

User guide: Applying for an AA Fund grant through the ASIC Regulatory Portal— 'Director Banning'

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About this guide

This guide is for registered liquidators acting in the capacity as liquidator of an assetless company.

It sets out how to apply for funding from the Assetless Administration Fund (AA Fund) through the ASIC Regulatory Portal (portal). It applies to an application for an AA Fund grant for 'Director Banning'.

Note: For guidance on how to apply for one of the other two types of AA Fund grant, see <u>User guide: Applying for an AA Fund grant through the ASIC Regulatory Portal—'Matters</u> <u>other than Director Banning'</u> and <u>User guide: Applying for an AA Fund grant through the</u> <u>ASIC Regulatory Portal—'Asset Recovery'</u>.

Disclaimer

This guide does not constitute legal advice. We encourage you to seek your own professional advice to find out how the *Corporations Act 2001* and other applicable laws apply to you, as it is your responsibility to determine your obligations.

Examples in this guide are purely for illustration; they are not exhaustive and are not intended to impose or imply particular rules or requirements.

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A Overview of the application process

Key points

The purpose of this guide is to help registered liquidators and their staff use the ASIC Regulatory Portal to apply for a grant from the Assetless Administration Fund (AA Fund) for 'Director banning'.

This section provides an overview of the application process, including:

- general information on the AA Fund guidelines and the substantiation guide to grant guidelines;
- a flowchart that highlights key steps in the application process;
- a checklist of the key information that you will need for your application; and
- information about attachments to your application.

About the AA Fund

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- The AA Fund was established by the Australian Government and is administered by ASIC. Relevant to this guide, it funds preliminary investigations and reports by registered liquidators into the failure of companies with few or no assets if it appears to us that enforcement action may result from the investigation and report.
- 2 Applications for a grant from the AA Fund must be made through the ASIC Regulatory Portal. This guide will help registered liquidators and their staff use the portal to apply for an AA Fund grant. These applications are called 'transactions' in the portal.

Note: For more information on the AA Fund, see our <u>Assetless Administration Fund</u> page. For more information on the portal, see our <u>Regulatory Portal</u> page.

- 3 This guide is not intended to replace your firm's procedures or to guarantee funding. Its purpose is to help you to give ASIC the information that we need to consider your grant application under the relevant Commonwealth grant guidelines.
- 4 Guidelines on the types of grant opportunity (grant guidelines) are published on the Australian Government's grant information system, <u>GrantConnect</u>, in accordance with the Department of Finance's requirements. To access the grant guidelines and annexures, you need to register as a user on GrantConnect.
- 5 This guide does not override the requirements of the relevant grant guidelines.

6 This guide specifically provides guidance on 'Funding for a supplementary report for a possible director banning'. This is primarily to assist ASIC to determine whether to disqualify a person from managing corporations under s206F or 206GAA of the *Corporations Act 2001* (Corporations Act).

Grant guidelines and substantiation guides

- 7 Registered liquidators can apply for two broad categories of AA Fund grant:
 - (a) funding for a supplementary report for a 'Director banning' or for 'Matters other than director banning'; and
 - (b) funding to take action for 'Asset recovery'.
 - When applying for an AA Fund grant, you should consider the grant guidelines and the <u>substantiation guide to grant guidelines</u>. Grant guidelines are the governing document for grants and contain information about:
 - (a) the grant program, including annual funds allocated by the government;
 - (b) eligibility criteria, including who is and is not eligible, and what 'assetless' means;
 - (c) what enforcement action ASIC might consider in relation to funding a supplementary report under s533(2) of the Corporations Act;
 - (d) consideration of what is sufficient evidence that is or is likely to become available;
 - (e) the relationship between ASIC's 'Request Assistance for External Administration' program and AA Fund eligibility;
 - (f) what grant money can and cannot be used for;
 - (g) the grant selection process, including how grants are assessed and approved;
 - (h) what happens with a successful application; and
 - (i) the review process for unsuccessful applications.
 - If a supplementary report under s533(2) of the Corporations Act is an expected output of the funding, the grant guideline also incorporates a substantiation guide, which provides indicators of the types of information or evidence that need to be provided to support the alleged misconduct. The substantiation guide is a helpful reference when completing the application, especially the section on the misconduct details: see paragraph 74 of this guide.
- 10 Table 1 provides an overview of the resources for the three types of AA Fund grant.

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Funding type	Grant guidelines and substantiation guides	How to apply through the ASIC Regulatory Portal
Director banning—funding for a supplementary report for a possible director banning as director or court proceedings for serious misconduct	<u>Director banning grant</u> guidelines (PDF 283 KB) <u>Substantiation guide to grant</u> guidelines	See this guide User guide: Applying for an AA Fund grant through the ASIC Regulatory Portal—'Director Banning'
Matters other than director banning—funding for a supplementary report in relation to court proceedings for serious misconduct (also known as 'Matters other than director banning')	<u>Matters other than director</u> <u>banning grant guidelines</u> (PDF 290 KB) <u>Substantiation guide to grant</u> <u>guidelines</u>	See <u>User guide: Applying for</u> <u>an AA Fund grant through the</u> <u>ASIC Regulatory Portal</u> <u>'Matters other than Director</u> <u>Banning'</u>
Asset recovery—funding to take action to recover assets	Asset recovery grant guidelines (PDF 289 KB)	See <u>User guide: Applying for</u> <u>an AA Fund grant through the</u> <u>ASIC Regulatory Portal—</u> <u>'Asset Recovery'</u>

Table 1: Resources—Grant guidelines, substantiation guides, and guidance on how to apply through the ASIC Regulatory Portal

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For more information about the grant guidelines, together with relevant documents, see our <u>Assetless Administration Fund guidelines</u> page.

Process for applying for an AA Fund grant

- 12 To apply for an AA Fund grant through the ASIC Regulatory Portal, there are three key steps:
 - (a) start a new transaction on the portal (see Section B);
 - (b) prepare your application for submission, including ensuring that you have all the information that ASIC requires to consider your application (see Table 2 and Section C); and
 - (c) review your draft application, check all attachments are included, make the relevant declarations, and then lodge your application through the portal (see Section D).
- 13 Figure 1 provides an overview of the process. It will help you to navigate this guide and provide the information ASIC requires to consider your application.



Figure 1: Process for applying for a grant from the AA Fund

Note 1: The first sections of the application process are the same for 'Director banning' and 'Matters other than director banning'.

Note 2: For the process in this flowchart, see Sections B, C and D (accessible version).

Ensuring that you have all the relevant information

14 To help you consider the information required by ASIC before submitting an application, Table 2 provides a checklist of the key items that you will need.

