

IN THE SUPREME COURT OF THE REPUBLIC OF SINGAPORE

SUPREME COURT PRACTICE DIRECTIONS 2021

AMENDMENT NO. 1 OF 2026

It is hereby notified that amendments have been made to Parts 9, 19 and 22 and Appendix B of the Supreme Court Practice Directions 2021. The amendments are summarised below:

- (1) amendments to paragraph 72 on Injunctions prohibiting the disposal of assets and search orders;
- (2) introduction of paragraph 160A on Applications for bankruptcy orders filed by creditors;
- (3) introduction of paragraph 168B on Discharging, changing or ceasing to act as counsel; and
- (4) introduction of Form B48 on Creditor's Bankruptcy Application Checklist.

2 The amendments will take effect on 1 April 2026 and will be reflected at <https://epd2021-supremecourt.judiciary.gov.sg/> from 1 April 2026.

3 Please find attached a document reflecting the marked-up amendments to the Supreme Court Practice Directions 2021.

Dated this 18th day of March 2026.



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REGISTRAR
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Supreme Court Practice Directions 2021 (Amendment No. 1 of 2026)

Part 9: Interlocutory Applications

72. Injunctions prohibiting the disposal of assets and search orders

(1) ~~Unless otherwise directed, contested A~~applications for injunctions prohibiting the disposal of assets and ~~applications~~ for search orders, whether made with or without notice, will be heard by a Judge. ~~To avoid doubt, and~~ all other applications ~~without notice~~ for interim injunctions may be heard by a Registrar.

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Part 19: Bankruptcy and Winding Up Matters

160A. Applications for bankruptcy orders filed by creditors

(1) This paragraph applies to every application for a bankruptcy order made by a creditor who is represented by counsel. The creditor's counsel is to ensure that the applicable requirements in this paragraph are complied with before each hearing of the application (referred to in this paragraph as the "next hearing").

(2) If the creditor's position is that a bankruptcy order should be made against the debtor at the next hearing, the creditor's counsel must:

(a) ensure that the papers filed in support of the application are in order; and

(b) file a checklist (called the "Creditor's Bankruptcy Application Checklist") in Form B48 of Appendix B of these Practice Directions at least 3 days before the date of the next hearing. The Creditor's Bankruptcy Application Checklist is to be filed using the Electronic Filing Service as an "Other Hearing Related Request".

(3) Notwithstanding sub-paragraph (2) above, where a Creditor's Bankruptcy Application Checklist has already been filed for a previous hearing of the application, a fresh Creditor's Bankruptcy Application Checklist need not be filed if there is no change to the information prior to the next hearing.

Requests for adjournments

(4) If the creditor intends to seek an adjournment of the next hearing, and has obtained the debtor's consent to the adjournment, the creditor's counsel must make a Request through the Electronic Filing Service for an adjournment of the hearing. The creditor's counsel must make this Request as soon as possible, and in any event at least 3 days before the date of the next hearing. The Request must set out the reasons for the requested adjournment and attach evidence of the debtor's consent to the requested adjournment. The Court will still evaluate the merits of the Request before making its decision.

(5) If the creditor intends to seek an adjournment at the next hearing, and has *not* obtained the debtor's consent to the adjournment, the creditor's counsel must inform the Court as soon as

possible – and, in any event, at least 3 days before the date of the next hearing – of the intention to make such a request at the next hearing.

Requests for permission to withdraw

(6) If the creditor intends to seek permission to withdraw the application at the next hearing, and has obtained the debtor’s consent to the withdrawal (and to any costs order sought by the creditor), the creditor’s counsel must write to the Court as soon as possible – and, in any event, at least 3 days before the date of the next hearing – to seek the Court’s permission to withdraw the application. The request should briefly explain why the creditor is seeking to withdraw the application and must attach evidence of the debtor’s consent to the withdrawal (and to any costs order sought by the creditor).

(7) If the creditor intends to seek permission to withdraw the application at the next hearing, and has *not* obtained the debtor’s consent to the withdrawal (or to any costs order sought by the creditor), the creditor’s counsel must inform the Court as soon as possible – and, in any event, at least 3 days before the date of the next hearing – of the intention to make such a request at the next hearing.

Effect of non-compliance

(8) The Court may consider any non-compliance with this paragraph, and the reasons for the non-compliance, in making any order or giving any direction.

Part 22: Other Matters Specific to Criminal Proceedings

168B. Discharging, changing or ceasing to act as counsel

(1) This paragraph applies to:

- (a) all pending criminal matters before the Court of Appeal; and
- (b) all pending criminal matters before the General Division heard in the exercise of the General Division's appellate or revisionary criminal jurisdiction.

(2) For all pending matters to which this paragraph applies, permission of the Court of Appeal or the General Division (as the case may be) must be obtained if:

- (a) a party wishes to change counsel by discharging counsel and appointing new counsel;
- (b) a party wishes to discharge counsel and act in person; or
- (c) counsel wishes to cease to act for a party.

