Informal Arrangement vs Part IX Debt Agreement

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The comparison at a glance

Feature	Informal creditor arrangement	Part IX debt agreement
Process	Negotiate directly with each creditor, or authorise someone to assist	Formal proposal and creditor voting under insolvency law
Agreement	Depends on the creditor accepting the proposed terms	An accepted agreement has statutory effects for covered debts
Support	We can negotiate with creditors on your behalf and manage the repayments within your budget	Our group’s MyDebtSolution team assesses and administers the formal Part IX pathway
Changes	Need to be discussed and agreed with the creditor	Variation and termination follow formal rules
Records	Payment history and the terms of the arrangement determine relevant reporting; the creditor explains how it is recorded	Credit-report and NPII consequences apply
Cost	Self-negotiation and financial counselling can be free; paid services have their own fees	Separate administrator fees, terms and repayment obligations

How informal payment arrangements work

If you are having difficulty meeting repayments, you can contact a creditor to explain your circumstances and ask about available options. A request might involve a different payment schedule or a temporary concession. The creditor may accept, decline or propose another arrangement.

With your authority, we speak to creditors and seek repayment terms that fit a realistic household budget. We then manage the agreed payments and review changes with you. A financial counsellor can also provide independent advice and advocacy.

Keep a record of the terms, review dates and payment obligations. Ask the creditor how any arrangement will be reported and what happens if your circumstances change again.

How a Part IX debt agreement differs

A Part IX debt agreement is a formal insolvency option for eligible people. It requires a proposal and creditor voting, and it can affect access to credit and create a public-register entry. It is not simply another name for hardship assistance or an informal payment plan.

We can help you explore the Part IX pathway through our sister company MyDebtSolution. The formal assessment covers eligibility, affordable payments, included debts, fees and the effect of the agreement, so you can make an informed decision.

Which approach should I consider?

We analyse your whole financial position and help you explore a realistic way forward. This can include a tailored repayment strategy, negotiating an informal arrangement with creditors, consolidation or refinancing through MyBudget Loans, or a formal debt option where appropriate. We explain how each option fits your income, living costs and goals, then help you put the agreed plan into practice.

Our fees support a team of 100+ expert Money Coaches and the technology that helps put your plan into action. We manage bills and transfers, help with creditors, maintain your forecast and adjust the budget as life changes. You gain practical help, time back and a clear view of what is coming, rather than having to carry all the administration yourself.

Frequently asked questions

Can I negotiate with creditors myself?

Yes. Contact each creditor to explain your circumstances and discuss available options. You can also seek free financial counselling or authorise a paid service to assist within its agreed scope.

Does an informal arrangement guarantee no credit-report consequences?

No. Joining MyBudget’s budgeting service itself does not affect your credit report, but missed payments, defaults and creditor arrangements are separate matters. Ask how the proposed terms will be reported.

How long does an informal arrangement last?

It depends on the terms agreed with the creditor. Check the end date, review requirements and what happens if payments become unaffordable.

What if a creditor rejects my request?

We can review the creditor’s response with you, revisit the budget and explore other relevant options. The next step depends on your finances and the available arrangements, rather than automatically

moving to a formal agreement.

Is creditor negotiation included in MyBudget's service?

Creditor support forms part of the agreed ongoing budgeting service. Your establishment and weekly administration fees are disclosed before joining. Separate lending and Part IX services have their own fees and terms.

Additional lending and debt support

Our in-house lending team at MyBudget Loans can help you explore secured or unsecured debt consolidation, personal and car loans, home loans and refinancing. We look at how repayments fit your budget and compare the interest, fees, term and total cost of relevant options. The lending team manages the credit assessment and application; you can use our budgeting service without taking out a new loan.

Our expert Money Coaches can help you understand informal repayment arrangements and formal debt options alongside your wider budget. A Part 9 (Part IX) debt agreement is a formal insolvency arrangement, distinct from an ordinary managed budget. Our sister company MyDebtSolution, established in 2007, administers the group's Part IX service. We explain the relevant pathway and practical next steps clearly.

Credit reporting and hardship

Joining MyBudget's budgeting service does not itself affect your credit report. By helping organise agreed repayments and make them on time from available funds, we may support an improvement in your credit position over time. Individual outcomes depend on your circumstances and cannot be guaranteed.

Financial hardship information about an agreed hardship arrangement cannot be used to calculate your credit score. It can appear on your credit report for twelve months, and a lender may ask about your circumstances when considering a new application. Missed payments and other information are separate from the hardship marker.

A Part IX agreement has credit-report and public-register implications as a formal insolvency arrangement. Our formal-debt team explains those implications alongside the proposed payments and fees, including how they differ from an informal arrangement.

Questions to ask before deciding

- We explain the proposed service, the team delivering it and the assessment involved.
- What are the establishment, administration and ongoing fees?
- Which debts are included, and which obligations remain outside the arrangement?
- What happens if income changes or a payment cannot be made?
- What are the credit-report, public-register and other consequences?
- What free, independent support is available?

Getting started

It starts with a free initial chat so we can understand what you need. At your free, no-obligation budgeting appointment, usually around two hours, we analyse your income, living costs, bills, debts and goals. We explore practical options and build a personalised twelve-month budget and money

strategy. The plan is yours to keep, whether you manage it yourself or choose our ongoing service.

Book a free, no-obligation appointment. We will analyse your finances, explore your options and build a personalised budget and money strategy that is yours to keep. No pressure and no judgement—just a clear starting point for your next step.

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