



# Insolvency **Practitioners Regime**

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## **Before the Regime**

- Insolvency practitioners were not regulated as a specialist profession.
- The Companies Act 1993 and Receiverships Act 1993 set out classes of people who were disqualified from acting as insolvency practitioners, such as an undischarged bankrupt or person under 18 years old.
- However, anyone else could be appointed as a liquidator, administrator, or receiver, even if they did not have adequate skills or knowledge required to undertake an insolvency engagement.

Read the consequences in media:

- ✓ Why laws need to be tougher on cowboy liquidators
- High Court judge slashes liquidator's bill by 70 per cent for overcharging
- Editorial: Urgent changes needed to tackle incompetent, dishonest liquidators
- ✓ When will liquidators face greater scrutiny under law?
- ✓ Do all Liquidators act professionally?



## **Purpose of the Insolvency Practitioner's Regime**

The aim of the Insolvency Practitioners Regulation Act 2019 is to strengthen regulation of insolvency practitioners by introducing a co-regulatory licensing regime.

The purpose is to:

- Establish a robust regime that will include rigorous competence, honesty and integrity criteria for practitioners to obtain and retain a licence.
- Effectively hold practitioners to account.
- Raise the standards of insolvency practitioners' practice over time.





## The need to regulate insolvency practitioners

- Corporate insolvency law aims to provide incentives for any assets of a failed company to be allocated to their most efficient use.
- A company should be rehabilitated if it is viable, but if not, it should be liquidated, the assets released and distributed to creditors in accordance with the law with a minimum of delay and expense.
- Insolvency practitioners have a significant impact on whether those outcomes are achieved.
- All practitioners are placed in a position of managing and protecting other people's money and property. Consequently, insolvency practitioners **must act honestly**, fairly and impartially at all times.





## Legislative changes

- The new regulatory regime introduced by the <u>Insolvency Practitioners Regulation</u> <u>Act 2019</u> came into force on **1 September 2020**.
- The <u>Insolvency Practitioners Regulation (Amendments) Act 2019</u> makes a number of changes to the <u>Companies Act 1993</u> and the <u>Receiverships Act 1993</u> to reflect the requirements of the new legislation. This includes updated requirements for liquidation, receivership and voluntary administration reports.
- The detail of these reports is prescribed in the <u>Companies (Reporting by Insolvency</u> <u>Practitioners) Regulations 2020</u>.
- <u>Insolvency Practitioners Regulations 2020</u> prescribe certain aspects of the new regime, such as fees, the companies levy, and information that should be included and searchable on the Insolvency Practitioners Register.



# **Transitional period**

	1 Sep 19 – 31 Aug 20	1 Sep 20 – 31 Aug 21	After 1 Sep 21
Professional bodies	Professional bodies apply to the Registrar for accreditation.	Accredited bodies start issuing full licences and notify us of any changes to their licence status (ongoing).	All transitional licences will expire.
Companies Office	Minimum standards for accreditation of professional bodies and licensing of insolvency practitioners are set by the Registrar.	<ul> <li>Companies Office start to maintain</li> <li>Insolvency Practitioners Register and</li> <li>restrict access to the Companies Register</li> <li>online insolvency module according to the</li> <li>transitional licensing eligibility rules:</li> <li>Only licensed practitioners (and</li> <li>solvent liquidators) can make new</li> <li>appointments.</li> <li>Those without a license may complete</li> <li>their pre-1 Sep 2020 engagements.</li> </ul>	Companies Register will apply different eligibility rules: - Unlicensed receivers and administrators may complete their pre-1 Sep 2020 engagements indefinitely, however liquidators have to resign.
Insolvency practitioners	Insolvency practitioners who are not accredited may apply to the accredited bodies to become a member to take advantage of the transitional provisions i.e. automatic 4- months transitional license.	Insolvency practitioners apply to an accredited body for a full license by 5 January 2021 if they want to avoid the transitional licence expiring. Non-accredited practitioners may apply for a full license.	To keep their licence insolvency practitioners will have to meet prescribed minimum standards, file an annual confirmation, and apply for a new licence every 5 years.