Table 2: Checklist of key items for 'Director ba	anning' funding application
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Information required	Paragraph reference in this guide	Do you have the required information?
Registered liquidator details, including the firm's ABN	26–28	Yes/No
Company details	29	Yes/No
Details about the appointment (e.g. date and method of appointment)	30–32	Yes/No
Whether the liquidation meets the 'assetless' definition under the relevant grant guidelines	33–35	Yes/No
Details about the initial statutory report lodged under s533(1) of the Corporations Act	36–41	Yes/No
Details about the company's books and records	44–49	Yes/No
The company's estimated net realisable assets (for three timeframes)	50	Yes/No
Information about the creditors	51–55	Yes/No
Liquidator receipts, payments, remuneration and disbursements incurred to date	56–62	Yes/No
The expected timeframe to prepare the supplementary report	65	Yes/No
Detailed information about the alleged misconduct, including about:	67–85	Yes/No
 the directors and other people subject to the report or action; 		
 the relevant breaches or contraventions of the Corporations Act, including when, where and how they occurred; 		
 the financial detriment to the company caused by the alleged misconduct; and 		
• the evidence you hold to support the alleged misconduct (with electronic copies ready to upload)		
A completed substantiation guide (see Table 1)	10	Yes/No
A copy of your firm's charge-out rates	No paragraph reference	Yes/No

Attaching documents to your application

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- Each document attached to the application is limited to 25 MB. The attachment types are limited to:
 - (a) documents: DOC, DOCX, XLS, XLSX, PPT, PPTX, PDF, CSV, TXT and RFT; and
 - (b) images: BMP, GIF, JPG, JPEG, PNG, TIF and TIFF.

16 Table 3 summarises where documents can be attached in the application.

Description of attachment	Number of allowable attachments	Paragraph reference in this guide
Summary of receipts and payments (if applicable)	1	56–58
Summary of remuneration/disbursements (if applicable)	1	56–58
Additional information on the alleged misconduct	1	67–85

Table 3: Summary of application attachments

17 The maximum number of attachments is three. If you wish to provide further documents to accompany the application, you may combine those documents together as *one* PDF document, attach it as one document and include an index at the start of the attachment identifying each separate document. It may be most convenient to attach this at the end of the application when attaching receipts and payments (see paragraph 57).

18 Table 4 has examples of additional information you should consider providing with your application.

Document type	Useful information
Creditor listing	A breakdown of all categories of creditors
Reports to creditors	Background details, explanation of the company's failure, other information that may help describe the alleged misconduct
Diagrams	An explanation of complex business structures or illegal schemes

Table 4: Other information to support your application

Note: This is not an exhaustive list of possible additional information.

If the document size is greater than 25 MB, please answer 'Yes' to the question 'Advise whether you have any additional information you wish to provide in support of your application' (see paragraphs 83 and 84). The information can then be provided to the assigned ASIC team member.

B Start a new transaction

Key points

This section explains how to:

- choose a transaction to start your application by logging into the ASIC Regulatory Portal; and
- set any access restrictions that you may need for your transaction.

Choose a transaction

- 20 To start your application for an AA Fund grant, you will first need to log in to the <u>ASIC Regulatory Portal</u>. After you have logged in:
 - (a) click 'Transactions' on the menu ribbon; and
 - (b) select 'Start a new transaction'.

		Switch	<u>entity</u> ,	/ <u>Connect to another en</u>	<u>tity</u>		2	A	<u>Help Log out</u>
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Messag	View all transaction	ons							
Messag	Start a new transa	action							

21 Under the heading 'External administrations and controllerships (formerly Insolvency)', select the transaction 'Submit request for assetless administration funding'. This is an application for grant funding in accordance with the grant guidelines.



22 Click '+ Launch transaction' after you have read and considered the information relating to the transaction that appears on your screen.

		Switch entity	/ <u>Connect to another</u>	<u>r entity</u>		2	A	<u>Help Log out</u>
Dashboard	Transactions 🔻	Messages	Administration	- Notices	Transaction groups 🔻			
Submit	request fo	r assetl	ess admir	nistratio	n funding			
About t	his transaction							-
What yo	ou will need							-
Applical	ole fees or levies							-
Regulate	ory guides and relate	ed information						-
Your pri	vacy							-
🕂 Lau	nch transaction							

Set access restrictions for the transaction

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- An access restriction allows the registered liquidator to control which ASIC
 Regulatory Portal users (including registered liquidator's staff who have
 been granted access by the registered liquidator) can access the transaction.
 You might use this function in the following situations:
 - (a) when your firm's procedures restrict access to this type of transaction from other staff members; and/or
 - (b) when specific staff members have delegated roles within the portal.
- 24 Set the access restriction for the transaction you need. For further instructions on how to restrict access, see <u>Regulatory portal user guide: How</u> <u>to restrict a transaction or a transaction group</u>.



C Prepare your application for submission

Key points

This section explains the information that you will need to prepare your application for submission on the ASIC Regulatory Portal, including:

- the general background information required for your application;
- the specific information needed about the external administration; and
- the detailed information about the alleged misconduct that ASIC requires to consider your application.

Complete all background information

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- The required background information includes:
 - (a) the liquidator details;
 - (b) the company details;
 - (c) details about the appointment;
 - (d) information on whether the liquidation meets the 'assetless' definition; and
 - (e) information needed to meet the funding criteria, such as whether an initial statutory report has been submitted under s533(1) of the Corporations Act.

Liquidator details

- 26 Check that the pre-filled registered liquidator's details are correct.
- If the details are incorrect or blank, do not proceed with the transaction. You will be unable to make the required declaration as to the truth and accuracy of the information in the application until the information ASIC holds is corrected and then pre-filled into the application.
- 28 Enter the liquidator firm's ABN and click the 'Next' button to continue.

Background Information	Background information
Liquidator details	background information
Company details	✓ Liquidator details
Appointment details	
Assetless definition	Privacy Collection Notice
Funding criteria	information below.
Funding request	
Contact details	Registration number
Review	
Declaration	Given name
Confirmation	
	Other given name(s)
	Family name
	Pre-filled information We have pre-filled the information above from ASIC records. If the pre-filled information is incorrect, you will be unable to make the
	required declaration as to the truth and accuracy of the information in this document. In this case, you must not submit the document until the information ASIC holds is corrected and then pre-filled into this document.
	For more information, please see our FAQs.
	* Enter liquidator firm Australian Business Number (ABN)
	11 digit ABN, Ex: 123456789(
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Company details

29 Complete the 'Company details'.

Background Information Liquidator details	Background information			
Company details	 Company details 			
Appointment details Assetless definition	Enter Australian Company Number (ACN) or Australian Peristered Body Number (ADBN) of the company Joint wound-up			
	9 digit ACN, Ex: 123456789			
Funding criteria				
Funding request				
Contact details	O Back O Next			
Review				
Declaration				
Confirmation				

Appointment details

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Complete the 'Appointment details'.