(3) A request for permission under sub-paragraph (2) must be made in writing and filed using the Electronic Filing Service.

(4) A request for permission under sub-paragraph (2) must contain the following information:

- (a) the reasons for the change, discharge or withdrawal of counsel (as the case may be), save that the request need not disclose information which is privileged;
- (b) for cases falling under sub-paragraph 2(c), whether the party has any objections to the withdrawal of counsel;

(c) where a hearing date has been fixed or timelines have been given for the filing of any court documents, whether the party and any new counsel are prepared to proceed with the scheduled hearing and comply with the timelines for the filing of any court documents; and

(d) if the party or any new counsel wishes to make a request for the refixing of the hearing or for an extension of the timelines for the filing of any court documents, the reasons for the request and the opposing party's position on the request.

(5) If permission is required under sub-paragraph (2), any document or notice filed by a party will not operate as an effective discharge, change or withdrawal of counsel (as the case may be) until such permission is obtained.

Appendix B

B48.

Para. 160A

Creditor's Bankruptcy Application Checklist

Case number:	HC/B []
Case title:	XXX v YYY
Statutory Demand ("SD")	
<i>{This section may be left blank if the Claimant is not relying on s 312(a) of the Insolvency, Restructuring and Dissolution Act 2018 ("IRDA") in the bankruptcy application}</i>	
Details of the debt:	<p>Amount of debt stated in SD: []</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> SD states the actual amount of debt accrued as at the date of the SD</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> SD contains all other information required under r 64 of the Insolvency, Restructuring and Dissolution (Personal Insolvency) Rules 2020 ("PIR")</p>
Service of SD	
Details of service:	<p>Date of service: []</p> <p>Time of service: [] <i>{This field may be left blank if service has been effected by post}</i></p> <p>Mode of service: []</p>
Affidavit of service of SD	
Exhibits copy of SD:	<input type="checkbox"/>
Originating Application (Creditor's Bankruptcy Application) ("BA")	
Date filed:	<p>Date of filing: []</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> BA was filed within 4 months from the date on which the SD was served or deemed served <i>{if the BA is based on non-compliance with an SD}</i></p> <p>OR</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> BA was filed within 4 months from the date on which the enforcement was completed <i>{if the BA is based on s 312(b) of the IRDA}</i></p>
Appointment of trustee(s) of the bankrupt's estate:	<p><input type="checkbox"/> Prayer for appointment of Private Trustee(s) in Bankruptcy is included in BA</p> <p>OR</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Official Assignee's written consent to act as trustee of the bankrupt's estate has been filed</p>

Service of BA	
Details of service:	Date of service: [] <input type="checkbox"/> Date of service of the BA is at least 7 clear days before the date of the hearing of the BA Time of service: [] { <i>This field may be left blank if service has been effected by post</i> } Mode of service: [] { <i>Where substituted service is effected, please indicate the Order of Court number and date</i> }
Affidavit of service of BA	
Date filed:	Date of filing: []
Exhibits:	<input type="checkbox"/> Exhibits a sealed copy of BA and supporting affidavit, with endorsement as to date/time of service <input type="checkbox"/> Exhibits a sealed copy of the order for substituted service and any evidence of such service { <i>where substituted service was effected</i> }
Supporting Affidavit	
Information in supporting affidavit:	Actual amount of debt accrued as at the date of the BA: [] <input type="checkbox"/> All information required under ss 310–311 of the IRDA and rr 70–75 of the PIR is stated in the supporting affidavit OR <input type="checkbox"/> The following information required under ss 310–311 of the IRDA and rr 70–75 of the PIR is <u>not</u> stated in the supporting affidavit for the following reasons: <i>{please specify what information is not included and why}</i>
Affidavit of Non-Satisfaction of Debt (“ANS”)	
Information in ANS:	Date of latest ANS: [] Amount of debt that remains unsatisfied: []
Appointment of Private Trustee(s) in Bankruptcy	
Consent to act:	Date of filing of the Consent to Act as Trustee(s) in Bankruptcy: []
Insolvency Practitioner’s Licence(s):	Date of filing of Affidavit exhibiting Insolvency Practitioner’s Licence(s): [] Validity of Insolvency Practitioner’s Licence(s): From [] until [] for [name of Trustee] { <i>to be repeated where there is more than 1 Trustee involved</i> }
Debt Repayment Scheme (“DRS”)	
Debtor’s eligibility:	<input type="checkbox"/> Eligible to be considered for DRS <input type="checkbox"/> Determined unsuitable for DRS. Date of Notice of Unsuitability: [] <input type="checkbox"/> Ineligible to be considered for DRS because: { <i>specify reasons</i> }

I confirm that the information set out in this checklist is accurate and up to date as at the date on which this checklist is filed.

Signed:

Submitted by: [*Name of counsel*] for [*name of Claimant*]

Date: