

Insolvency and Bankruptcy Board of India
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CIRCULAR

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To
All Registered Insolvency Professionals
All Registered Insolvency Professional Agencies
(By mail to registered email addresses and on web site of the IBBI)

Dear Madam / Sir,

Sub: Fees payable to an insolvency professional and to other professionals appointed by an insolvency professional.

Section 206 of the Insolvency and Bankruptcy Code, 2016 (Code) provides that only a person registered as an insolvency professional with the Insolvency and Bankruptcy Board of India (IBBI) can render services as an insolvency professional under the Code. Section 23 read with section 5(27) of the Code requires that an insolvency professional, who is appointed as an interim resolution professional or a resolution professional, shall conduct the entire corporate insolvency resolution process, including fast track process. In terms of section 5(13) of the Code, 'the fees payable to any person acting as a resolution professional' is included in 'insolvency resolution process cost', which needs to be paid in priority.

2. The Code of Conduct for Insolvency Professionals under the IBBI (Insolvency Professionals) Regulations, 2016 require that an insolvency professional must provide services for remuneration which is charged in a transparent manner, and is a reasonable reflection of the work necessarily and properly undertaken. He shall not accept any fees or charges other than those which are disclosed to and approved by the persons fixing his remuneration.

3. In view of the above, it is clarified that an insolvency professional shall render services for a fee which is a reasonable reflection of his work, raise bills / invoices in his name towards such fees, and such fees shall be paid to his bank account. Any payment of fees for the services of an insolvency professional to any person other than the insolvency professional shall not form part of the insolvency resolution process cost.

4. Similarly, any other professional appointed by an insolvency professional shall raise bills / invoices in his / its (such as registered valuer) name towards such fees, and such fees shall be paid to his / its bank account.

5. This circular is issued in exercise of powers under section 196 read with section 208 of the Insolvency and Bankruptcy Code, 2016.

Yours faithfully,
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