

Minimal Asset Process (MAP) Bankruptcy

A Minimal Assets Process (MAP) is a cheaper and simpler alternative to Sequestration. It is aimed at people with few assets and a low disposable income as a way to write off any debts that they cannot afford to pay in a reasonable timeframe.

Qualifying Criteria

- You must be a resident of Scotland.
- Your income must either be made up of entirely income-related benefits or your wage covers your living expenses with no available disposable income remaining.
- Have debts totalling more than £1,500 but less than £17,000.
- If you own a vehicle, this must be valued less than £3,000.
- All other assets are worth less than £2,000 in total, with no single item worth more than £1,000.
- You must not be a homeowner.
- You must not have been bankrupt within the last 5 years.

How MAP bankruptcy works

To apply for MAP, individuals will need to pay a fee of £90. This must be paid in full – there are no discounts available.

You will also need to have sought advice from an approved money advisory service such as The Money Advice Service. You cannot apply for a MAP without this.

Advantages

- Creditors cannot contact you or take legal action once MAP has been approved.
- Your debts are written off after six months.
- The fee for this is only £90 which is more affordable than other solutions.

Disadvantages/Risks

- Court fines, student loans and child maintenance arrears cannot be included.
- A MAP will appear on your credit file for six years making it very difficult to obtain credit in this time.
- Your details will be available on a public register of insolvencies.
- Your bank account may be closed and it may be difficult to find a replacement one.
- Map can have detrimental effect on your employment status.
- Private tenants (especially those in arrears) may be evicted by their landlords.

Debts that cannot be included in a MAP

The vast majority of unsecured debts can be included within a MAP. The following cannot be included:

- Court Fines
- Child Maintenance Arrears
- Student Loans

If you have any questions relating to the above solution or you would like any further information please call us on 0151 252 0111.

Alternatively, to apply for the above solution, you can email debt.advisor@123ds.co.uk or complete an application form online at www.123ds.co.uk.