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#### **INSOLVENCY RESOLUTION PROCESS**

94. Application by debtor to initiate insolvency resolution process.

- (1) A debtor who commits a default may apply,
- either personally or through a resolution professional,
  - to the Adjudicating Authority

for initiating the insolvency resolution process,

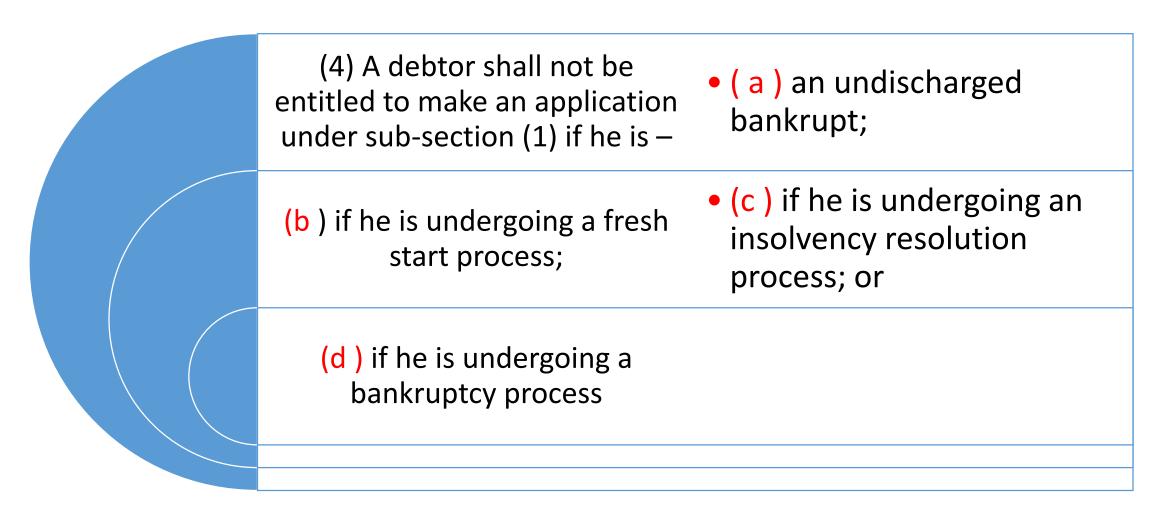
by submitting an application.

(2) Where the debtor is a partner of a firm,

- such debtor shall not apply under this Chapter to the Adjudicating Authority
- in respect of the firm unless all or a majority of the partners of the firm

file the application jointly.

- (3) An application under subsection (1)
- shall be submitted only in respect of debts which are not excluded debts.



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(5) A debtor shall not be eligible to apply under sub-section (1)

if an application under this
 Chapter has been admitted in respect of the debtor during the period of twelve months preceding the date of submission of the application under this section.

(6) The application referred to in subsection (1)

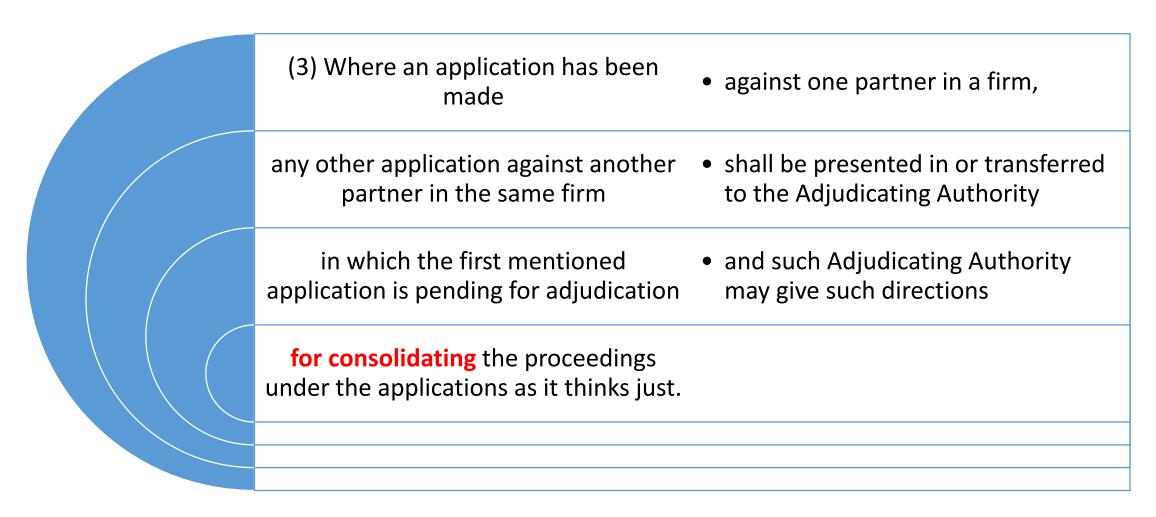
 shall be in such form and manner and accompanied with such fee as may be prescribed.