The date of appointment is the date the applicant was appointed as liquidator to the winding up of the company.



If the 'Method of appointment' is 'Court appointed', complete the field 'Specify the name of the petitioning creditor'. You should use the name as it appears in the winding up order.

Background Information	Background information
Liquidator details	
Company details	✓ Appointment details
Appointment details	Date of appointment
Assetless definition	
Funding criteria	Method of appointment
Funding request	Creditors voluntary liquidation
Contact details	Court appointed
Review	Specify the name of the petitioning creditor
Declaration	
Confirmation	Are you jointly appointed with another liquidator?
	⊖ Yes
	⊖ No
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'Assetless' definition

To determine whether the liquidation meets the 'assetless' definition, see the relevant grant guidelines listed in Table 1.

Background Information	Background information
Liquidator details	
Company details	 Assetless definition
Appointment details	Does the company meet the 'assetless' definition contained in Assetless Administration Fund Guidelines?
Assetless definition	⊖ Yes
Funding criteria	⊖ No
Funding request	
Contact details	For more information on the definition of 'assetless' – see Assetless Administration Fund Guidelines.
Review	
Declaration	
Confirmation	O Back □ Save ○ Next

If the external administration holds more than the 'net realisable asset' threshold for a grant (currently \$10,000—see the schedule of the relevant grant guidelines), explain how the company meets the 'assetless' definition. Table 5 provides an example of an explanation.

Item	Amount
Liquidator's cash on hand	\$30,000
Less:	
Approved and unbilled/undrawn liquidator's time costs (i.e. work in progress)	(\$25,000)
Unpaid out-of-pocket expenses (e.g. legal costs)	(\$2,000)
Net realisable assets for the purpose of determining eligibility for grants from the AA Fund	\$3,000

Table 5: Example calculation of 'assetless'

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Provide your 'net realisable assets' calculation together with the summary of receipts and payments: see Table 3.

Funding criteria

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You will need to confirm that the incumbent registered liquidator has lodged a report under s533(1) of the Corporations Act. This may have been lodged as a Form EX01 (on or before 29 March 2020) or as an initial statutory report (on or after 30 March 2020).

Background Information Liquidator details	Background information
Company details	✓ Funding criteria
Appointment details	* Have you submitted an initial statutory report under <533(1) of the Corporations Act 2001?
Assetless definition	○ Yes
Funding criteria	
Funding request	
Contact details	G Back Back Save O Next
Review	
Declaration	
Confirmation	

- 37 If you answered 'No' to this question, you should stop making your application. An eligibility criterion in applying for funding under the AA Fund is that the liquidator has lodged an initial statutory report under s533(1).
- 38 If you answered 'Yes' to this question, you will need the transaction reference number of the previous initial statutory report transaction (or the document number for a Form EX01).

Background Information	Background information
Liquidator details	Buckground mornation
Company details	✓ Funding criteria
Appointment details	 Have you submitted an initial statutory report under s533(1) of the Compositions Act 20012
Assetless definition	 Yes
Funding criteria	O No
Funding request	* What was the transaction reference number of the previous lodgement with ASIC?
Contact details	
Review	Q Validate reference number
Declaration	
Confirmation	
	C Back

For an initial statutory report, you can find the transaction reference number at the beginning of the report in the field 'Reference Number'.

Submit insolvency initial statute	ory report
Document Number	1U0000000
Reference Number	12345
Create Date	1/01/2022 12:00:00 PM
Lodgement Date	1/01/2022 12:00:00 PM

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40 For a Form EX01, you can find the document number in the top right of the form.

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Schedule B of Regulatory Guide 16 Report to ASIC under s422, s438D or s533 of the Corporations Act 2001 or for statistical purposes

If you use a document number from a Form EX01 that you lodged on or before 29 March 2020, you will receive an 'Invalid reference number' message after you click 'Validate reference number'. Ignore the message and proceed by clicking 'Next'.

Background Information	Background information
Liquidator details	Duckground information
Company details	✓ Funding criteria
Appointment details	Have you submitted an initial statutory report under \$533(1) of the Corporations Act 2001?
Assetless definition	
Funding criteria	○ No
Funding request	* What was the transaction reference number of the previous lodgement with ASIC?
Contact details	123456789
Review	Q Validate reference number
Declaration	Invalid reference number
Confirmation	No ASIC Regulatory Portal record exist for the reference number you have entered.
	What you can do • Check the reference number from your initial portal submission and try again. • If your reference number is from a previous submission you made on another ASIC online service, disregard this message and proceed. Image: Save Descent State Image: Back

Complete specific funding request information

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This section includes details about the specific funding request information that is required for your application:

- (a) the general type of funding requested (i.e. for a supplementary report);
- (b) details about the company's books and records;

- (c) the estimated net realisable assets;
- (d) creditor profile details;
- (e) details about the registered liquidator's fees and disbursements; and
- (f) the specific grant funding being applied for (i.e. for 'Director banning').

Type of funding requested

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For 'Director banning', select 'Funding for a supplementary report in relation to possible director banning as director or court proceedings for serious misconduct'.

Note 1: The specific funding type (i.e. 'Director banning') is selected later: see paragraph 63.

Note 2: 'Court proceedings for serious misconduct' refers to ASIC-initiated court proceedings, not those initiated by the registered liquidator to recover assets.

Background Information	Funding request
Funding request	
Type of funding requested	 Type of funding requested
Books and records	• Which of the following types of funding are you applying for?
Relevant assets	 Funding for a supplementary report in relation to possible director banning as director or court proceedings for serious misconduct
Creditor profile	 Funding to take action to recover assets
Registered liquidator fees and disbursements	
Funding application type	O Back Save Next
Contact details	
Review	
Declaration	
Confirmation	

Books and records

44 Provide information about the company's books and records.

45 Advise whether you have obtained all the company's books and records.

- (a) If you answered 'No', continue to paragraph 46.
- (b) If you answered 'Yes', continue to paragraph 47.

Background Information	Funding request
Funding request	i unung request
Type of funding requested	 Books and records
Books and records	Have you obtained all the company books and records?
Relevant assets	⊖ Yes
Creditor profile	⊖ No

46 If you have not obtained all the company books and records, additional text boxes open so that you can provide more details. Table 6 gives guidance on how to complete these boxes.

 Books and records 	
Have you obtained all the company books and records?	
⊖ Yes	
No	
Explain why you have not obtained all the company books and records	
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Have you applied under the External Administrator Compliance Assistance Program?	
⊖ Yes	
⊖ No	
Have you asked the following persons to deliver the company's books and records	
Director(s)	
Former director(s)	
Officer(s)	
Former officer(s)	
External accountant	
External solicitor	
External advisor	
Other	

Table 6: Guidance on completing the general books and records questions

Question	Guidance
Explain why you have not obtained all the company books and records	This will assist ASIC to understand the circumstances of not being able to obtain the company's books and records
Have you applied under the External Administrator Compliance Assistance Program?	This is also known as 'Request Assistance for External Administration' (it was previously known as the Liquidator Assistance Program)
	If you have not applied for assistance, explain why the assistance program is not relevant in the circumstances. Provide this information with your answer to the question 'Explain why you have not obtained all the company books and records'
	For more information about asking for assistance, see our <u>Request assistance for external administration</u> page

Question	Guidance
Have you asked the following persons to deliver the company's books and records?	This will assist ASIC to understand whether the company's officers and advisers have been cooperative during the external administration and also to consider whether further evidence can be made available

47 Advise what types of books and records are in your possession by selecting the relevant types.

Registered liquidator fees and	What types of books do you have in your possession?
disbursements	Advice received by the company prior to liquidation
Funding application type	□ All correspondence, Annual Returns and ASIC forms
	Asset register
Contact details	Accounting software (e.g. MYOB)
Review	Bank account statements, bank reconciliations and bank loan documents
	Cash records
Declaration	Company computers/servers
Confirmation	Computer back-up discs
	Creditors records
	Data images from servers
	Deeds (e.g. trust deeds, deeds of settlement)
	External advice (e.g. legal/ accounting/restructuring)
	Financial statements
	General ledger
	General journal
	Job/customer files
	Minutes of meetings of directors and/or members
	Registers
	□ Sale Agreement(s) for the sale of the business/assets prior to liquidation
	Sales/debtor records
	Statutory lodgements
	Stock listings
	Wage records and superannuation records
	Work-in-progress records
	Working papers
	Contracts/agreements
	Loan documents
	Tax records
	□ Other

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Advise what types of books and records you expected to be maintained but have not been provided to you, considering the size and operations of the company, by selecting the relevant types.

Given the size and operations of the company, what books would you expect the company to have maintained but have not been provided to you?
□ Advice received by the company prior to liquidation
All correspondence, Annual Returns and ASIC forms
Asset register
Accounting software (e.g. MYOB)
Bank account statements, bank reconciliations and bank loan documents
Cash records
Company computers/servers
Computer back-up discs
Creditors records
Data images from servers
Deeds (e.g. trust deeds, deeds of settlement)
External advice (e.g. legal/ accounting/restructuring)
Financial statements
General ledger
General journal
Job/customer files
Minutes of meetings of directors and/or members
Registers
□ Sale Agreement(s) for the sale of the business/assets prior to liquidation
Sales/debtor records
Statutory lodgements
Stock listings
Wage records and superannuation records
Work-in-progress records
Working papers
Contracts/agreements
Loan documents
Tax records
□ Other

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Advise whether the circumstances of the company justify making an application under s530C for a warrant to search for and seize the company's property or books.

- (a) If you answered 'Yes' and wish to seek funding for this, discontinue using this guide and see the respective question within the <u>User guide:</u> <u>Applying for an AA Fund grant through the ASIC Regulatory Portal</u>.
 <u>'Matters other than Director Banning'</u> and continue on from that point.
- (b) If you answered 'No', continue to paragraph 50.

Do the circumstances of the company justify the making of an application under section 530C for a warran company's property or books?	nt to search for and seize
⊖ Yes	
⊖ No	
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Relevant assets

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Complete the 'estimated net realisable assets' of the company for the three timeframes asked. If necessary, keep a working paper of how you arrived at the three amounts—noting that this is a point-in-time assessment.

Background Information	Funding request
Funding request	
Type of funding requested	✓ Relevant assets
Books and records	What is the estimated net realisable assets of the company?
Relevant assets	As at the date of this explication
Creditor profile	
Registered liquidator fees and disbursements	Within 12 months from date of funding application
Funding application type	
Contact details	Expected after 12 months from date of funding application
Review	
Declaration	
Confirmation	
	Save Save Next

Creditor profile

- 51 Complete the information about the company's creditors. Again, as this is a point-in-time assessment, you should keep a working paper to support the disclosures made.
- 52 To complete the information in each of the columns in the creditor profile table 'What are the number of creditors and their estimated liability for each of the following?':
 - (a) *Number* (first column)—Insert the total number of each type of creditor (excluding related party creditors).
 - (b) *Estimated liability* (second column)—Insert the total liability of each type of creditor (excluding related party creditors).

- (c) *Related party number* (third column)—Insert the total number of related party creditors.
- (d) *Related party estimated liability* (fourth column)—Insert the total estimated liability of related party creditors.

Background Information	Funding reques	;t			
Funding request	i anang reques				
Type of funding requested	 Creditor profile 				
Books and records					
Relevant assets	Provide the requested information ab	out the compa	ny's creditors in the table below.	Where these totals inc	lude related parties,
Creditor profile	include the number and amount owin	g in the right c	olumns.		
Registered liquidator fees and disbursements	What are the number of creditors and	their estimated	l liability for each of the followin	g?	
Funding application type	Type of creditor	Number	Estimated liability	Related party	Related party
Contact details				number	estimated liability
Review	Secured creditors				
Declaration	Priority (employees)				
Confirmation	Statutory creditors				
	Other unsecured/Trade creditors				
		0	\$0	0	\$0

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Advise whether there are other types of creditors.

- (a) If you answered 'Yes', continue to paragraph 54.
- (b) If you answered 'No', continue to paragraph 55.

 Yes No 	Are there any other creditors?		
⊖ No	⊖ Yes		
	⊖ No		

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If there are other types of creditors, you will be required to provide information on the 'other types of creditors' by populating three additional fields:

- (a) *Specify other creditor*—Insert some examples of other creditors, including contingent creditors, partly secured creditors and investors.
- (b) *Number*—Insert the total number of each type of other creditor identified.
- (c) *Estimated liability*—Insert the total liability of each type of other creditor identified.

Are there any other creditors?		
Yes		
⊖ No		
What are the number of credit	ors and their estimated liability for each of the	following?
Specify other creditor	Number	Estimated liability
		• Add another creditor
	0	\$0

When you have completed all of the requested information in the creditor profile section, the grand 'Total number' of creditors and the 'Total estimated liability (\$)' are automatically calculated, including for any 'other creditors' listed.

