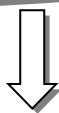


Bankruptcy: How to get a certificate of discharge

Pursuant to Rule 92 of the Bankruptcy Rules, a discharged bankrupt can apply to the High Court for a certificate of discharge (“the certificate”).
(Note 1)



Contact the trustee to obtain a letter confirming no objection to the issuance of the certificate. **(Note 2)**



Bring the letter to the High Court Registry at Lower Ground 1 (LG1) of the High Court Building to make the application.



Follow the procedures of the High Court.

[The High Court has prepared a leaflet on “Guidance Notes for applying a certificate of discharge” to assist the applicants. It can be downloaded at Judiciary’s website (https://www.judiciary.hk/doc/en/court_services_facilities/hc/guidance_notes_for_a_application.pdf) or can be obtained from the High Court Information Counter at the Ground Floor and Resource Centre for Unrepresented Litigants and High Court Registry at Lower Ground 1 (LG1) respectively of the High Court Building.]

Note 1: Note the length of time which may be required for processing the application by the High Court.

Note 2: For bankruptcy cases where the Official Receiver is the trustee, the discharged bankrupt can directly apply for the No-objection Letter online via the Official Receiver's Office Electronic Submission System (<https://ess-public.oro.gov.hk/>). Upon the application having been approved, the discharged bankrupt can download and print out the No-objection Letter and then bring it to the High Court to apply for the certificate. (N.B. A bankrupt’s mobile number and email address will be used for communication and/or authentication during the online application process. Bankrupts should therefore keep the Official Receiver’s Office informed of his/her updated mobile number and email address accordingly). Alternatively, the discharged bankrupt or his/her solicitor (if a discharged bankrupt is legally represented) may contact the Case Officer for the letter.

For bankruptcy cases where someone else is the trustee, the discharged bankrupt should contact his/her trustee (not the Official Receiver) for the letter.

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