings with the debtor company that gave rise to the debt", "I have inspected the business records of the creditor in relation to the debtor company's account with the creditor"]

4 \*The debt/\*The total of the amounts of the debts, mentioned in paragraph 1 of this affidavit, is due and payable by the debtor company.

5 I believe that there is no genuine dispute about the existence or amount of the \*debt/\*any of the debts.

\*Sworn/\*affirmed at: [place of swearing or affirmation] on [date].

OR

\*Sworn/\*affirmed by the above-named deponent at: [place of swearing or affirmation] this day of [month] [year].

.....  
Signature of deponent

Before me:

.....  
*Signature and designation of  
person before whom deponent  
swears or affirms affidavit*

\* *Omit if not applicable*

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**Form 8 Consent of liquidator/provisional liquidator**

(rules 5.5, 6.1)

[*Title*]

I, [*name*], of [*address*], an official liquidator, consent to be appointed by the Court and to act as the \*liquidator/\*provisional liquidator of [*name of company*].

I am not aware of any conflict of interest or duty that would make it improper for me to act as \*liquidator/\*provisional liquidator of the company.

The hourly rates currently charged in respect of work done as \*liquidator/\*provisional liquidator by me, and by my partners and employees who may perform work in this administration, are set out below or in the Schedule which is attached to this Consent. I acknowledge that my appointment by the Court does not constitute an express or implied approval by the Court of these hourly rates.

Date:

.....  
*Signature of official liquidator*

\* *Omit if not applicable*

**Schedule**

[*description of hourly rate(s)*]

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**Form 9 Notice of application for winding up order**

(rule 5.6)

IN THE [*name of Court*]

No. of [*year*]

[*Name of company*]

ABN or ACN: [*ABN or ACN of company to which proceeding relates*]

1. A proceeding for the winding up of [*name of company*] was commenced by the plaintiff, [*name of plaintiff*], on [*date of filing of originating process*] and will be heard by . . . . . at [*address of Court*] at . . . . . \*am/\*pm on . . . . . Copies of documents filed may be obtained from the plaintiff's address for service.
2. The plaintiff's address for service is [*address of plaintiff's legal practitioner or of plaintiff*].
3. Any person intending to appear at the hearing must file a notice of appearance, in accordance with the prescribed form, together with any affidavit on which the person intends to rely, and serve a copy of the notice and any affidavit on the plaintiff at the plaintiff's address for service at least 3 days before the date fixed for the hearing.

Date:

Name of plaintiff or plaintiff's legal practitioner: [*name*].

\* *Omit if not applicable*

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**Form 10 Notice of application for winding up order by substituted plaintiff**

(rule 5.10)

IN THE [*name of Court*]

No. of [*year*]

[*Name of company*]

ABN or ACN: [*ABN or ACN of company to which proceeding relates*]

- 1 [*Name of substituted plaintiff*], who was, by order of the [*name of Court*], substituted as a plaintiff, will apply to the Court at . . . . .\*am/\*pm on . . . . . at [*address of Court*] for an order that the above company be wound up.
- 2 The address for service of the substituted plaintiff is [*address of substituted plaintiff's legal practitioner or of substituted plaintiff*].
- 3 Any person intending to appear at the hearing must file a notice of appearance, in accordance with the prescribed form, together with any affidavit on which the person intends to rely, and serve a copy of the notice and any affidavit on the substituted plaintiff at its address for service at least 3 days before the date fixed for the hearing.

Date:

Name of substituted plaintiff or substituted plaintiff's legal practitioner: [*name*]

\* *Omit if not applicable*

**Form 11 Notice of winding up order and of appointment of liquidator**

(rule 5.11)

IN THE [*name of Court*]

AT [*location of Court*]

IN THE MATTER OF [*name of company to which the proceeding relates*]

ABN or ACN: [*ABN or ACN of company to which proceeding relates*]

On [*date*], the [*name of Court*] in Proceeding No.      of [*year*], ordered the winding up of [*name of company*] and I was appointed as liquidator of the company.

