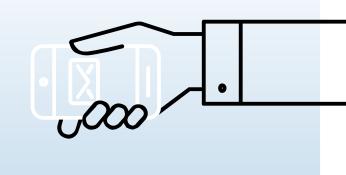
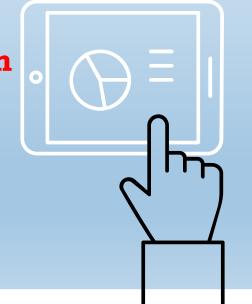


VOLUNTARY LIQUIDATION



Section 59 read with Voluntary Liquidation Process Regulations, 2017

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Requisite for Voluntary Liquidation

Any corporate person can initiate for voluntary liquidation under the provisions of Chapter V of Insolvency & Bankruptcy Code, 2016.

Provided such Corporate person has not committed any default.

"corporate person" means a company as defined in section 2(20) of the Companies Act, 2013, a limited liability partnership, as defined in section 2 (1) (n)of the Limited Liability Partnership Act, 2008, or any other person incorporated with limited liability under any law for the time being in force but shall not include any financial service provider.

Step 1: Board Meeting

Hold a Board Meeting and pass resolution for the following:

a report of the valuation of the assets of the corporate person, if any prepared by a registered valuer 3. Pass resolution to propose appoint Insolvency professional as Liquidator alongwith the terms and conditions of the appointment of the liquidator, including the remuneration payable to him.

1. For approval of voluntary liquidation

audited financial
statements and record of
business operations of the
corporate person for the
previous two years or for
the period since its
incorporation, whichever is
later; and

4. Call a General Meeting within 4 weeks for approval of members

2. Approve Declaration of Solvency from majority of Directors

Declaration to be accompanied by:

The whole process depends upon executing affidavit for Declaration of Solvency

Contents for Declaration of Solvency

Declaration of Solvency from majority of Directors verified by an Affidavit stating that: 2. A report of the valuation of the assets of the corporate person, if any prepared by a registered valuer

1. They have made a full inquiry into the affairs of the corporate person and they have formed an opinion that either the corporate person has no debt or that it will be able to pay its debts in full from the proceeds of assets to be sold in the liquidation; and

1. Audited financial statements and record of business operations of the corporate person for the previous two years or for the period since its incorporation, whichever is later; and

2. That the corporate person is not being liquidated to defraud any person;

Declaration to be accompanied by:

Step 2: General Meeting

Within 4 weeks of declaration of solvency, hold General Meeting to pass Special Resolution for the following

- 1. To approve Voluntary Liquidation
- 2. To appoint insolvency professional to act as the liquidator

Or pass resolution as a result of expiry of the period of its duration, if any, fixed by its articles or on the occurrence of any event in respect of which the articles provide that the company shall be dissolved. The whole process can be done in one/ two days from the date of affidavit for Declaration of Solvency

Also, obtain NOC from Creditors representing $2/3^{rd}$ of value of debt, if any within 7 days of Special Resolution.

The voluntary liquidation proceedings in respect of a company shall be deemed to have commenced from the date of passing of the special resolution, subject to the approval of the creditors (Liquidation Commencement Date/LCD)

Step 3: Intimations required

Public Announcement

Liquidator to make public announcement in Form A within five days from his appointment

Call, receive and verify Claims and provide last date for submissions of claims (30days from LCD)

ROC

Within 7 days of LCD and NOC from Creditors, if any, intimate to ROC

File Form MGT-14 for special resolution & GNL-2 for Declaration of Solvency.

IBBI

Within 7 days of LCD and NOC from Creditors, if any, intimate to IBBI

Mail the required resolution along with all the supportive documents to the Board

Role of Liquidator

Verification of claims and List of stakeholders

Liquidator to verify the claims submitted within thirty days from the last date for receipt of claims

Liquidator to prepare the list of stakeholders within fortyfive days from the last date for receipt of claims. Opening of Bank account and Realization and distribution of assets

Liquidator to open bank account in name of corporate person followed by words 'in voluntary liquidation', in scheduled bank

The liquidator shall distribute the proceeds from realization of assets within six months from the receipt of the amount to the stakeholders.

Step 4: Functions of Liquidator

Preliminary Report

Liquidator to submit a Preliminary Report to the corporate person within forty five days from LCD, detailing

The capital structure and the estimates of its assets and liabilities as on LCD date based on the books of the corporate person.

Other Functions

Liquidator to maintain Registers and books of account

Engagement of professionals & Consultation with stakeholders.

Final Report

Liquidator to complete the liquidation process within twelve months from the LCD.

The liquidator shall submit the Final Report to Board and ROC and to AA (NCLT) along with the application for dissolution.

Order by AA (NCLT)

The AA shall pass an order that the corporate debtor shall be dissolved from the date of that order & the corporate debtor shall be dissolved accordingly.

A copy of such order shall within fourteen days from the date of order, be forwarded to the authority with which the corporate person is registered.

Timelines for process in Voluntary Liquidation

Intimation to ROC & IBBI:

Within 7 days of LCD to inform ROC & IBBI for Voluntary Liquidation.

Public Announcement:

Within 5 days of LCD to make public advertisement for voluntary Liquidation and inviting claims.

Preliminary Report:

Within 45 days of ICD submit a preliminary report to Corporate person.

Last date for submission & Verification of claims:

Claims to be submitted within 30 days of LCD & Claims to be verified within 30 days from the last receipt of claims.

List of stakeholders:

List of stakeholders to be prepared within 45 days from last date of receipt of claims

Distribution of assets realized:

Liquidator to distribute the proceeds from realization within 6 months from the receipt of the amount to the stakeholders.

Completion of liquidation:

Liquidator to complete the liquidation process within 12 months from LCD.