## **Insolvency Practitioners Register**

### https://www.companiesoffice.govt.nz/all-registers/insolvency-practitioners/



The Insolvency Practitioners Regulation Act 2019 (the Act) came into force on 1 September 2020 creating a register of licensed insolvency practitioners.

Learn about this register

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The Act requires insolvency practitioners to be licensed by an accredited body. We have information about who needs to be licensed and who you apply to.

#### Learn about licensing of practitioners

Accredited bodies carry out frontline regulation of insolvency practitioners under the Act.

Learn about accredited and recognised bodies

### **Practitioner obligations**

Licensed insolvency practitioners must provide accurate details, meet professional and ethical obligations, and provide reports to the Registrar.

Find out what practitioner obligations are



## **Key Changes to the Companies Register**

- New \$1 IP levy for company incorporations and annual returns
- User account new insolvency practitioner flag
- New user and appointee eligibility validation rules when:
  - filing an appointment
  - filing a report
  - maintaining a company
- Insolvency dashboard:
  - changes to the appointment screens
  - new summary report tab and form for liquidations, receiverships and voluntary administrations
- New reminder for summary report



## User account – view new insolvency practitioner flag

### Organisation account administrator will see read-only information

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## Liquidator's appointment

### File Liquidator Appointment (1<sup>st</sup> screen)

Manage Liquidation, Receivership and Voluntary Administration

Appoint New Liquidator, Receiver or Voluntary Administrator

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### **View Liquidator Appointment**

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New information is captured and displayed for liquidator appointment



## **Administrator's appointment**

### File Administrator Appointment (1<sup>st</sup> screen)

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Your Listings Appoint All Filed Reports All Due Reports
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Select Insolvency Type
O Liquidation O Receivership  Voluntary Administration
*Appointed By:
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Please provide the name of the person who made the appointment and, if the administrator was appointed by the court, who applied to the court for the appointment.
APPOINT »

### **View Administrator Appointment**

Company Summary	Certificate of Incorporation.	cuments (19) PPSR Search NZBN	Print
This Company current	ly has Liquidators, Receivers or Voluntary Administrators	appointed	
Company number: NZBN: ncorporation Date: Company Status:	839009 7200248143803 20 Jan 1997 Voluntary Administration <u>View Previous Status</u>	Additional NZBN Informati Trading Name(s): Phone Numient(s): Email: address(es): Website(s):	
Status: Appointed By:	Voluntary Administration from 12 Aug 202 Active Test	Industry Classification(s): <u>View all NZBN details</u>	
Administrator:	IP, Ashika		
Organisation:	ASHIKAIPORG3		
Phone:	+64 22 22222		
Email: Address:	Unit 204, 4 Bluegrey Avenue, Stonefields, Auckland 1072, NZ	đ.	
Appointed:	12 Aug 2020		
Entity type:	NZ Limited Company		
Constitution filed:	No		
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New information is captured and displayed for administrator appointment



## **Receiver's appointment**

### File Receiver Appointment (1<sup>st</sup> screen)

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Where insolvency practitioner is creating a new receivership insolvency record (not adding a new appointee to an existing one), new information must be provided on the first screen.

 Note, there can be multiple receivership records per company – only applicable to receiverships.





## **Receiver's appointment**

### **View Receiver Appointment**

View as Single Page SiCertif	ficate of Incorporation Company Extract		Print 🖾	
Company Summary Addr	resses Directors (2) Shareholdings (2) Docum	nents (22) PPSR Search NZBN		
This Company currently ha	as Liquidators, Receivers or Voluntary Administrators app	ointed	×	
Company number: NZBN: Incorporation Date: Company Status:	1169057 9715956085593 18 Oct 2001 In Receivership <u>View Previous Status</u> <u>Receivership Details</u>	Additional NZBN Information Trading Name(s): Phone Number(s): Email Address(es): Website(s): Industry Classification(s):		
Status: Receiver:	Receivership (1) from 12 Aug 2020 Active IP. Ashika	View all NZBN details		
Organisation:	ASHIKAIPORG3			New information is displayed here
Phone: Email:	+64 22 22222			<ul> <li>for receiver's appointment.</li> </ul>
Address:	Unit 204, 4 Bluegrey Avenue, Stonefields, Auckland, 1072, NZ			
Appointed:	12 Aug 2020			Note, the additional document
Brief description of property in receivership:	test			will show up in the Documents
Description of the Deed, Agreement or Instrument: Appointed By:	test			tab.
Reports:	Receiver Six Monthly Report due 19 Apr 2021 Receivers First Report due 19 Oct 2020			
Entity type:	NZ Limited Company			
Constitution filed:	Yes			
AR filing month:	October , last filed on <u>25 Jun 2009</u>			