Date:

Name and address of liquidator: [*name and address*]



**Form 12 Notice of appointment of provisional liquidator**

(rule 6.2)

IN THE [*name of Court*]

AT [*location of Court*]

IN THE MATTER OF [*name of company to which the proceeding relates*]

ABN or ACN: [*ABN or ACN of company to which proceeding relates*]

On [*date*], in Proceeding No.      of [*year*], heard by the [*name of Court*], I was appointed as the provisional liquidator of the above company.

Date:

Name and address of provisional liquidator: [*name and address*]

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**Form 13 Notice by creditor or contributory of objection to release of liquidator**

(rule 7.6)

[*Title*]

[*Name of creditor/contributory*] of [*address of creditor/contributory*], a creditor of [*name of company*] for \$[*amount*], or a contributory of [*name of company*] holding [*number*] shares in the company, objects to the grant of a release to [*name of liquidator*] of [*address of liquidator*], who is the liquidator of [*name of company*], on the following grounds:

[*set out the grounds upon which the objection is made*]

Date:

.....  
*Signature of objector  
or objector's legal practitioner*

Name of objector or objector's legal practitioner: [*name*].

The objector's address for service is [*address of objector or objector's legal practitioner*].

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**Form 14 Affidavit in support of application for order for payment of call**

(rule 7.8)

[*Title*]

I, [*name*] of [*address*], liquidator, \*make oath and say/\*solemnly and sincerely declare and affirm]:

- 1 I am the liquidator of [*name of company*] (the company).
- 2 On [*date*] I made a call of \$[*amount*] per share on all the contributories of the company [*or specify the class of contributories on whom the call was made*]. \*Annexed/\*Exhibited and marked A is a copy of the notice of the call. Each contributory whose name is shown in the Schedule marked **B** was duly served with notice of the call in the form annexed or exhibited and marked **A**.
- 3 Each contributory of the company whose name is set out in column 2 of the Schedule marked **B** has not paid, or caused to be paid, to me the sum specified opposite the contributory's name in column 5 of the Schedule, which is due from that contributory under the call.
- 4 The amount set out opposite the name of each contributory in column 6 of the Schedule is an estimate of the amount due by that contributory in respect of the costs of applying for and giving effect to the order for payment of the call. The estimate of the amounts so due by the several contributories has been reached by apportioning the costs among the contributories who have not paid the call according to the liability of the respective contributories to contribute.
- 5 The amount set out opposite the name of each contributory in column 7 of the Schedule is the total of the amount due by that contributory in respect of the call as set out in column 5 and the amount due in respect of costs as set out in column 6.

\*Sworn/\*affirmed at: [*place of swearing or affirmation*] on [*date*]

OR

\*Sworn/\*affirmed by the above-named deponent at: [*place of swearing or affirmation*] this                      day of [*month*] [*year*]

.....  
*Signature of deponent*

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Before me:

.....  
*Signature and designation of  
person before whom deponent  
swears or affirms affidavit*

\* *Omit if not applicable*

**Schedule B**

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<b>Number on list of contributories</b>	<b>Name</b>	<b>Address</b>	<b>Character in which included in the list</b>	<b>Unpaid amount of call</b>	<b>Proportion of costs of application</b>	<b>Total amount payable</b>
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**Form 15 Notice of application for leave to distribute a surplus**

(rule 7.9)

IN THE [*name of Court and address*]

APPLICATION NO:  
IN THE MATTER OF [*company name*]

ABN or ACN: [*ABN or ACN of company to which proceeding relates*]

On . . . . . at . . . . ., the . . . . . will hear an application by the liquidator of [*name of company*] in Proceeding No. of [*year*] for leave to distribute a surplus in respect of the liquidation of the company.

Any person intending to appear at the hearing must file a notice of appearance, in accordance with the prescribed form, together with any affidavit on which the person intends to rely, and serve a copy of the notice and affidavit on the liquidator at the address shown below at least 3 days before the date fixed for the hearing.

Name of liquidator: [*name*].

The liquidator's address for service is [*address*].