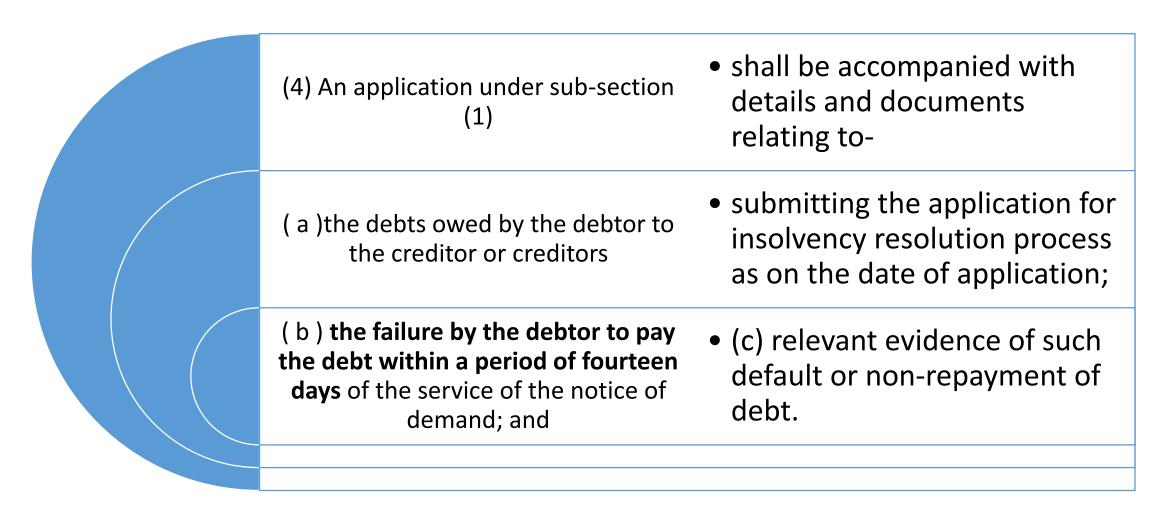
## (1) A creditor may apply either by himself,

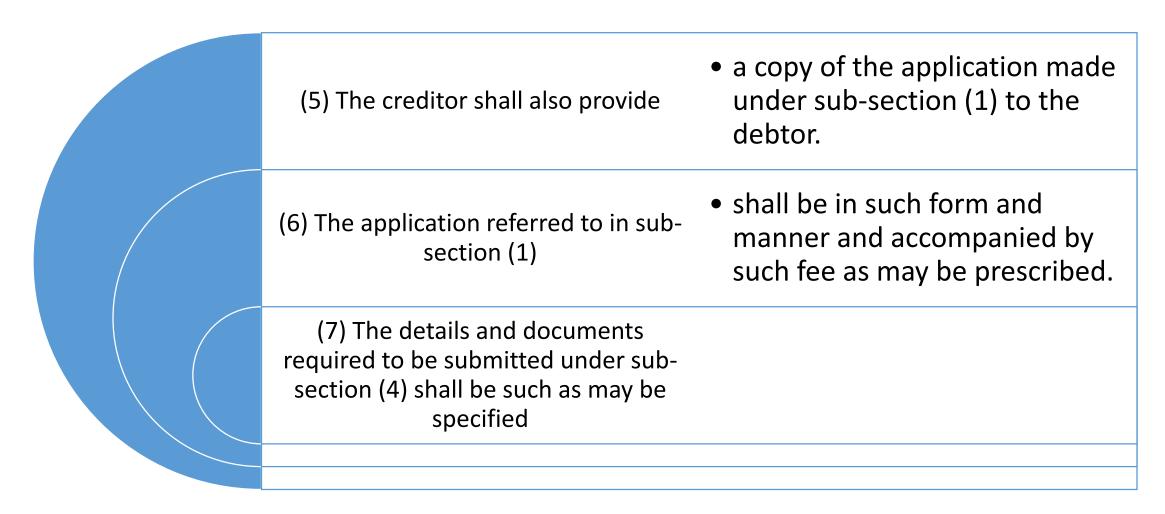
- or jointly with other creditors,
- or through a resolution professional to the Adjudicating Authority
- for initiating an insolvency resolution process under this section by submitting an application.