Background Information	Funding reques	;t			
Funding request	r unung reques				
Type of funding requested	 Creditor profile 				
Books and records					
Relevant assets	Provide the requested information ab	out the compa	ny's creditors in the table belo	w. Where these totals inc	lude related parties,
Creditor profile	include the number and amount owin	g in the right o	olumns.		
Registered liquidator fees and disbursements	What are the number of creditors and	their estimated	l liability for each of the follow	ring?	
Funding application type	Type of creditor	Number	Estimated liability	Related party	Related party
Contact details				number	estimated liability
Review	Secured creditors				
Declaration	Priority (employees)				
Confirmation	Statutory creditors				
	Statutory creditors				
	Other unsecured/Trade creditors				
		0	\$0	0	\$0
	Are there any other creditors?				,
	⊖ Yes				
	() No				
	Total number of creditors and estimate	ed liability			
	Total number		Total estimated	d liability (\$)	
	0		\$0.00		

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Registered liquidator fees and disbursements

- 56 Complete the information about the receipts and payments, and remuneration and disbursements, incurred in the liquidation.
 - (a) If there have been receipts and payments in the liquidation to date, continue to paragraph 57.
 - (b) If remuneration and disbursements have been incurred to date, continue to paragraph 58.

Background Information	Funding request
Funding request	r unung request
Type of funding requested	 Registered liquidator fees and disbursements
Books and records	Have there been any receipts and payments in the liquidation to date?
Relevant assets	⊖ Yes
Creditor profile	○ No
Registered liquidator fees and	Has the liquidator incurred remuneration and disbursements to date?
disbursements	⊖ Yes
Funding application type	⊖ No
Contact details	Specify remuneration and disbursements (if applicable) that have been approved by creditors or by the court but not yet paid
Review	
Declaration	
Confirmation	O Back O Next

If you answered 'Yes' to the question 'Have there been any receipts and payments in the liquidation to date?', you will be asked to provide gross receipts and payments, and to attach a summary of receipts and payments. If there has been a preceding voluntary administration, you will need to include receipt of any amount transferred to the liquidation and any payments made with respect to the voluntary administration period. This information will assist ASIC with considering whether the company has met the 'assetless' definition.



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58 If you answered 'Yes' to the question 'Has the liquidator incurred remuneration and disbursements to date?', you will be asked to provide the gross remuneration and the gross disbursements, and to attach a summary of remuneration and disbursements.



What to include in 'gross remuneration'

- ⁵⁹ 'Gross remuneration' is the total amount of time costs accrued/accumulated by the liquidator and their staff for the necessary work properly performed, up to the date the application is submitted (whether these costs are billed, unbilled/drawn, unpaid or written off, and whether approved or not by the creditors or by the court). If another method has been used to calculate the remuneration, provide an explanation with the summary of remuneration and disbursements.
- 60 The gross remuneration should also take into account the voluntary administrator's remuneration, if paid in the liquidation or if remaining unpaid.

What to include in 'gross disbursements'

- 61 'Gross disbursements' is the total amount of expenses accrued/accumulated by the liquidator for the necessary work properly performed, up to the date the application is submitted (whether these expenses are billed, unbilled/drawn, unpaid or written off, and whether approved or not by the creditors or by the court).
- 62 The gross disbursements should also take into account the voluntary administrator's disbursements, if paid in the liquidation or if remaining unpaid.

Funding application type

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- You now need to choose the specific grant being applied for:
 - (a) 'Funding for a supplementary report in relation to a possible ASIC director banning'—If you select this option, ASIC will consider disqualifying a director from managing corporations under s206F of the Corporations Act.
 - (b) 'Funding for a supplementary report in relation to court proceedings for serious misconduct' (i.e. 'Matters other than director banning')—If you select this option, ASIC will consider commencing our own investigation or taking enforcement action: see <u>User guide: Applying</u> <u>for an AA Fund grant through the ASIC Regulatory Portal—'Matters</u> <u>other than Director Banning'</u>.

Note 1: 'Court proceedings for serious misconduct' refers to ASIC-initiated court proceedings, not those initiated by the registered liquidator to recover assets.

Note 2: If you believe your matter is suitable for both categories, select the 'court proceedings for serious misconduct' option (and refer to <u>User guide: Applying for an</u> <u>AA Fund grant through the ASIC Regulatory Portal—'Matters other than Director</u> <u>Banning</u>').

Background Information	Funding request
Funding request	Tunung request
Type of funding requested	 Funding application type
Books and records	* What funding are you applying for?
Relevant assets	 Funding for a supplementary report in relation to a possible ASIC director banning
Creditor profile	O Funding for a supplementary report in relation to court proceedings for serious misconduct
Registered liquidator fees and disbursements	Will you require more than six weeks to produce this report? O Yes
Funding application type	O No
Contact details	Do you agree to be bound by the terms set out in the Assetless Administration Fund Guidelines, if approval is granted?
Review	O Yes O No
Declaration	
Confirmation	Save Save Next

- 64 Different questions will be asked depending on what type of supplementary report you are applying to be funded to prepare.
- 65 You should note that for supplementary reports prepared for a possible director banning, ASIC will generally request that the report be completed in six weeks. If you need more than six weeks to complete the report, select 'Yes'. This will open two additional questions 'How much time do you need?' and 'What are the reasons you require more time?'. Be as detailed as you can in your responses.

Background Information	Funding request
Funding request	
Type of funding requested	 Funding application type
Books and records	* What funding are you applying for?
Relevant assets	 Funding for a supplementary report in relation to a possible ASIC director banning
Creditor profile	 Funding for a supplementary report in relation to court proceedings for serious misconduct
Registered liquidator fees and	Will you require more than six weeks to produce this report?
disbursements	⊖ Yes
Funding application type	○ No
Contact details	Do you agree to be bound by the terms set out in the Assetless Administration Fund Guidelines, if approval is granted?
Review	⊖ Yes ⊖ No
Declaration	
Confirmation	
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To continue with your application, you must agree in advance of a potential future approval to be bound by the terms of the grant guidelines: see Table 1.

Background Information	Funding request
Funding request	r unung request
Type of funding requested	 Funding application type
Books and records	* What funding are you applying for?
Relevant assets	 Funding for a supplementary report in relation to a possible ASIC director banning
Creditor profile	○ Funding for a supplementary report in relation to court proceedings for serious misconduct
Registered liquidator fees and	Will you require more than six weeks to produce this report?
disbursements	⊖ Yes
Funding application type	○ No
Contact details	Do you agree to be bound by the terms set out in the Assetless Administration Fund Guidelines, if approval is granted?
Deriferer	⊖ Yes
Review	⊖ No
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Provide detailed information about the alleged misconduct

67 This part of the application asks you to provide specific details about the alleged misconduct.

Director banning matters

68 Advise whether you have information that supports the belief that there has been unlawful phoenix activity (see the <u>illegal phoenix activity</u> page on our website) or that a person may have committed other offences or misconduct.



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All current directors recorded in ASIC's system are populated in a 'dropdown' list. You then need to select from the drop-down list all those directors who are relevant to the application. This means that they are the directors about whom you are reporting misconduct and consider should be the subject of a supplementary report. (See paragraph 71 for instructions about shadow/de facto directors.)