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*Signature of liquidator*

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## Form 16 Notice of intention to apply for remuneration

(rules 9.1, 9.2, 9.3, 9.4, 9.5)

IN THE MATTER OF [*company name*]

ABN or ACN: [*ABN or ACN of company to which proceeding relates*]

TO: [*name and address of person to whom notice is given*]

TAKE NOTICE that, not less than 21 days after this notice is served on you, I, [*name and address*], the *\*receiver/\*administrator/\*liquidator/\*provisional liquidator/\*special manager* of the above company, intend to apply to the Court to determine my remuneration.

If you object to my application, you must, within 21 days after being served with this notice, serve on me a notice of objection stating the grounds of objection to the remuneration claimed.

Date:

.....  
*Signature of \*receiver/\*administrator/\*liquidator/  
\*provisional liquidator/\*special manager*

\* *Omit if not applicable*

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## Form 17 Summons for examination

(rule 11.3)

[*Title*]

### A. DETAILS OF SUMMONS

TO: [*name and address of person to be examined*]

You are summoned under \*section 596A/\*section 596B of the Corporations Act to:

- (a) attend before . . . . . at [*address of Court*] at . . . . . \*am/\*pm on . . . . ., and from day to day until excused by the Court, to be examined on oath or affirmation about the examinable affairs of [*name of corporation*]; and
- (b) \*to produce at the examination the following books [*specify books – include in a schedule if necessary*].

Date:

.....  
*Registrar/Master*

### B. NOTICE TO PERSON TO BE EXAMINED

The Court may order that the questions put to you and the answers given by you at the examination are to be recorded in writing and signed by you.

If you do not attend the examination in accordance with this summons, without reasonable cause, you may be arrested and imprisoned without further notice.

This summons is issued at the request of [*name*] whose address for service is [*address of person's legal practitioner or of person*].

\* *Omit if not applicable*

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**Form 18 Summons for appearance in relation to registration of transfer of interests**

(rule 12.2)

[*Title*]

TO: [*name and address*]

You are required to appear before the . . . . . at [*address of Court*] at . . . . . \*am/\*pm on . . . . . and show cause why the document(s) specified in the Schedule should not be \*delivered up/\*produced at the office of [*name of company*] at [*address of company*] within [*period as ordered*], as required by the attached notice.

The address for service of the person applying for this summons is [*address of person's legal practitioner or of person*].

Date:

.....  
*Registrar*

\* *Omit if not applicable*

**Schedule**

[description of document(s)]



## Schedule 2 Notes to these Rules

(rules 2.2, 2.4 and 5.4)

### Note 1 – see rule 2.2 (Form 2 Part C)

#### C. APPLICATION FOR WINDING UP ON GROUND OF INSOLVENCY

1. The plaintiff relies on failure by the defendant to comply with a statutory demand. A copy of the demand, marked A, is attached to this originating process.
2. The demand was [or *The demand and an accompanying affidavit were*] served by X.Y. who delivered it [or them] to the registered office of the defendant at [insert address] on [insert date] [or, if service was by post, who posted *\*it/\*them* by ordinary prepaid post to the registered office of the defendant at [insert address] on [insert date]]. [If applicable, A copy of the accompanying affidavit, marked B, is attached to this originating process.]
3. The defendant failed to pay the amount of the debt demanded [or *the total of the debts demanded*] or to secure or compound for that *\*amount/\*total* to the plaintiff's reasonable satisfaction within 21 days after the demand was served on the defendant [or *within 7 days after [insert date] when an application by the defendant under section 459G of the Corporations Act was finally determined or otherwise disposed of*] [or *if the period for compliance with the demand was extended by order within the period specified in the order of the [insert name of Court] on [insert date of order or, if more than one order, the date of the last such order] as the period for compliance with the demand. A copy of the order, marked C, is attached to this originating process.*]

**[If the demand was varied by order under subsection 459H (4) of the Corporations Act]**

4. The demand was varied by order of the [insert name of Court] on [insert date of order]. A copy of the order, marked D [or *as the case may be*], is attached to this originating process.