## (2) A creditor may apply under subsection (1)

- in relation to any partnership debt owed to him
- for initiating an insolvency resolution process
- against- (a) any one or more partners of the firm; or (b) the firm







#### 96. Interim- moratorium

(1) When an application is filed under section 94 or section 95 –

• (a) an interim-moratorium shall commence on the date of the application in relation to all the debts

and shall cease to have • on the date of admission effect

of such application; and

#### 96. Interim-moratorium

(b) during the interimmoratorium period –  (i) any pending legal action or proceeding in respect of any debt

shall be deemed to have been stayed; and

(ii) the creditors of the debtor **shall not** initiate

 any legal action or proceedings in respect of any debt.

#### 96. Interim-moratorium

(2) Where the application has been made in relation to a firm,

- the interim moratorium under sub-section (1)
- shall operate against all the partners of the firm
  - as on the date of the application.

(3) The provisions of sub-section (1)

- shall not apply to such transactions
- as may be notified by the Central Government in consultation with any financial sector regulator.

# (1) If the application under section 94 or 95

• is filed through a resolution professional,

### the Adjudicating Authority shall direct the Board

- within seven days of the date of the application
- to confirm that there are no disciplinary proceedings pending
- against resolution professional.

- (2) The Board shall within seven days of receipt of directions under sub-section (1)
- communicate to the Adjudicating Authority in writing either –
- (a) [either]confirming the appointment of the resolution professional;
- (b) [or]rejecting the appointment of the resolution professional

and nominating another resolution professional for the insolvency resolution process.

(3) Where an application under section 94 or 95 is filed and not through the by the debtor or the creditor himself, as the case may be, resolution professional, • within seven days of the the Adjudicating Authority shall direct the Board, filing of such application, to nominate a resolution professional for the insolvency resolution process.

(4) The Board shall nominate a resolution professional

• within ten days of receiving the direction issued by the Adjudicating Authority under sub-section (3).

(5) The Adjudicating Authority shall by order

- appoint the resolution professional recommended under sub-section (2)
  - or as nominated by the Board under sub-section (4).

(6) A resolution professional appointed by the Adjudicating Authority under subsection (5)

 shall be provided a copy of the application for insolvency resolution process

(1) Where the **debtor or the creditor** is of the opinion that

• the resolution professional appointed under section 97 is required to be replaced,

he may apply to the Adjudicating Authority

• for the replacement of the such resolution professional.

(2) The Adjudicating Authority shall,

- within seven days of the receipt of the application under sub-section (1)
- make a reference to the Board for replacement of the resolution professional

(3) The Board shall, within ten days of the receipt of a reference from the Adjudicating Authority under sub-section (2),

- recommend the name of the resolution professional to the Adjudicating Authority
  - against whom no disciplinary proceedings are pending.

(4) Without prejudice to the provisions contained in subsection (1),

- the creditors may apply to the Adjudicating Authority for replacement of the resolution professional
  - where it has been decided in the meeting of the creditors,
  - to replace the resolution professional with a new resolution professional
  - for implementation of the repayment plan.

(5) Where the Adjudicating Authority admits an application made under sub-section (1) or subsection (4),

- it shall direct the Board to confirm that
- there are no disciplinary proceedings pending against the proposed resolution professional.

(6) The Board shall send a communication within ten days of receipt of the direction under sub-section (5) • (a) **confirming** appointment of the nominated resolution professional; or • (b) rejecting appointment of the eithernominated resolution professional and recommend a new resolution professional.

(7) On the basis of the communication of the Board under sub-section (3) or subsection (6),

• the Adjudicating Authority shall pass an order appointing a new resolution professional.

(8) The Adjudicating
Authority may give directions
to the resolution professional
replaced under sub-section
(7) –

- (a ) to share all information with the new resolution professional in respect of the insolvency resolution process; and
- (b) to co-operate with the new resolution professional in such matters as may be required.

(1) The resolution professional shall examine the application referred to in section 94 or section 95, as the case may be,

- within ten days of his appointment,
- and submit a report to the Adjudicating Authority recommending for approval or rejection of the application.

(2) Where the application has been filed under section 95, the resolution professional may require the debtor to prove

- repayment of the debt claimed as unpaid by the creditor by furnishing –
- (a) evidence of electronic transfer of the unpaid amount from the bank account of the debtor;
- (b) evidence of encashment of a cheque issued by the debtor; or
- (c) a signed acknowledgment by the creditor accepting receipt of dues.