# Liquidator's summary report – insolvent liquidation

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### API 01MAY18 1051 LIMITED (3015633)

Last updated on 27 Jul 2020

Note: This Company co details.	urrently has Liquidators, Receivers o	or Voluntary Administrators appointed; refer to bottom of this page for	×
	2015522	New File Summary	
Company number:	<u>3015633</u>	Report tab that will	
Incorporation Date:	01 May 2015	only be enabled	
Company Status:	In Liquidation	once the final	
		report is filed.	
iquidations Filed Rep	orts Due Reports File Summ	nary Report	

See the form on the next page





### API 01MAY18 1051 LIMITED (3015633)

East updated on 30 Jul 2020

Company Summary	Directors (2)	<ul> <li>Show</li> </ul>
Note: This Company o details.	surrently has Liquidators, Receivers or Voluntary Administrators appointed; refer to bottom of this page for	×
Company number:	3015633	
Incorporation Date:	01 May 2015	
Company Status	In Liquidation	

### Liquidations Filed Reports Due Reports

### File Summary Report for API 01MAY18 1051 LIMITED (3015633)

#### Company details

Company Name: API 01MAY18 1051 LIMITED Company Number: 3015633 NZBN: 1525127124679

#### \*Business industry classification code:

Please enter your BIC code, or start typing a description of your company's primary business activity and possible matches will appear. If you don't know your BIC code, visit www.businessdescription.co.nz

E323210 Computer cable installation (within buildings)

### Operating area

\*Select a geographical area or a region where the company predominately operates:

Please select an option

#### Appointee details

Name:

Name Appointment date and time: Vacation date: Registration number:

Appointment date and time:

22 Jul 2020 01:02:00 23 Jul 2020 N/A Danil COMP1

01 Mar 2020 05:12 34 IP555

Danil COMP2

#### Insolvency details

Registration number

Liquidation start date and time:

Liquidation end date and time: 🚱

Method of appointment:

\*Subsection:

\*Paragraph:

#### \*Reasons for liquidation

### Select all that apply

- Competitive weakness
- Corporate restructuring
- COVID 19
- Excessive drawings
- Failure of restructure
- Force Majeure (other than COVID 19)
- Fraud
- Inadequate cash flow or high cash use Industry restructuring
- Legal action from creditors
- Personnel issues
- Poor economic conditions

01 Mar 2020 21:12:05

10 Jun 2020 18:17:59

241(2)(c) - court	~
Please select an option	

- Poor financial control including lack of records Poor management of accounts receivable Poor strategic management of the business Relationship issues (dispute among directors and/or shareholders)
  - Retirement of owner
  - Tax planning
- Trading losses
- Under capitalisation Other
- Please describe briefly

### Payments

"Was it a solvent or insolvent liquidation?. Insolvent

### \*Creditor payments: 👔

	Preferential creditors	Secured creditors	Unsecured creditors
Total amount paid to	5	J	3
Rate of payment (cents per dollar)	5	i	5
Difference between the amounts paid and estimated	5	\$	5
Remaining amounts owed to	3	1	\$

#### \*Summary of recoveries 👔

Global settlement/recovery

Assets realised (e.g. sale of plant and machinery, sale of stock, intellectual property)	5
Debtors (e.g. accounts receivable and third party recoverables)	5
Creditors (e.g. voidable transactions)	5
Shareholders (e.g. unpaid shares, related party transactions)	£
Directors (e.g. overdrawn current account, claims/settlements regarding potential breach of directors duties)	8
Other	8
Total	
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	Current liquidator/firm	Other liquidator/firm		
Fees paid to liquidator				
Professional fees (including allowances and other benefits)	10000.25	12500.54		
Reimbursement to liquidator of				
Legal costs	10000.75	10000		
Accounting and forensic costs	5	8		
Trading costs (e.g. operating the business)	5	\$		
Other costs	8	8		
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## Liquidator's summary report – solvent liquidation

