



## Liquidation

Liquidation of a charitable trust is initiated in one of two ways.

### By resolution of the board

A board incorporated on the application of members of a society can be put into liquidation by a members' resolution that is confirmed at a later meeting.

This is equivalent to the liquidation of a company by resolution of its shareholders under the Companies Act 1993 and is treated in the same way. A board should take advice from its accountant and solicitor before considering this procedure.

[Read more about liquidation on the Companies Office website.](#)

### By the High Court

The High Court can also put a board into liquidation if it considers it is just and equitable to do so. Generally the High Court will receive liquidation applications made by:

- a creditor
- the Registrar or
- the Attorney-General who represents the community in whose general interest charitable trusts are created.

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