(3) Where the debt

- for which an application has been filed by a creditor is registered with the information utility,
- the debtor shall not be entitled to dispute the validity of such debt.
- (4) For the purposes of examining an application, the resolution professional may seek such further information or explanation in connection with the application as may be required
- from the debtor or the creditor or any other person
- who, in the opinion of the resolution professional, may provide such information

- (5) The person from whom information or explanation is sought under sub-section (4)
- shall furnish such information or explanation
- within seven days of receipt of the request.

- (6) The resolution professional shall examine the application and ascertain that –
- (a) the application satisfies the requirements set out in section 94 or 95;
- (b) the applicant has provided information and given explanation sought by the resolution professional under sub-section (4)

(7) After examination of the application under subsection (6),

 he may recommend acceptance or rejection of the application in his report.

(8) Where the resolution professional finds that the debtor is eligible for a fresh start under Chapter II,

- the resolution professional shall submit a report recommending that
- the application by the debtor under section 94 be treated as an application
- under section 81 by the Adjudicating Authority

(9) The resolution professional shall record the reasons

 for recommending the acceptance or rejection of the application in the report under sub-section (7).

(10) The resolution professional shall give a copy of the report under sub-section (7)

 to the debtor or the creditor, as the case may be.

#### 100. Admission or rejection of application

(1) The Adjudicating Authority shall,

- within fourteen days from the date of submission of the report under section 99
- pass an order either admitting or rejecting the application referred to in section 94 or 95, as the case may be.
- (2) Where the Adjudicating
   Authority admits an
  application under sub-section
  (1), it may, on the request of
  the resolution professional,
- issue instructions for the purpose of conducting negotiations between the debtor and creditors and for arriving at a repayment plan.

#### 100. Admission or rejection of application

(3) The Adjudicating Authority shall provide

- a copy of the order passed under subsection (1) along with the report of the resolution professional
  - and the application referred to in section 94 or 95, as the case may be,
- to the creditors within seven days from the date of the said order.

#### 100. Admission or rejection of application

(4) If the application referred to in section 94 or 95, as the case may be, is rejected by the Adjudicating **Authority** 

- on the basis of report submitted by the resolution professional
- or that the application was made with the intention
  - to defraud his creditors or the resolution professional,
- the order under sub-section (1) shall record that
- the creditor is entitled to file for a bankruptcy order under Chapter IV.

#### 101. Moratorium

(1) When the application is admitted under section 100,

- a moratorium shall commence in relation to all the debts
- and shall cease to have effect at the end of the period of one hundred and eighty days
  - beginning with the date of admission of the application
  - or on the date the
     Adjudicating Authority passes
     an order on the repayment
     plan under section 114,
  - whichever is earlier.

#### 101. Moratorium

(2) During the moratorium period-

- (a) any pending legal action or proceeding in respect of any debt shall be deemed to have been stayed;
- (b) the creditors shall not initiate any legal action or legal proceedings in respect of any debt; and
- (c) the debtor shall not
  - transfer, alienate, encumber or dispose of any of the assets
  - or his legal right or beneficial interest therein;

#### 101. Moratorium

(3) Where an order admitting the application under section 96

- has been made in relation to a firm,
- the moratorium under subsection (1)
- shall operate against all the partners of the firm.

(4) The provisions of this section

- shall not apply to such transactions
- as may be notified by the Central Government in consultation with any financial sector regulator.

#### 102. Public notice and claims from creditors

## (1) The Adjudicating Authority shall issue a public notice

- within seven days of passing the order under section
   100
- inviting claims from all creditors within twenty- one days of such issue.

In CIRP, the public notice is issued by IRP—whereas for Individuals and Partnership firms / partners it is issued by AA

- (2) The notice under sub-section (1) shall include—
- (a) details of the order admitting the application;
- (b) particulars of the resolution professional with whom the claims are to be registered; and
- (c) the last date for submission of claims.

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#### 102. Public notice and claims from creditors

(3) The notice shall be –

(a) published in at least one English and one vernacular newspaper which is in circulation in the state where the debtor resides;

(b) affixed in the premises of the Adjudicating Authority; and

(c) placed on the website of the Adjudicating Authority

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#### 103. Registering of claims by creditors

# (1) The creditors shall register claims with the resolution professional

- by sending details of the claims
  - by way of electronic communications or through courier, speed post or registered letter.

### (2) In addition to the claims referred to in sub-section (1),

- the creditor shall provide to the resolution professional,
- personal information and such particulars as may be prescribed.

