STATUTORY RULES OF NORTHERN IRELAND

2025 No. 170

INSOLVENCY PRACTITIONERS

The Insolvency Practitioners (Recognised Professional Bodies) (Revocation of Recognition) (No. 2) Order (Northern Ireland) 2025

Made - - - -	*29th October 2025*
Coming into operation -	*5th November 2025*

The Department for the Economy(**a**) in exercise of the powers conferred on it by Article 350N(1) of the Insolvency (Northern Ireland) Order 1989(**b**) makes the following Order.

In accordance with Article 350N(1) of the Insolvency (Northern Ireland) Order 1989 the Law Society of Northern Ireland has requested that an order be made to revoke the Insolvency Practitioners (Recognised Professional Bodies) Order (Northern Ireland) 1991(**c**) insofar as it declares that the Law Society of Northern Ireland is a recognised professional body under Article 350 of the Insolvency (Northern Ireland) Order 1989. The Department is satisfied that it is appropriate in all the circumstances of the case to make that revocation.

In accordance with Article 350N(3) of the Insolvency (Northern Ireland) Order 1989 the Department published a notice specifying that the Order is to take effect from 5th November 2025 and the reasons for making the Order.

Citation and commencement and effect

1.—(1) This Order may be cited as the Insolvency Practitioners (Recognised Professional Bodies) (Revocation of Recognition) (No. 2) Order (Northern Ireland) 2025 and comes into operation on 5th November 2025.

(2) This Order has effect from 5th November 2025

Amendment of the Insolvency Practitioners (Recognised Professional Bodies) Order (Northern Ireland) 1991

2. In the Schedule to the Insolvency Practitioners (Recognised Professional Bodies) Order (Northern Ireland) 1991, omit "The Law Society of Northern Ireland".

(**a**) Formerly the Department of Enterprise, Trade and Investment; see section 1(3) of the Departments Act (Northern Ireland) 2016 (2016 c. 5 (N.I.)).

(**b**) S.I. 1989/2405 (N.I. 19), Article 350N was inserted by section 17(1) of the Insolvency (Amendment) Act (Northern Ireland) 2016 (2016 c. 2 (N.I.)).

(**c**) S.R. 1991 No. 301 is treated as made under Article 350(1) and (5) of the Insolvency (Northern Ireland) Order 1989 as substituted by section 14(4) of the Insolvency (Amendment) Act (Northern Ireland) 2016; as amended by SR 2017/ No.4; SR 2021 No.304 (revoked); SR 2022 No. 2; SR 2022 No.34 and S.R.2025 No. 19.

Sealed with the Official Seal of the Department for the Economy on 29 October 2025



Dr Caoimhe Archibald
Minister for the Economy

EXPLANATORY NOTE

(This note is not part of the Order)

The Insolvency Practitioners (Recognised Professional Bodies) Order (Northern Ireland) 1991 declares the bodies specified in the Schedule to that Order to be recognised professional bodies for the purposes of Article 350 of the Insolvency (Northern Ireland) Order 1989. The Law Society of Northern Ireland has asked to have their recognition as recognised professional body revoked.

Article 2 of this Order amends the Insolvency Practitioners (Recognised Professional Bodies) Order (Northern Ireland) 1991, by omitting the Law Society of Northern Ireland from the Schedule to that Order with effect from 5th November 2025. From this date the Law Society of Northern Ireland will cease to be a recognised professional body for the purposes of Article 350 of the Insolvency (Northern Ireland) Order 1989.

A notice specifying the date from which this Order takes effect and the Department's reasons for making it, as required by Article 350N(3) of the Insolvency (Northern Ireland) Order 1989, was published on 5th November 2025. The notice is available online at Insolvency Service notice - Revocation of recognition of the Law Society of Northern Ireland as a Recognised Professional Body | Department for the Economy

A regulatory impact assessment has not been produced for this instrument as it does not impose any costs on business, charities, social enterprise or voluntary bodies.

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