

PROBLEM DEBT? IN A BIND? WE'LL HELP YOU FIND SOME PEACE OF MIND.

We understand that facing up to financial challenges can be an extremely difficult and stressful time. However, you should be reassured to know that there are options available and, with the right advice and support, you can look forward to a more financially secure future.

We take great pride in assisting our clients and will review your individual circumstances and discuss your financial objectives and the options available to develop the best solution for you. We are regulated by the Financial Conduct Authority.



One phone call to mlm Solutions and one interview later, I felt that the weight of the world had been lifted from me."

OUR EXPERTISE

» Debt Arrangement Scheme (DAS)

A DAS is an alternative option to formal insolvency. It is a process whereby your creditors agree to extend the repayment period to pay off your debts. In a DAS, you agree to make one payment either monthly or weekly. Interest and charges are “frozen” during the agreed term of your DAS and are written off once the payment term is complete. Your adviser will review your individual circumstances to assess the level of payment you can afford. The term of the DAS will be dependent on the level of payment and the amount of your debt.

Once approved by creditors, the DAS provides protection from further debt recovery action by your creditors. The DAS allows you to deal with your debt in a way that does not affect your assets, although a creditor could obtain an inhibition against your property, which prevents the sale unless the debt is settled. The DAS is recorded on the DAS register which is a public record and there are strict limits on the amount and type of credit you can obtain whilst in a DAS.

What will it cost?

Monthly Management Fee + Potential Set up costs.

How long does it last?

Until debts are paid in full.

Can creditors take further action?

No, as long as the arrangement is agreed and adhered to.

Where is it recorded?

DAS Register.

Are my assets involved?

No (unless you decide to include assets in your proposal).

» Business Debt Arrangement Scheme (BDAS)

A BDAS is an alternative option to formal insolvency for partnerships, trusts or an unincorporated body of persons.

Like DAS it is a process whereby your creditors agree to extend the repayment period to pay off your debts. In a BDAS, you agree to make one payment either monthly or weekly. Interest and charges are “frozen” during the agreed term of your DAS and are written off once the payment term is complete. Your adviser will review your individual circumstances to assess the level of payment you can afford. The maximum term for a BDAS is 5 years. The viability of a BDAS is signed off by a Licenced Insolvency Practitioner.

Once approved by creditors, the BDAS provides protection from further debt recovery action by your creditors. The BDAS allows you to deal with your debt in a way that does not affect your assets, although a creditor could obtain an inhibition against your property, which prevents the sale unless the debt is settled. The BDAS is recorded on the DAS register which is a public record and there are strict limits on the amount and type of credit you can obtain whilst in a BDAS. However you can maintain ongoing creditors required to run your business.

What will it cost?

Monthly Management Fee + Potential Set up costs.

How long does it last?

Maximum term is 5 years.

Can creditors take further action?

No, as long as the arrangement is agreed and adhered to.

Where is it recorded?

DAS Register.

Are my assets involved?

No (unless you decide to include assets in your proposal).

» Protected Trust Deed

A “Protected” Trust Deed is an agreement between you and an insolvency practitioner who acts as your Trustee. A Trust Deed is a legally binding document which involves the voluntary transfer of your assets and liabilities to your Trustee for the benefit of your creditors.

You must have assets and/or disposable income to fund the process and pay a dividend to your creditors. Your Trustee will prepare a proposal to creditors confirming how the Trust Deed will be funded, what assets are included and how much they can expect to receive. Assuming the requisite number of creditors do not object to the terms of the Trust Deed it will become “protected” which means that creditors are bound by the terms and cannot pursue you for settlement of their debt. If the Trust Deed does not become protected you would have to revisit your options, including Sequestration.

Protected Trust Deeds normally last for a period of four years, but all are reviewed on an individual basis. Entering a Trust Deed can affect the terms of your employment and your credit rating and lead to your Sequestration. Trust Deeds are recorded in the Register of Insolvencies (ROI).

What will it cost?

Fees are paid from the realisation of assets and/or agreed contributions.

How long does it last?

Normally 4 years, but that can vary.

Can creditors take further action?

Not once the trust deed gains “protected” status.

Where is it recorded?

Register of Insolvencies.

Are my assets involved?

Yes.

» Sequestration (Bankruptcy)

Sequestration is the Scottish legal term for bankruptcy. You can be made bankrupt by a creditor, which would involve a court process, or you can petition for your own bankruptcy by submitting an application to the Accountant in Bankruptcy on the basis you meet the appropriate criteria. When submitting your application you can "nominate" an insolvency practitioner to act as your Trustee or alternatively, the Accountant in Bankruptcy will be appointed.

Your Trustee will administer your bankruptcy and notify your creditors of your situation. Creditors should then deal directly with your Trustee. You will no longer pay your unsecured debts; however your Trustee will assess your income and expenditure to establish if you are able to make a financial contribution towards your bankruptcy. If you are assessed to pay a contribution you will pay for up to four years. The Trustee also has a duty to value your assets and look to realise any potential value for the benefit of your creditors. You will normally be discharged from your debts after 1 year. Once discharged, you cannot be pursued for the debts which were included in your bankruptcy.

There are certain debts which you remain liable to pay e.g. student loans and fines. All Sequestrations are recorded in the Register of Insolvencies (ROI) and may result in you being refused credit (even after discharge).

What will it cost?

Fees are paid from the realisation of assets and/or agreed contributions.

How long does it last?

At present discharge is normally after 1 year although contribution can be paid for 4 years.

Can creditors take further action?

No.

Where is it recorded?

Register of Insolvencies.

Are my assets involved?

Yes.

Asset Type	Included in Sequestration?
Rented Accommodation	No
Owned Property (with no equity)	Yes. One off payment of £500
Owned Property (with equity)	Yes. Agreed equity only
Motor Vehicle valued over £3,000	Yes
Motor Vehicle valued less than £3,000	No
Motor Vehicle on finance	Only what it is worth over the level of finance
Personal Pension Plan	No
Endowment Policy	Yes
Life Insurance Policy	No (unless surrender value)
Shares & Investments	Yes
Investment Property	Yes
Inheritance	Yes
Debtors (Money Owed)	Yes
Household Contents	No

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ANYONE CAN FIND THEMSELVES WITH DEBTS THAT THEY STRUGGLE TO REPAY. AT MLM WE UNDERSTAND HOW MONEY WORRIES AFFECT EVERYDAY LIFE. OUR ADVISERS CAN HELP YOU TAKE CONTROL OF YOUR FINANCES AND GET YOU BACK ON THE ROAD TO FINANCIAL RECOVERY.

WHY MLM SOLUTIONS?

- » Specialise in personal and business debt solutions
- » Core personal solutions team has over 40 years' experience
- » Telephone coverage until 11pm during the week and 8pm at weekends
- » Free, confidential and no obligation, 'options review' consultation
- » Expertise in each of the most commonly used personal debt solution options
- » Empathetic team committed to providing open and honest advice
- » Work with clients to develop a personal debt management plan
- » Single point of contact and full transparency throughout the case

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