#### 104. Preparation of list of creditors. -

- (1) The resolution professional shall prepare a **list of creditors** on the basis of –
- (a) the information disclosed in the application filed by the debtor under section 94 or 95, as the case may be;
- (b) claims received by the resolution professional under section 102.
- (2) The resolution professional shall **prepare the list** mentioned in subsection (1)
- within thirty days from the date of the notice

#### 105. Repayment plan

(1) The debtor shall prepare, in consultation with the resolution professional,

- a repayment plan containing a proposal to the creditors
- for restructuring of his debts or affairs.

(2) The repayment plan may authorise or require the resolution professional to –

- (a) carry on the debtor's business or trade on his behalf or in his name; or
- (b) realise the assets of the debtor; or
- (c) administer or dispose of any funds of the debtor

#### 105. Repayment plan

(3)The repayment plan shall include the following, namely: -

- (a) justification for preparation of such repayment plan and reasons on the basis of which the creditors may agree upon the plan;
- (b) provision for payment
   of fee to the resolution
   professional; (c) such other
   matters as may be
   specified.

#### 106. Report of resolution professional on repayment plan

(1) The resolution professional shall submit the repayment plan

under section 105 along with his report on such plan

to the Adjudicating
Authority within a
period of twenty-one
days

from the last date of submission of claims under section 102.

#### 106. Report of resolution professional on repayment plan

(2) The **report** referred in subsection (1) **shall include** that-

- (a) the repayment plan is in compliance with the provisions of any law for the time being in force;
- (b)the repayment plan has a reasonable prospect of being approved and implemented; and
- (c) there is a necessity of summoning a meeting of the creditors, if required, to consider the repayment plan:

Provided that where the resolution professional recommends that a meeting of the creditors is not required to be summoned, reasons for the same shall be provided.

#### 106. Report of resolution professional on repayment plan

(3) The report referred to in subsection (2)

 shall also specify the date on which, and the time and place at which, the meeting should be held if he is of the opinion that a meeting of the creditors should be summoned.

(4) For the purposes of sub-section (3) –

- (a) the date on which the meeting is to be held
  - shall be not less than fourteen days <u>and not</u> more than twenty-eight days from the date of submission of report under subsection(1
- (b) the resolution professional shall consider the convenience of creditors in fixing the date and venue of the meeting of the creditors.

#### 107. Summoning of meeting of creditors

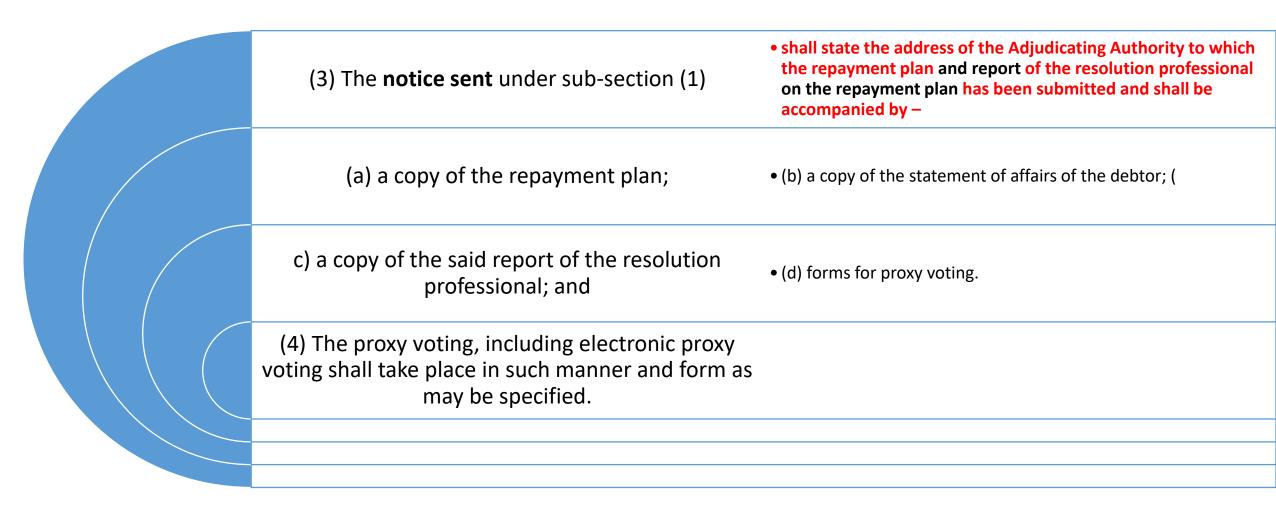
# (1) The resolution professional shall issue a notice

 calling the meeting of the creditors at least fourteen days before the date fixed for such meeting.