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Liquidations         Filed Reports         Due Reports           File Summary Report for API 01MAY18 1051 LIMITED (3015633)         Company details           Company details         Company Name:         API 01MAY18 1051 LIMITED           Company Number:         3015633         State 1000 (2000)           VZBN:         1525127124679           *Business industry classification code:         Please enter your BIC code, or start typing a description of your company's primary business activity and possible matches will appear.           If you don't know your BIC code, visit <u>www.businessdescription.co.nz</u> E323210 Computer cable installation (within buildings)	Competitive weakness Corporate restructuring COVID 19 Excessive drawings Failure of restructure Force Majeure (other than COVID 19) Fraud Inadequate cash flow or high cash use Industry restructuring Legal action from creditors Personnel issues Poor economic conditions Payments *Was it a solvent or insolvent liquidation?:	Poor financial control including lack of records         Poor management of accounts receivable         Poor strategic management of the business         Relationship issues (dispute among directors and/or shareholders)         Retirement of owner         Tax planning         Trading losses         Under capitalisation         Other         Please describe briefly
Operating area         *Select a geographical area or a region where the company predominately operates:         Please select an option         Appointee details         Name:       Danil COMP2         Appointment date and time:       22 jul 2020 01:02:00         Vacation date:       23 jul 2020         Registration number:       NA         Name:       Danil COMP1         Appointment date and time:       01 Mar 2020 05:12:34         Registration number:       IP555	*I confirm that every creditor has been paid in full: *Comments: *Email address of the practitioner filing the report: By submitting this summary report you are accepting that register.	No O Yes

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## **Receiver's summary report**

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PI 02MAY18 0217 LIMITED (301	5833) Last updated on 04 Aug 202	*Assets available following receivership						
Company Summary Directors (2)	► Sho	and the second						
		returned to the directors	5					
Note: This Company currently has Liquidators details.	Receivers or Voluntary Administrators appointed; refer to bottom of this page for $$\overset{ imes}{\sim}$$	distributed to creditors through liquidation of the company	5					
Company number: <u>3015833</u>		sold as a going concern	5					
	d in Liquidation	Receiver fees						
Company Status: In Receivership a		*Fees paid to receiver						
			Current receiver/firm	Other rec	eiver/firm			
eceiverships New Appointee Filed Repor		Professional fees (including allowances and other benefits)	5	5				
ile Summary Report for API 021	MAY18 0217 LIMITED <i>(3015833)</i>	Reimbursement to liquidator of						
Company details								
Company Name:	API 02MAY18 0217 LIMITED	Legal costs	5	5				
Company Number:	3015833	Accounting and forensic costs	5	5				
ZBN:	1525227890382	Trading costs (e.g. operating the business)	5	5				
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Outcome of receivership:	Please select an option v	register.						
other selected, describe briefly								
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## **Administrator's summary report**

**NEW ZEALAND COMPANIES OFFICE** 

PI 01MAY18 0542 LIMITED (30	5713) Last updated on 10 Se	*Payments: 🚱						
ompany Summary Directors (2)			Secured creditors	Preferential creditors	Unsecured creditors	Deferred creditors	Total	
corporation Date: 01 May 2017		At the start of the administration						
mpany Status: Registered		Number of creditors			7		7	
untary Administrations Filed Reports	Due Reports File Summary Report	Claims	s	s	5	s		
le Summary Report for API 01	MAY18 0542 LIMITED (3015713)	Amount owing under security agreements	5	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	
ompany details ompany Name:	API 01MAY18 0542 LIMITED	Estimated value of property subject to						
mpany Number:	3015713	security agreements	2	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	
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310170 Road construction, repair or sealing		Rate of payment (cents per dollar)	5	s	S	5	N/A	
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opointee details me:	Daniil COMP1	*Fees paid to administrator						
Appointment date and time: 24 Aug 2020 00:00:00 Registration number: IP555	Current administrator/firm Other administrator/firm							
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- <u>Review of Corporate Insolvency Law, MBIE</u>
- Existing problems that creditors face when dealing with insolvency practitioners, MED



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