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Introduction

This book, **UPDATED TO 2020**, deals firstly with alternatives to bankruptcy and also personal bankruptcies in England and Wales-recognising that bankruptcy is the last and final option to solving debt problems. Bankruptcy and alternatives to bankruptcy in Scotland and Northern Ireland are also discussed.

At the time of writing, personal bankruptcies in the UK have risen to record levels, in large part to do with the economic climate, and also the steady rise in personal debt. The arrival of the Coronavirus will no doubt see the rise in individuals entering into bankruptcy and insolvency (as well as companies). In addition, it is not clear how BREXIT will affect the future.

More people are opting for alternatives to bankruptcy and are going for IVA's (Individual Voluntary Arrangements) see Chapter 3. People are also opting for Debt Relief Orders, which are cheap to enter into (£90 as opposed to the £680 fee for personal bankruptcy) but applying only to those with less than £20,000 in unsecured credit debts and under £1000 in assets (See Chapter 2). In addition, pensioners, once a negligible part of the whole picture, are increasingly having to seek relief from debt.

In part one, the book offers a step-by-step guide to personal bankruptcy and also alternatives to bankruptcy such as Debt Management Plans, Individual Voluntary Arrangements, Administration Orders and Debt Relief Orders. The second part deals with actual bankruptcy and the process of bankruptcy. Part 2 also deals with Bankruptcy and alternatives to bankruptcy in Scotland and Northern Ireland, which are slightly different to England and Wales.

The nature and type of advice available to people who are considering bankruptcy is covered. How to deal with creditors and also institutions such as banks is also covered along with the process of bankruptcy, costs, the hearing and the bankruptcy petition plus the interview with the Official Receiver.

Following the process of bankruptcy, the duties and restrictions imposed upon an individual are covered along with the eventual discharge from bankruptcy. The nature of debts included in the bankruptcy process are covered along with the treatment of assets.

Overall, this is a very practical book, complete with key forms used in the bankruptcy process. Any individual who is contemplating bankruptcy will benefit directly from the practical advice contained within.