# (2) The resolution professional shall send the notice of the meeting

 to the list of creditors prepared under section 104.

#### 107. Summoning of meeting of creditors



#### 108. Conduct of meeting of creditors.

- (1) The meeting of the creditors shall be conducted
- in accordance with the provisions of this section
- and sections 109,110 and 111.

- (2) In the meeting of the creditors, the creditors may decide
- to approve, modify or reject the repayment plan.

#### 108. Conduct of meeting of creditors.

- (3) The resolution professional shall ensure that
- if modifications are suggested by the creditors,
- consent of the debtor shall be obtained for each modification.
- (4) The resolution professional may for a sufficient cause
- adjourn the meeting of the creditors for a period of not more than seven days at a time.

#### 109. Voting rights in meeting of creditors

#### (1) A creditor shall be entitled to vote

- at every meeting of the creditors
- in respect of the repayment plan
- in accordance with voting share assigned to him.

### (2) The resolution professional shall determine voting share

 to be assigned to each creditor in the manners specified by the Board

#### 109. Voting rights in meeting of creditors

(3)A creditor shall not be entitled to vote

 in respect of a debt for an unliquidated amount.

(4) A creditor shall not be entitled to vote in a meeting of the creditors if he—

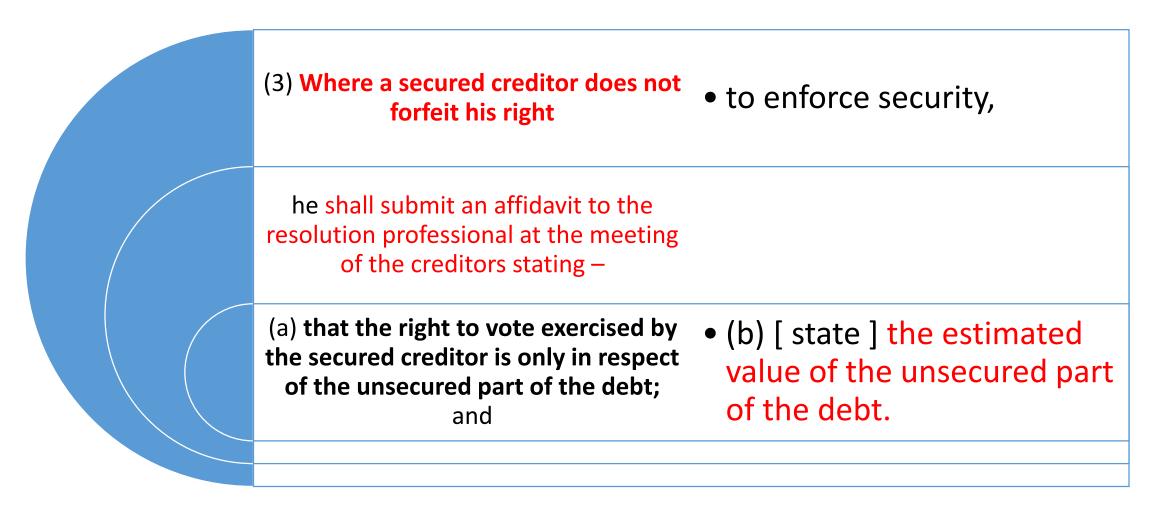
- (a) is not a creditor
   mentioned in the list of
   creditors under section 104; or
- (b ) is an associate of the debtor

(1) Secured creditors shall be entitled

• to participate and vote in the meetings of the creditors.

(2) A secured creditor participating in the meetings of the creditors and voting

 in relation to the repayment plan shall forfeit his right to enforce the security during the period of the repayment plan in accordance with the terms of the repayment plan.



(4) In case a secured creditor participates in the voting on the repayment plan by submitting an affidavit under sub-section (3),

• the secured and unsecured parts of the debt shall be treated as separate debts.

(5) The concurrence of the secured creditor shall be obtained

 if he does not participate in the voting on repayment plan but provision of the repayment plan affects his right to enforce security.

Explanation. For the purposes of this section, "period of the repayment plan" means

- the period from the date of the order passed under section 114
- till the date on which the notice is given by the resolution professional under section 117
- or report submitted by the resolution professional under section 118, as the case may be.

