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Dear [REDACTED]

Re: Freedom of Information Act 2000 (FOIA) Request

Thank you for your email of 21 August 2025 in which you requested from the Insolvency Service (the agency):

"I am making this request under the Freedom of Information Act 2000.

Please provide the following information held by the Insolvency Service regarding the Rating (Coronavirus) and Directors Disqualification (Dissolved Companies) Act 2021 ("the 2021 Act"):

1. *Total usage since commencement: The number of occasions the Insolvency Service has used the powers introduced by the 2021 Act to seek directors' disqualification (i.e., cases where the Service issued disqualification proceedings or accepted a disqualification undertaking and relied on the dissolved-companies provisions introduced by the 2021 Act). Please provide the total since the Act came into force and, if readily available, a breakdown by financial year.*
2. *Ongoing cases: The number of live/ongoing disqualification cases brought under the 2021 Act's dissolved-companies provisions as at the date of your response (including proceedings issued but not yet concluded and cases where an undertaking has been sought but not yet accepted/refused).*

Format request

- *Please supply the figures in a reusable format (CSV or Excel). Suggested columns:*
 - *Year (if providing a breakdown)*
 - *Cases seeking disqualification under the 2021 Act (issued or undertakings accepted)*
 - *Ongoing cases under the 2021 Act (as at response date)*

Clarifications to assist you

- *If your systems record "use of the 2021 Act" differently, please provide your nearest equivalent counts and explain any differences.*

- *If records are not held by financial year, please provide calendar-year figures and state which basis you have used.*
- *If part of this request risks exceeding the cost limit, please provide what can be disclosed within the limit and, under s.16 FOIA, advise how I might refine the remainder.*

Administrative points

- *I understand you will respond within 20 working days under s.10 FOIA.*
- *If any requested information is not held, please state this clearly.*
- *If any exemptions are applied, please identify them and explain your reasoning.*
- *Please include any brief data definitions or caveats used internally.*

Many thanks for your assistance.”

Your request has been dealt with under the Freedom of Information Act 2000 (FOIA).

I can confirm the agency holds the information that you have requested, and I have provided answers to your questions below.

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	2022/23	2023/24	2024/25	2025/26 (Up to Aug 25)
Disqualifications Achieved	23	36	13	0

For information, the earliest Disqualification was in June 2022.

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In total there are 4 on-going cases. The categories current stage (as of today) that they reside in are as follows:

Investigation Ongoing	Submitted but Awaiting ATP Decision	ATP Granted	S16 Letter Sent	Proceedings Issued
1	0	0	0	3

Complaints

If you are not satisfied with the response we have provided to you and would like us to reconsider our decision by way of an internal review (IR), please contact our Information Rights team within 40 working days of this letter at foi@insolvency.gov.uk or by post at:

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You also have the right to contact the Information Commissioner's Office (ICO) if you wish for them to investigate any complaint you may have regarding our handling of your request. However, please note that the ICO is likely to expect an IR to have been completed in the first instance.

Yours sincerely

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<https://www.gov.uk/government/organisations/insolvency-service/about/personal-information-charter>