
Limited or partial insolvency practitioner authorisation
Insolvency Service
(Department for Business, Innovation and Skills)
RPC rating: validated

Description of proposal

The measure removes the requirement for insolvency practitioners to be authorised in both personal and company insolvency disciplines. Previously all practitioners were required to pass the relevant examinations for both disciplines, even if they intended to specialise in one area.

Impacts of proposal

The majority of the benefits will be to individuals who will no longer be required to pay for examinations for which will not be relevant to their subsequent specialisation. The Department estimates around 20 individuals will save £620 each year. The Department expects there to be some benefits to businesses providing training, with a small increase in the number of individuals wanting to undertake training in relation to a single discipline. The Department also expects insolvency businesses to benefit from the reduced restrictions on the qualification requirements to act as an insolvency practitioner. The Department has not attempted to monetise these impacts

The RPC verifies the estimated equivalent annual net direct cost to business (EANDCB) of zero. As the proposal relates to the regulatory requirements for acting as an insolvency practitioner, and as such relates to the regulation of business, this will be a qualifying regulatory provision that will score under the business impact target.

Quality of submission

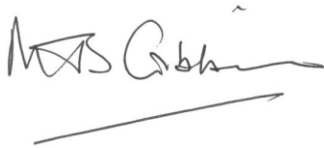
The Department has provided sufficient information to support the assessment of the costs of the proposal as zero for reporting purposes. While it does not affect the validation of the EANDCB, the assessment appears to consider the benefits to individuals from not paying for examinations as a benefit to business. The assessment would benefit from discussing whether those currently undertaking the examinations would be paying themselves, or whether those costs would be funded by business.

Departmental assessment

Classification	Qualifying regulatory provision (OUT)
Equivalent annual net cost to business (EANCB)	Zero

RPC assessment

Classification	Qualifying regulatory provision (OUT)
EANCB – RPC validated ¹	Zero
Business Impact Target (BIT) Score ¹	Zero
Small and micro business assessment	Not required (deregulatory)



Michael Gibbons CBE, Chairman

¹ For reporting purposes, the RPC validates EANCB and BIT score figures to the nearest £100,000.