#### 111. Approval of repayment plan by creditors

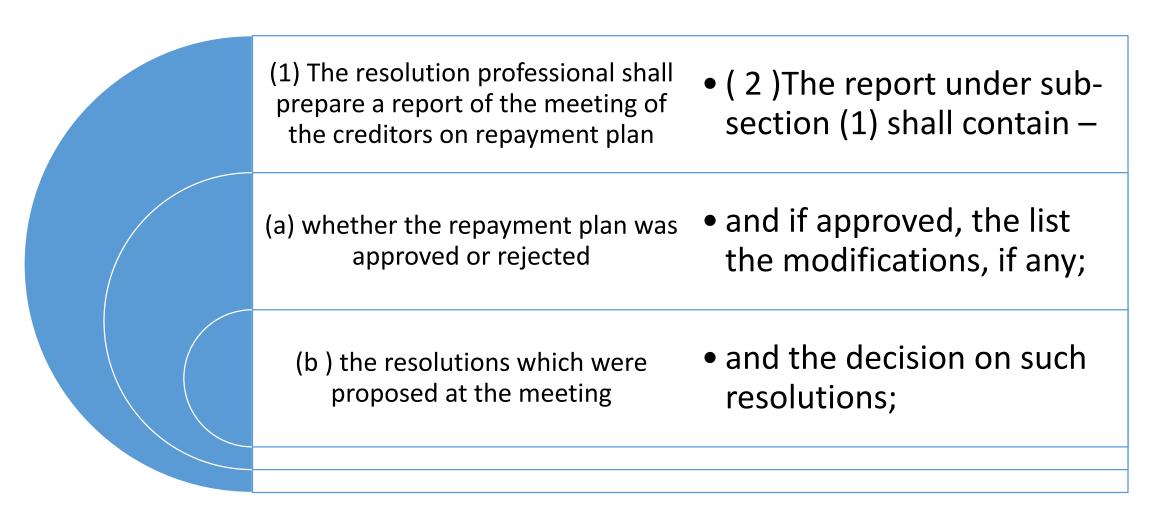
The repayment plan or any modification to the repayment plan

shall be approved by a majority of

 more than three-fourth in value of the creditors present in person or by proxy

and voting on the resolution in a meeting of the creditors.

#### 112. Report of meeting of creditors on repayment plan



#### 112. Report of meeting of creditors on repayment plan

(2) The report under subsection (1) shall contain

- (c) list of the creditors who were present or represented at the meeting,
- and the voting records of each creditor for all meetings of the creditors; and
- (d) such other information as the resolution professional thinks appropriate
- to make known to the Adjudicating Authority.

#### 113. Notice of decisions taken at meeting of creditors

# The resolution professional shall provide

- a copy of the report of the meeting of creditors prepared under section 99
- to (a) the debtor;
- (b) the creditors, including those who were not present at the meeting; and
- (c) the Adjudicating Authority

#### 114. Order of Adjudicating Authority on repayment plan

(1) The Adjudicating Authority shall by an order

- approve or reject the repayment plan
- on the basis of the report of the meeting of the creditors
- submitted by the resolution professional under section 112:

Provided that where a meeting of creditors is not summoned,

• the Adjudicating Authority shall pass an order on the basis of the report prepared by the resolution professional under section 106.

#### 114. Order of Adjudicating Authority on repayment plan

(2)The order of the Adjudicating Authority approving the repayment plan

 may also provide for directions for implementing the repayment plan.

(3) Where the Adjudicating Authority is of the opinion

- that the repayment plan requires modification, it may direct the resolution professional
- to re-convene a meeting of the creditors
- for reconsidering the repayment plan.

#### 115. Effect of order of Adjudicating Authority on repayment plan

# (1) Where the Adjudicating Authority

 has approved the repayment plan under section 114,

## the repayment plan shall –

- (a) take effect as if proposed by the debtor in the meeting; and
- (b) be binding on creditors mentioned in the repayment plan and the debtor.