\* Omit if not applicable

### Note 2 – see rule 2.4 and subrule 5.4(2) (Affidavit in support)

#### **\*AFFIDAVIT IN SUPPORT/\*AFFIDAVIT IN SUPPORT OF APPLICATION FOR WINDING UP IN INSOLVENCY**

I, [name] of [address and occupation], *\*say on oath/\*affirm* [or *\*make oath and say/\*solemnly and sincerely declare and affirm*]:

1. I am the above-named plaintiff [or *if the applicant is a corporation, I am *\*a/\*the* director of the above-named plaintiff which is registered or taken to be registered in [specify State or Territory]. I am duly authorised to make this affidavit on its behalf*]. Now produced and shown to me and marked A is a copy of the originating process to be filed in the proceeding.
2. Annexed to this affidavit is a current and historical extract of the records maintained by the Australian Securities and Investments Commission with respect to the defendant.

3. *[Where the defendant is registered or taken to be registered in a State or Territory other than that of this Registry, state any facts – apart from the defendant's principal place of business – which bear upon jurisdiction being exercised in the State or Territory of this Registry, rather than in another State or Territory.]*
4. The following facts are within my own personal knowledge save as otherwise stated.
5. The defendant was on [state date of statutory demand or other relevant date] indebted to the plaintiff in the sum of \$ [amount] for [state concisely the consideration, for example, goods sold and delivered etc.] which sum was then due and payable.
6. The demand, a copy of which is attached to the originating process, was signed by or on behalf of the plaintiff. I served the demand [or the demand and the accompanying affidavit] as referred to in the originating process [or X.Y. has been instructed to make an affidavit of service of the demand [or the demand and the accompanying affidavit]].
7. The matters stated in the originating process concerning the demand and failure of the defendant to comply with it are true and correct.
8. The sum demanded remains due and payable by the defendant to me [or the plaintiff].

Sworn, etc.

\* *Omit if not applicable*

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**ENDNOTES**
**1****KEY**

Key to abbreviations

<b>amd</b> = amended	<b>od</b> = order
<b>app</b> = appendix	<b>om</b> = omitted
<b>bl</b> = by-law	<b>pt</b> = Part
<b>ch</b> = Chapter	<b>r</b> = regulation/rule
<b>cl</b> = clause	<b>rem</b> = remainder
<b>div</b> = Division	<b>renum</b> = renumbered
<b>exp</b> = expires/expired	<b>rep</b> = repealed
<b>f</b> = forms	<b>s</b> = section
<b>Gaz</b> = <i>Gazette</i>	<b>sch</b> = Schedule
<b>hdg</b> = heading	<b>sdiv</b> = Subdivision
<b>ins</b> = inserted	<b>SL</b> = Subordinate Legislation
<b>lt</b> = long title	<b>sub</b> = substituted
<b>nc</b> = not commenced	

**2****LIST OF LEGISLATION*****Corporations Law Rules (SL No. 40, 2000)***

Assent date	12 July 2000
Commenced	1 September 2000 ( <i>Gaz</i> G34, 30 August 2000, p 3)

***Amendments of Corporations Law Rules (SL No. 35, 2001)***

Assent date	29 June 2001
Commenced	30 June 2001 (r 2)

***Amendments of Corporations Law Rules (SL No. 60, 2003)***

Assent date	11 February 2004
Commenced	11 February 2004

***Amendments of Corporations Law Rules (SL No. 30, 2004)***

Assent date	11 August 2004
Commenced	11 August 2004

***Corporations Law Amendment Rules 2005 (SL No. 34, 2005)***

Assent date	12 October 2005
Commenced	12 October 2005

***Corporations Law Amendment Rules 2007 (SL No. 29, 2007)***

Assent date	29 August 2007
Commenced	29 August 2007

**3****LIST OF AMENDMENTS**

r 1.3	amd No. 35, 2001, r 20; No. 60, 2003, rr 2 and 23
r 1.4	amd No. 60, 2003, r 23; No. 29, 2007, r 3
r 1.5	amd No. 35, 2001, r 20; No. 60, 2003, rr 3 and 23
r 1.6	amd No. 60, 2003, r 4
r 1.7	amd by No. 60, 2003, r 5
r 1.8	amd No. 35, 2001, r 20; No. 60, 2003, r 23