Background Information	Funding request
Funding request	
Type of funding requested	▼ASIC director banning
Books and records	Do you have information that supports the helief there has been illegal phoenix activity or that a person may have committed other
Relevant assets	offences or misconduct?
Creditor profile	○ Yes ○ No
Registered liquidator fees and disbursements	Select the director/s relevant to this funding application
Funding application type	
ASIC director banning	Director's name
Misconduct details	Sugar Cane
Contact details	 Is this director relevant to this funding application?
Review	⊖ Yes
Declaration	0 No
Confirmation	
	Are there additional defacto or shadow director/s relevant to this funding application?
	○ Yes
	Save Save Save Save Next

70 If you select a director(s) as being relevant, you will need to complete the additional questions about the director that open up (e.g. whether the director is known by another name, whether you have had contact with them and details of their appointment and cessation (if applicable) from the company.

Select the director/s relevant to this funding application
✓ Sugar Cane
Director's name
Sugar Cane
* Is this director relevant to this funding application?
Yes
⊖ No
Is this director known by any other name?
⊖ Yes
⊖ No
Have you had email phone or in-person contact with the director?
Yes
○ No
* What was the date of appointment of the director?
DD/MM/YYYY
What was the date of cessation of the director?
DD/MM/YYYY
• Has the director been a director of at least one other company that went into liquidation in the last seven years either: (a) at the time that they were a director of that other company: or (b) within 12 months of them ceasing to be a director of that other company?
⊖ Yes
⊖ No

If the director relevant to this application had or has also been a director of at least one other company that went into liquidation in the last seven years, please answer 'Yes' to the relevant question. Note that they must have been a director of that other company at the time of its liquidation or within 12 months of them ceasing to be a director of that other company. You will then be prompted for the required information about this other company or companies. You can add more companies by clicking '+ Add another company'.

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) Yes	
) No	
You can find the definitions of rela	ated and associated companies in s50 and 50AAA of the <i>Corporations Act 2001</i> .
<u></u>	
 Company name 	
Australian Company Number (ACN	N) or Australian Registered Body Number (ARBN)
9 digit ACN, Ex: 123456789	
Company name	
If money has been advanced to the	e company under the Fair Entitlements Guarantee Act 2012 for the purpose of paying ommonwealth received, or is it likely to receive, a return of less than 10 cents in the do
employee entitlements, has the Co the advance?	
employee entitlements, has the Co the advance? O Yes	
employee entitlements, has the Co the advance? Ves No	
employee entitlements, has the Co the advance? Ves No Unknown	

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Advise whether there are additional de facto or shadow director(s) relevant to the funding application. This means that they are not listed in the dropdown list of directors, but are people about whom you are reporting misconduct and consider should be the subject of a supplementary report.

Background Information	Eunding request
Funding request	i unung request
Type of funding requested	▼ASIC director banning
Books and records	Do you have information that supports the belief there has been illegal phoenix activity or that a person may have committed other
Relevant assets	offences or misconduct?
Creditor profile	 ○ Yes ○ No
Registered liquidator fees and disbursements	Select the director/s relevant to this funding application
Funding application type	- Super Cape
ASIC director banning	Sugar Carle
Misconduct details	Sugar Cane
Contact details	* Is this director relevant to this funding application?
Review	⊖ Yes
Declaration	O No
Confirmation	
	Are there additional defacto or shadow director/s relevant to this funding application?
	⊖ Yes
	○ No
	Save Save Next

73 If you answered 'Yes' to the 'additional person(s)' question, provide details of the additional people. You can add more people by clicking '+ Add another Director / Shadow Director'.

The trible additional defacto of shadow director/s rep	levant to this funding application?
Yes	
O No	
Add additional defacto or shadow director/s	
▼ Director	
* Given name	
Other given name(s)	
• Family name	
Date of birth	
DD/MM/YYYY	
* Is this director known by any other name?	
⊖ Yes	
O No	
Period from	
DD/MM/YYYY	
Period to	
Period to	
Period to DD/MM/YYYY	
Period to DD/MM/YYYY • Has the shadow/defacto director been a director (a) at the time that they were a director of that o	r of at least one other company that went into liquidation in the last seven years ei)ther company: or (b) within 12 months of them ceasing to be a director of that oth
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Misconduct details

- 74 Based on the evidence available or that may become available, consider what breaches or contraventions of the Corporations Act or other legislation (e.g. the *Crimes Act 1914* or the *Criminal Code Act 1995*) are relevant to the funding you are seeking.
- 75 Select the relevant breaches or contraventions of the Corporations Act and select the director(s) relevant to the breaches or contraventions. See the substantiation guide to grant guidelines for possible breaches.

Background Information	Funding request	
Funding request	r unung request	
Type of funding requested	 Misconduct details 	
Books and records		
Relevant assets	▼ Item	
Creditor profile	 Which of the following provisions of the Corporations Act 2001 do you consider may have been breached (you can select more than one)? 	
Registered liquidator fees and	Click here to see options	
	Select the ASIC identified directors relevant to the alleged breach (you can select more than one)	
Funding application type	Click here to see options	
ASIC director banning	 Describe the relevant alleged misconduct and/or alleged breaches of the Corporations Act or other legislation 	
Misconduct details		
Contact details		
Review		

If there are multiple types of misconduct for which you seek funding to conduct further investigations, at the bottom of the page, click '+ Add more' to supply details of other alleged misconduct.

Background Information Funding request	Funding request	
Type of funding requested	 Misconduct details 	
Books and records		
Relevant assets	▶ Item	
Creditor profile		• Add more
Registered liquidator fees and disbursements		
Funding application type	Back	🖺 Save 🛛 🛛 Next
ASIC director banning		

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Provide a description of the relevant misconduct and/or alleged breaches of the Corporations Act. You can also choose to provide the additional information as an attachment to the application. See paragraphs 15–19 on how to attach additional documents.

Background Information	Funding request
Funding request	
Type of funding requested	 Misconduct details
Books and records	
Relevant assets	▼ Item
Creditor profile	* Which of the following provisions of the Corporations Act 2001 do you consider may have been breached (you can select more than one)?
Registered liquidator fees and disbursements	Click here to see options
	Select the ASIC identified directors relevant to the alleged breach (you can select more than one)
Funding application type	Click here to see options
ASIC director banning	* Describe the relevant alleged misconduct and/or alleged breaches of the Corporations Act or other legislation
Misconduct details	
Contact details	
Review	

78 To help ASIC understand the alleged misconduct, ensure that, if possible, you include the information in Table 7. You must consider and provide relevant information and/or evidence suggested by the substantiation guide: see Table 1.