#### 115. Effect of order of Adjudicating Authority on repayment plan

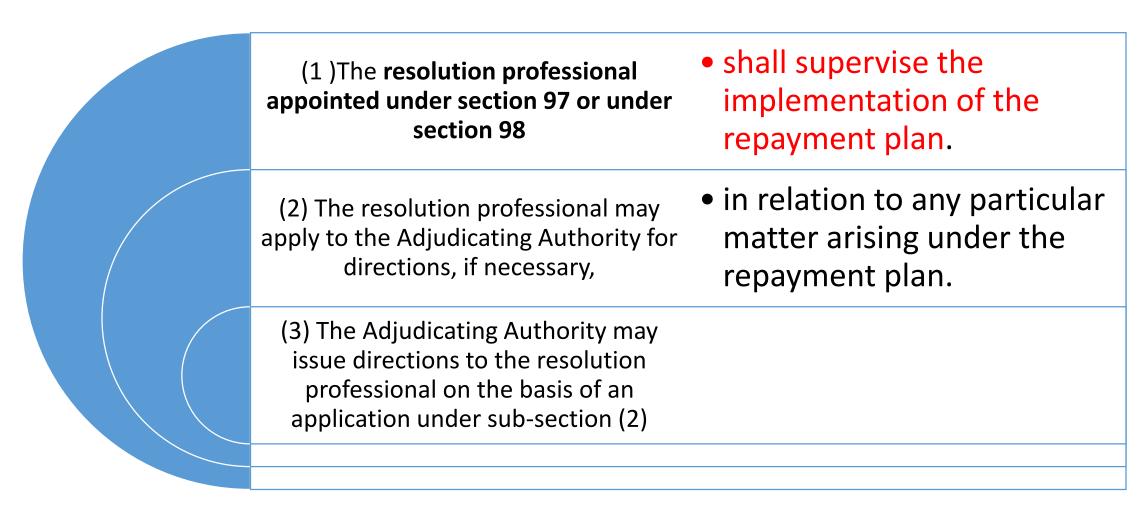
(2)Where the Adjudicating Authority rejects the repayment plan under section 114,

 the debtor and the creditors shall be entitled to file an application for <u>bankruptcy</u> under Chapter IV.

(3) A copy of the order passed by the Adjudicating Authority under sub-section (2)

 shall be provided to the Board, for the purpose of recording an entry in the register referred to in section 196.

#### 116. Implementation and supervision of repayment plan



#### 117. Completion of repayment plan

(1) The resolution professional shall

 within fourteen days of the completion of the repayment plan,

forward to the persons who are bound by the repayment plan under section 115 and the Adjudicating Authority, the following documents, namely –

 (a) a notice that the repayment plan has been fully implemented; and

#### 117. Completion of repayment plan

forward to the persons who are bound by the repayment plan under section 115 and the Adjudicating Authority, the following documents, namely

(b) a copy of a report by the resolution professional

- summarising all receipts and payments made in pursuance of the repayment plan
- and extent of the implementation of such plan as compared with the repayment plan approved by the meeting of the creditors.

#### 117. Completion of repayment plan

(2) The resolution professional may apply to the Adjudicating Authority

to extend the time mentioned in sub-section (1) for such further period not exceeding seven days.

(1) A repayment plan shall be deemed to have come to an end prematurely

- if it has not been fully implemented
- in respect of all persons bound by it within the period as mentioned in the repayment plan.

(2) Where a repayment plan comes to an end prematurely

 under this section, the resolution professional shall submit a report to the Adjudicating Authority which shall state

(a) the receipts and payments made in pursuance of the repayment plan;

• (b) t h e reasons for premature end of the repayment plan; and

(c) the details of the creditors whose claims have not been fully satisfied.

# (3) The Adjudicating Authority shall pass an order

- on the basis of the report submitted under subsection (2) by the resolution professional
- that the repayment plan has not been completely implemented.

(4) The debtor or the creditor,

- whose claims under repayment plan have not been fully satisfied,
- shall be entitled to apply for a bankruptcy order under Chapter IV.

(5) The Adjudicating Authority shall forward to the persons bound by the repayment plan under section 115, a copy of the

- (a) report submitted by the resolution professional to the Adjudicating Authority under subsection (2); and
- (b) order passed by the Adjudicating Authority under sub-section (3).

(6)The Adjudicating Authority shall forward a copy of the order passed under subsection (4) to the Board,

 for the purpose of recording entries in the register referred to in section 196.

#### 119. Discharge order

(1) On the basis of the repayment plan,

- the resolution professional shall apply to the Adjudicating Authority
- for a discharge order in relation to the debts mentioned in the repayment plan and
- the Adjudicating Authority may pass such discharge order.

#### 119. Discharge order

• (a) early discharge; or (2) The repayment plan may provide • (b)discharge on complete for – implementation of the repayment plan. (3) The discharge order shall be • for the purpose of recording entries in forwarded to the Board, the register referred to in section 196. (4) The discharge order under subsection (3) shall not discharge any other person from any liability in respect of his debt.

#### 120. Standard of conduct.

# The resolution professional shall perform

 his functions and duties in compliance with the code of conduct

provided under section 208