

## Bretts Business Recovery - Debt Relief Orders (DRO)

If you aren't keen on taking the Bankruptcy route, and if your circumstances allow it, then **Debt Relief Orders** can also prove to be a low cost alternative to bankruptcy.

But what exactly are Debt Relief Orders? And how can they help you?

### Debt Relief Orders ("DRO") – The Facts

1. Debt Relief Orders (DROs) came into force in England and Wales on 6th April 2005.
2. They cost £90 and are a low cost alternative to Bankruptcy.
3. DROs are administered by the Official Receiver and are available to debtors who:
  - Owe less than £15,000 in total.
  - Have assets worth no more than £300 (although a debtor may have one vehicle worth no more than £1,000).
  - Have less than £50 a month of disposable income i.e after settling their living costs.

**DROs are not available to individuals who have an interest in a property (even if it is in negative equity).**

- A debtor can only apply for a DRO through an approved intermediary.
- The Citizens Advice Bureau will put debtors in touch with an approved intermediary in their local area.
- Once a DRO is made the debtor's debts are frozen for twelve months.
- During this time creditors cannot pursue the debtor nor can they add interest or charges to the debt.
- If, after 12 months, the debtor's circumstances have not changed, then the debts are written off.

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