United States Bankruptcy Court Central District Of California



HOW TO PAY FILING FEES ELECTRONICALLY

ONLINE PAYMENT PROGRAM WITH PAY.GOV

Automated Clearing House (ACH) Payment Option

- The Central District of California Bankruptcy Court is pleased to announce that commencing on <u>July 2, 2021</u>, a new electronic payment method will be available for **Self-Represented Parties.** This new method uses Automated Clearing House (ACH) Direct Debit payments and is processed through Pay.gov.
- Pay.gov is operated by the U.S. Department of Treasury and is a web-based application that allows you to make online payments to government agencies by debit from your personal or business checking or savings accounts.

- If you choose to pay from a checking or savings account (this process is referred to as "Automated Clearing House" or "ACH"), you will need to select an Account Type and enter the appropriate information for your account including:
 - Financial institution routing number
 - Checking or savings account number and
 - Re-enter account number to confirm

ONLINE PAYMENTS

- For self-represented parties, you must be able to describe the type of document and the total amount to be paid (e.g., case number, case name, installment payment (chapter 7 and chapter 13 only; only after the 1st installment), \$50.00).
- Do not use this online payment service to pay Chapter 13 plan payments to the trustee, court ordered fees, or Chapter 11 quarterly fees.
- Click the **Online Payment Form** link to pay for the following types of fees via electronic draft from your bank account (ACH):
 - Installment Payment (only after I st installment paid)
 - A request for copy(ies) of court documents
 - A request for certified copy of document(s)

If you do not know the amount of the fee due or require additional information to make your payment, please contact the Clerk's Office at (855) 460-9641.

- This Online Payment Program is not intended for use by registered ECF Filers (attorneys or limited filers), with limited exception listed below:
- ECF Filers should continue to make payment of court filing fees directly in ECF when filing a document with the Court.
- The only exception to the above rule is for a request for copy(ies) of documents.

LIMITED USE OF ONLINE PAYMENT PROGRAM BY REGISTERED ECF FILERS



Step-by-Step Instructions on How to Pay Online using Pay.Gov

Online Payment Form

Landing page with basic instructions

Click at bottom right of page: "Continue to the Form"



Currently, the United States Bankruptcy Court, Central District of California, is accepting electronic payment of court fees by Self-Represented Litigants through this Pay.gov link for the following list of services (Please contact the Clerks Office at (855) 460-9641 or through online chat M-F between 9 a.m. and 4 p.m. to verify the fee amount). A minimum fee of \$1 is required to make an electronic payment.

- 1. Voluntary Petition Filing Fee Installment Payments: only after the first initial payment (Chapters 7 and 13 only) has been paid directly to the court with a U.S. Postal money order or cashiers check issued by an acceptable financial institution.
- 2. Copies and/or Certified Copies of Official Court Documents. Contact the Clerks Office to verify the fee amount owed for your request.

Note: The Agency Form provides examples of services that may be paid electronically by Self-Represented Litigants to bankruptcy courts. However, the U.S Bankruptcy Court, Central District of California, allows electronic payments only for the services listed above. Do not use this form for your Chapter 13 plan payments to the trustee, court ordered fees, or Chapter 11 quarterly fees to the trustee.

WARNING: A \$53 fee applies for any payment returned or denied for insufficient funds, or reversed due to a chargeback (see Court website for filing fee updates).

Accepted Payment Methods:

• Bank account (ACH)

With an account you can:

- · See the payments you made since you created an account.
- Store payment information so you don't have to re-enter it.
- Copy a form you already submitted the next time you need to make a payment.

To take advantage of these benefits, you can Sign In or Create an Account. To continue as a guest user, click the 'Continue to the Form' button.



Continue to the Form

Online Payment Form Enter Payer Information, Case Information and Description of Fee Being Paid

EMAIL IS NEEDED FOR RECEIPT OF PAYMENT

* First Name:	John	MI	* Last Name: Sn	nith
* Telephone:	401-555-2214			
* Email:	johnsmith25@gmail	.com		
* Debtor(s) Name	(s): John Smith	g paid:		
* Provide a brief o	description of the fee bein	g paid:		

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Error Message Displayed if No Case Number Entered Case Number is Needed to Continue



Next – Select Type Of Account: Checking, Savings, Personal or Business



\$50.00	
Payment Date (mm/dd/yyyy)	
07/06/2021	
Earliest Payment Date	Choose Payment Date
Account Holder Name	
John Smith	
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Enter Routing Number and Account Number Information and Confirm

Review and Submit Payment

Next, the Payment Information Screen will be Presented

Listing all the information entered

Double check for accuracy

Payment Information Payment Type: Bank account (ACH) Payment Amount: \$50.00 Payment Date: 07/06/2021 Case Number: 2-21-bk-12345-AB Debtor Name: John Smith Payer Name: John Smith Phone: 401-555-2214 Email: johnsmith25@gmail.com Description: Paying Ch. 7 installment payment Account Information Account Holder Name: John Smith Routing Number: 042000424 Account Number: *********0002 * Email Address: johnsmith25@gmail.com * Confirm Email Address:

johnsmith25@gmail.com

Authorization and Disclosure Statement: Check Box to Agree to Authorization



Contact Clerk's Office with Questions (855) 460-9641

Review Payment Information Page for Accuracy

Payment Information	Debtor Name	
Payment Type: Bank account (ACH)	John Smith	
Payment Amount: \$50.00	Solin Shirth	
Payment Date: 07/06/2021		
Case_Number: 2-21-bk-12345-AB	Payer Name	
Debtor_Name: John Smith	John Smith	
Payer_Name: John Smith		
Phone: 401-555-2214	Phone	
Email: johnsmith25@gmail.com	401-552-2214	
Description: Paying Ch. 7 installment payment		
Account Information	Email	
Account Holder Name: John Smith	jsmith25@gmail.com	
Routing Number: 042000424		
Account Number: **********0002	Description	
* Email Address:	chapter 7 installment fee	
johnsmith25@gmail.com		
* Confirm Email Address:	Previous Return to Form Cancel Review and Submit Payment	
johnsmith25@gmail.com		

Submitted Payment and Tracking Information

Your payment is submitted

You will not be able to access this information once you leave this page. A confirmation email has been sent to johnsmith25@gmail.com.

Because you are not signed in:

This payment will not show in your payment activity. You can sign in or create an account now and Pay.gov will have a record of your payment.

To confirm your payment went through:

Check your bank statement or account on the payment date

For questions or to cancel this transaction:

Contact the federal government agency you paid. Pay.gov is unable to cancel this transaction.

We value your feedback!

Let us know how we did. Complete our <u>short two minute survey.</u>

Your payment has been made, congratulations!

