



TECHNICAL ALERT

Companies House 'Upload a document to Companies House' service

On 1 September 2020 Insolvency Practitioners ('IPs') were able to upload all statutory insolvency documents to Companies House via its '[Upload a document to Companies House](#)' service. This service was announced in Dear IP, Issue 108, which can be found [here](#).

The Dear IP informed IPs that the current email system in place will operate in parallel with the service and remain operational until its expiry on 11 September 2020. From this date IPs will need to upload a document using the new service.

R3 are aware of issues some members are experiencing with the new service and have raised these concerns with Companies House and the Insolvency Service.

Companies House are currently investigating the reported issue where some IPs are unable to upload Insolvency documents via the new service. This issue relates to their list of authorised users of the service and they are liaising with the Insolvency Service to update this list of authorised users.

Whilst Companies House hope to resolve this issue before the email submission route is decommissioned on 11 September 2020; they are exploring alternative filing options for those without access to the service and who do not currently have the facilities to file by paper.

R3 will keep members updated.

Insolvency Service telephone numbers are changing

From 1 September 2020 phone numbers to contact the Insolvency Service are changing. The new phone numbers have the prefix 0300 or 0303. Previous phone numbers have been deactivated and you will not be able to reach the Insolvency Service on them. ([Link](#))

If you need to contact an Official Receiver please search contact information using the online directory ([Link](#))

If you have an enquiry about redundancy payments, declaring yourself bankrupt, applying for a Debt Relief Order or putting a company into liquidation, or other insolvency matters please consult the online guidance about how to contact the Insolvency Service ([Link](#))

Recognition of Professional Qualifications Post Brexit

On 25 August 2020, the Department for Business, Energy and Industrial Strategy (BEIS) opened a Call for Evidence to gather insights on the recognition of professional qualifications and regulation of professions. We understand that this is the first stage of the Review of Recognition of Professional Qualifications and Regulation of Professions which was announced in the UK Internal Market White Paper. They state that it is important to them that they are able to fully understand the experiences of regulators and professional associations in the evidence gathering. They have, therefore, designed a specific questionnaire for regulators and professional associations.

IPs are specifically identified in the Call for Evidence as a regulated profession.

The aim of the call for evidence is to gather insights to inform the development of the UK's long-term approach to the way professional qualifications from outside the UK are recognised and professions are regulated. It invites evidence from stakeholders on three main policy themes:

- a.** How the UK recognises professional qualifications from other countries, to inform the UK's future approach. After the end of the transition period the UK will have the opportunity to amend or replace its system of qualification recognition as it applies to EU, EEA EFTA and Swiss professionals.
- b.** Experience of professionals moving and operating within the UK internal market, to support the UK Government's thinking in relation to the effective operation of the UK's internal market.
- c.** How professions are regulated in the UK, both professions that are regulated by law and those that are voluntarily regulated.

Responses are invited by 23rd October to professional-regulation-evidence@beis.gov.uk.

The Call for Evidence can be found [here](#).