Information to help describe the alleged misconduct	Explanatory notes
Who committed the misconduct?	Identify the people who committed the alleged misconduct
What happened?	Describe the alleged misconduct (e.g. illegal phoenix transaction, misappropriation of funds, fraud scheme)
When did the misconduct occur?	Specify the date or date range of the transaction(s) subject to the alleged misconduct
Where did the alleged misconduct occur?	Give details of the location of the alleged misconduct, which might include a physical address or state
How did it occur?	Describe how the subjects may have conducted the alleged misconduct
	Supply any information that might explain what may have caused the subjects to engage in the alleged misconduct. Include details of any possible defences
Impact caused?	This is your estimate of the financial detriment to the company caused by the alleged misconduct
Evidence available?	This should include a list of the documentary evidence already obtained and details of any evidence that could be obtained (e.g. by way of public examination)

Table 7: Key information to help describe alleged misconduct

Note: See paragraphs 15–19 for information on how to attach additional documents to your application.

79 Advise w	hen the alleged misconduct occurred.
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DD/MM/YYYY	
o date	

80 Advise whether the misconduct is continuing and whether there is history of the alleged misconduct by the relevant people.



81 Advise whether there are mitigating circumstances or likely defences that may be available to the relevant people.

Are there mitigating circumstances or likely defences that may be available to the relevant person(s)? Yes No

82 If you answered 'Yes' to the question of mitigating circumstances or likely defences available, provide details of what these are.

Τ	Are there mitigating circumstances or likely defences that may be available to the relevant person(s)?
	Yes
	○ No
	Provide detail

83 Advise whether you have any additional information you wish to provide in support of your application.

Do you have any additional information on the alleged misconduct that you would like to provide?

Yes
No

84 If you answered 'Yes', provide additional information. You can either provide the information in the free text box or attach a document. See paragraphs 15–19 on how to attach additional documents.

o you have an	y additional information on the alleged misconduct that you would like to provide?	
Yes		
O No		
Provide the a	dditional information	
Attach relate	1 document	
	S	
+ Add file		

85 If you answered 'Yes' to any of these questions, provide further details in support of your answer. Table 8 provides some examples of the types of information you could provide. See paragraph 19 on providing additional information.

Table 8: Examples of additional information to provide for alleged continuing misconduct, history of alleged misconduct and possible defences

Other information relevant to the application	Examples of additional information (if available)
Alleged continuing misconduct	 Examples include: the identity of the entity continuing the alleged misconduct; details about what has led you to allege or suspect that the conduct is continuing; details of how the alleged misconduct is continuing; details of any person(s) harmed by the continuing misconduct; and documents supporting the allegation or suspicion that the misconduct is
History of alleged misconduct	 continuing Examples include: whether the alleged misconduct occurred in other company failures; written complaints to an authority by clients, customers or creditors; court judgements, Administrative Appeals Tribunal decisions, professional or industry association decisions that refer to the misconduct of the person of interest; and documents to support the history of alleged misconduct

Other information relevant to the application	Examples of additional information (if available)
Mitigating circumstances or likely defences	 Examples include: evidence to support claims of illness; details of other person(s) responsible for the alleged misconduct, including names, addresses and contact details; evidence that the person of interest was unknowingly acting on poor or negligent advice from an adviser, including copies of the advice given, and the name and contact details of the adviser; and evidence that the person(s) of interest repaid or compensated the company (whether partially or in full) for the harm caused by the alleged misconduct

Contact details

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The 'Contact details' screen shows information about the transaction notifications and messages. You should read this and then click 'Next' to go to the summary of the application.

Background Information	Contact details
Funding request	Contact details
Contact details	 Contact for this transaction
Contact for this transaction	
Review	We will send an email Notification to both the submitter of this transaction and the entity Senior administrator/s for which it is
Declaration	submitted if we send any Messages about this transaction in the portal. If you wish for someone other than the submitter or the entity Senior administrator/s to respond to Messages in the portal, you should invite them to connect to your entity and give them Approve
Confirmation	access or above. They will not receive Notifications but will be able to view and respond to messages about the transaction.
	Note: Messages about a transaction are disabled once a transaction is finalised.
	Back Back Save O Next

D Review and lodge your application

Key point

This section explains how to:

- review your draft application;
- complete the declaration section; and
- lodge your final application.

Review your draft application

Review

87 The 'Review' section provides a detailed summary of your responses to the questions. If you did not answer certain questions, the response field will be blank.

Background Information	Review	
Funding request		
Contact details	Background information	1
Review	Liquidator details	
Declaration		
Confirmation	Registration number	00000001
	Given name	Daff
	Other given name(s)	
	Family name	Odil
	Company details	
	Enter Australian Company Number (ACN) or Australian Registered Body Number (ARBN) of the company being wound-up	99999999
	Australian business number (ABN)	
	Name of company	ASIC SAMPLE PTY LTD

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You can review your draft responses to the questions in the application as follows:

- (a) Review it on the ASIC Regulatory Portal—Ensure that the application is saved and closed in the 'Review' section. When the reviewer logs into the portal and resumes the transaction, it will show the last page reviewed (i.e. the 'Review' page).
- (b) Print it as a PDF—In the 'Review' section, you can print the webpage to PDF and save the PDF if you want it for future reference. For further information, see <u>Reviewing</u>, printing, saving and converting <u>transactions to PDF</u>.

Complete the declaration section

Declaration

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The person lodging the application must complete the 'Declaration' section, which is by either the regulated entity (e.g. the registered liquidator) or a person on their behalf (e.g. their staff or agent). Details such as their name must also be provided.

Background Information	Declaration
Funding request	Declaration
Contact details	
Review	For the purposes of this transaction, Regulated Entity means the external administrator (e.g. liquidator, receiver, administrator).
Declaration	
Confirmation	Capacity
	• In what capacity are you submitting this document to ASIC:
	· · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · ·
	Privacy Collection Notice The Privacy Collection Notice given under APP 5 of the Privacy Act 1988 applies to your provision of personal and sensitive information below.
	For the purpose of these declarations, please provide your name and address:
	Given name
	* Family name
	• Are you an Australian resident?
	⊖ Yes
	⊖ No
	Back Submit

90 Table 9 provides guidance on what the regulated entity or a person on their behalf will declare.

Table 9:	Declaration	capacity
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If your capacity is	Select	Then, you will be prompted to declare
A regulated entity (i.e. the registered liquidator under which the application is lodged)	'On my own behalf as the Regulated Entity myself'	'I am logged into the Portal with my personal log in details. I submit this document and make the following declarations.'
A registered liquidator's staff member or agent	'On behalf of the Regulated Entity named in this document as an agent of that entity or person otherwise authorised by that entity'	'I am logged into the Portal with my personal log in details. I am authorised by the Regulated Entity to submit this document and any attachments and am authorised to make the following declarations.'

Note: An image extract of the information in Table 9 has not been provided because the options depend on the capacity of the person lodging the application.

