



## **Proof of Debt Guidance Notes**

(Please read carefully before filling in Form 535 or Form 536)

It is a creditor's responsibility to prove their claim to our satisfaction.

When lodging claims, creditors must ensure:

- the proof of debt form is properly completed in every particular; and
- evidence, as set out under "Information to support your claim", is attached to the Form 535 or Form 536.

### **Directions for completion of a Proof of Debt**

1. Insert the full name and address of the creditor.
2. Under "Consideration" state how the debt arose, for example "goods sold to the company on \_\_\_\_\_".
3. Under "Remarks" include details of any documents that substantiate the debt (refer to the section "Information to support your claim" below for further information).
4. Where the space provided for a particular purpose is insufficient to contain all the information required for a particular item, please attach additional information.

### **Information to support your claim**

Please note that unless you provide evidence to support the existence of the debt, your debt is not likely to be accepted. Detailed below are some examples of debts creditors may claim and a suggested list of documents that should accompany a proof of debt to substantiate the debt.

#### **Trade Creditors**

- Invoice(s) and statement(s) showing the amount of the debt; and
- Advice(s) to pay outstanding invoice(s) (optional).

#### **Guarantees/Indemnities**

- Executed guarantee/indemnity;
- Notice of Demand served on the guarantor; and
- Calculation of the amount outstanding under the guarantee.

#### **Judgment Debt**

- Copy of the judgment; and
- Documents/details to support the underlying debt as per other categories.

#### **Deficiencies on Secured Debt**

- Security Documents (eg. mortgage);
- Independent valuation of the secured portion of the debt (if not yet realised) or the basis of the creditor's estimated value of the security;
- Calculation of the deficiency on the security; and
- Details of income earned and expenses incurred by the secured creditor in respect of the secured asset since the date of appointment.

**Loans (Bank and Personal)**

- Executed loan agreement; and
- Loan statements showing payments made, interest accruing and the amount outstanding as at the date of appointment.

**Tax Debts**

- Documentation that shows the assessment of debts, whether it is an actual debt or an estimate, and separate amounts for the primary debt and any penalties.

**Employee Debts**

- Basis of calculation of the debt;
- Type of Claim (e.g. wages, holiday pay, etc);
- Correspondence relating to the debt being claimed; and
- Contract of Employment (if any).

**Leases**

- Copy of the lease; and
- Statement showing amounts outstanding under the lease, differentiating between amounts outstanding at the date of the appointment and any future monies.