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r 1.10	amd No. 35, 2001, r 20; No. 60, 2003, r 23
r 2.2	amd No. 35, 2001, r 20; No. 60, 2003, rr 6 and 23; No. 34, 2005, r 3; No. 29, 2007, r 4
r 2.4	amd No. 35, 2001, r 3; No. 60, 2003, r 7
r 2.4A	ins No. 35, 2001, r 4 amd No. 60, 2003, r 23
r 2.7	amd No. 29, 2007, r 5
r 2.8	amd No. 35, 2001, r 5; No. 60, 2003, r 23
rr 2.9 – 2.11	amd No. 60, 2003, r 23
r 2.13	amd No. 35, 2001, r 6
r 2.15	amd No. 60, 2003, r 23
r 3.2	amd No. 60, 2003, r 23
r 3.3	amd No. 35, 2001, r 7; No. 60, 2003, r 23
rr 3.4 – 3.5	amd No. 60, 2003, r 23
div 4 hdg	amd No. 60, 2003, r 8
r 4.1	amd No. 60, 2003, r 23
r 5.1	amd No. 35, 2001, r 8; No. 60, 2003, r 23
rr 5.2 – 5.3	amd No. 60, 2003, r 23
r 5.4	amd No. 60, 2003, rr 9 and 23
r 5.5	amd No. 60, 2003, r 23
r 5.9	amd No. 60, 2003, r 23
r 5.10	amd No. 60, 2003, r 23; No. 30, 2004, r 2
div 6 hdg	amd No. 60, 2003, r 10
r 6.1	amd No. 35, 2001, r 9; No. 60, 2003, r 23; No. 34, 2005, r 4
rr 7.1 – 7.5	amd No. 60, 2003, r 23
rr 7.7 – 7.11	amd No. 60, 2003, r 23
div 8 hdg	amd No. 60, 2003, r 11
rr 8.1 – 8.3	amd No. 60, 2003, r 23
r 9.1	amd No. 35, 2001, r 10; No. 60, 2003, r 23
r 9.2	amd No. 35, 2001, r 11; No. 60, 2003, r 23
r 9.3	amd No. 35, 2001, r 12; No. 60, 2003, r 23
r 9.4	amd No. 35, 2001, r 13; No. 60, 2003, r 23
r 9.5	amd No. 35, 2001, r 14; No. 60, 2003, r 23
rr 10.1 – 10.3	amd No. 60, 2003, r 23
div 11 hdg	amd No. 60, 2003, r 12
r 11.1	amd No. 60, 2003, r 23
r 11.2	amd No. 35, 2001, r 15; No. 60, 2003, r 23
r 11.3	amd No. 35, 2001, r 16; No. 60, 2003, r 23
rr 11.6 – 11.9	amd No. 60, 2003, r 23
r 11.11	amd No. 60, 2003, r 23
div 12 hdg	sub No. 35, 2001, r 17 amd No. 60, 2003, r 13
r 12.1	sub No. 35, 2001, r 18 amd No. 60, 2003, r 23
r 12.1A	ins No. 60, 2003, r 14
r 12.1B	ins No. 29, 2007, r 6
r 12.2	amd No. 60, 2003, r 15
r 12.3	amd No. 60, 2003, r 16
div 13 hdg	rep No. 60, 2003, r 17
rr 13.1 – 13.2	rep No. 60, 2003, r 17
div 14 hdg	amd No. 60, 2003, r 18
r 14.1	amd No. 60, 2003, r 23
div 15 hdg	amd No. 35, 2001, r 20; No. 60, 2003, r 19
r 15.1	amd No. 35, 2001, r 20; No. 60, 2003, r 23
r 15.2	amd No. 35, 2001, r 20 rep No. 60, 2003, r 20
r 15.3	amd No. 35, 2001, r 20; No. 60, 2003, r 23
r 16.1	amd No. 60, 2003, r 23

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- sch 1            amd No. 35, 2001, r 18; No. 60, 2003, r 21; No. 30, 2004, r 3; No. 29, 2007,  
                      r 7
- sch 2            ins No. 60, 2003, r 22  
                      amd No. 30, 2004, r 4