- 91 Complete the other declarations in the application. If you completed this application in the capacity as:
 - (a) a regulated entity (i.e. the registered liquidator under which the application is lodged), refer to paragraph 9292;
 - (b) a registered liquidator's staff member or agent, refer to paragraph 9393.
- 92 If you completed the application in the capacity as a regulated entity, complete the declarations relevant to a regulated entity.

Declarant and authority

* 🗌 I am logged into the Portal with my personal log in details. I submit this document and make the following declarations.

Confidential and personal information

The information provided to ASIC in this document may include confidential, personal or sensitive information. The Privacy Collection Notice for the ASIC Regulatory Portal describes how we will use and disclose the information collected through the Regulatory Portal. The Privacy Policy contains information about how ASIC handles personal information generally and sets out how you can request access or correction to your personal information and how to make a complaint if you think your privacy has been breached.

* 🗌 I have read and understood ASIC's Privacy Collection Notice for the Regulatory Portal and Privacy Policy.

• □ I consent to ASIC collecting, using and disclosing my confidential, personal or sensitive information for the purposes set out in the Privacy Collection Notice for the ASIC Regulatory Portal (including information in this document on the Portal to any person authorised to view it in the Portal).

True and correct

I make the following declarations:

* □ I understand that giving false or misleading information or documents to ASIC is a serious offence.

* □ I understand that failure to give information, which renders the information or documents given to ASIC false or misleading, is also a serious offence.

* □ I understand that giving false or misleading information or documents to ASIC could lead to a criminal prosecution of myself personally.

* To the best of my knowledge and unless otherwise stated in this transaction, the information contained in this document, including any attachments, is complete, true and correct, and I have taken reasonable steps and made reasonable inquiries to confirm this.

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If you completed the application in the capacity as a registered liquidator's staff member or agent, complete the declarations relevant to a registered liquidator's staff member or agent.

A Submit

Declarant and authority

• □ I am logged into the Portal with my personal log in details. I am authorised by the Regulated Entity to submit this document and any attachments and am authorised to make the following declarations.

Confidential and personal information

The information provided to ASIC in this document may include confidential, personal or sensitive information. The Privacy Collection Notice for the ASIC Regulatory Portal describes how we will use and disclose the information collected through the Regulatory Portal. The Privacy Policy contains information about how ASIC handles personal information generally and sets out how you can request access or correction to your personal information and how to make a complaint if you think your privacy has been breached.

* ☐ I have read and understood ASIC's Privacy Collection Notice for the Regulatory Portal and Privacy Policy and I have obtained confirmation from the Regulated Entity that it, or an officeholder or partner of the Regulated Entity (or of its trustee), has read and understood ASIC's Privacy Collection Notice for the Regulatory Portal and Privacy Policy.

• I consent to ASIC collecting, using and disclosing my confidential, personal or sensitive information for the purposes set out in the Privacy Collection Notice for the ASIC Regulatory Portal (including information contained in this document on the Portal to any person authorised to view it in the Portal).

True and correct

I make the following declarations:

I understand that, and I have obtained confirmation from the Regulated Entity that it, or an officeholder or partner of the Regulated Entity (or of its trustee) understands that:

giving false or misleading information or documents to ASIC is a serious offence.

In failure to give information, which renders the information or documents given to ASIC false or misleading, is also a serious offence.

* ____ giving false or misleading information or documents to ASIC and could lead to a criminal prosecution of myself personally and the Regulated Entity on whose behalf I am acting.

* To the best of my knowledge and unless otherwise stated in this transaction, the information contained in this document, including any attachments, is complete, true and correct, and I have taken reasonable steps and made reasonable inquiries to confirm this including obtaining confirmation from the Regulated Entity that to the best of their knowledge, or the knowledge of an officeholder or partner of the Regulated Entity (or of its trustee) the information contained in this document, including any attachments, is complete, true and correct, and they have taken reasonable steps and made reasonable inquiries to confirm this.

Lodge your final application

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When you have finished reviewing your application and made the necessary declarations, click 'Submit' to finalise and submit the application.

Key terms

Term	Meaning in this document
AA Fund	Assetless Administration Fund—established by the Australian Government and administered by ASIC
ABN	Australian business number
application	A registered liquidator's request to apply for a grant from the AA Fund
asset recovery action	Legal action to recover assets
assetless	Where there is less than the amount specified in Item 1 in net realisable assets of the schedule of the relevant grant guideline
	Note: See our <u>Assetless Administration Fund guidelines</u> page.
Corporations Act	<i>Corporations Act 2001</i> , including regulations made for the purposes of the Act
External Administrator Compliance Assistance Program	Also known as the 'Request Assistance for External Administration' program (previously known as the Liquidator Assistance Program)
grant guidelines	The guidelines that contain information for grants from the AA Fund, which set out:
	• the purpose of the grant program and grant opportunity;
	 the eligibility and assessment criteria;
	 how grant applications are considered and selected; how grantees are notified and receive grant payments; and
	 responsibilities and expectations in relation to the opportunity
	Note: See our Assetless Administration Fund guidelines page.
gross disbursements	The total amount of expenses accrued/accumulated by the liquidator for the necessary work properly performed, up to the date the application is submitted (whether these expenses are billed, unbilled/drawn, unpaid or written off, and whether approved or not by the creditors or by the court)
gross payments	The total money paid by the registered liquidator
gross receipts	The total money received by the registered liquidator

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gross remuneration	The total amount of time costs accrued/accumulated by the liquidator and their staff for the necessary work properly performed, up to the date the application is submitted (whether these costs are billed, unbilled/drawn, unpaid or written off, and whether approved or not by the creditors or by the court)
initial statutory report	An insolvency report lodged under s533(1) of the Corporations Act through the ASIC Regulatory Portal (formerly lodged as a Form EX01—on or before 29 March 2020—through the registered liquidator portal)
net realisable assets	The actual or estimated gross proceeds from the realisation of assets less various actual or estimated costs as detailed in the grant guidelines for the purpose of determining eligibility for grants from the AA Fund
portal	ASIC Regulatory Portal
preliminary action	Preliminary activities to determine whether recovery proceedings are appropriate
substantiation guide	A guide for registered liquidators on the types of information and supporting documents that could be considered when investigating possible misconduct and reporting to ASIC
supplementary report	A report lodged under s533(2) of the Corporations Act
transaction	Means a form in the ASIC Regulatory Portal

Related information

Legislation

Corporations Act

Crimes Act 1914

Criminal Code Act 1995

ASIC forms

Form EX01 Schedule B of Regulatory Guide 16 Report to ASIC under s422, s438D or s533 of the Corporations Act 2001 or for statistical purposes (this form has been replaced by the ASIC Regulatory Portal transaction, 'Submit insolvency initial statutory report')

ASIC Regulatory Portal transactions

Insolvency initial statutory report (under s533(1)/438D(1)/422(1) of the Corporations Act 2001)

Request for assetless administration funding