

United States Bankruptcy Court Northern District of Ohio

Bankruptcy Fee Chart

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General Provisions

Source Material

- [Bankruptcy Court Miscellaneous Fee Schedule](#), Effective December 1, 2023 (Misc Fee Schedule)
- [Bankruptcy Fee Compendium](#) (Court Website)
- [Bankruptcy Forms](#) (Court Website)
- [Electronic Public Access Fee Schedule](#) (U.S. Courts Official Website)
- [Federal Rules of Appellate Procedure](#) (Fed. R. App. P.)
- [Federal Rules of Bankruptcy Procedure](#) (Fed. R. Bankr. P.)
- Fee Exemptions, Exceptions, and Waivers (Available to court staff only)
- [GSA Privately Owned Vehicle \(POV\) Mileage Reimbursement Rates](#) (GSA Official Website)
- Internal Controls Manual (Available to court staff only)
- [United States Code](#), Titles 5, 11, 18, and 28 (U.S.C.)

Methods of Payment:

- Over-the-counter filing fees may be paid by cashier's check, money order, check, debit card, or credit card. A debtor's personal check or credit card shall not be accepted. [Internal Controls, Appendix II]
- Select fees may also be paid via the Online Payments program available on the court website, which accepts ACH debit transactions (e.g., direct withdrawals from a personal or business checking account), debit cards, and PayPal. (Credit cards are not accepted.) [Internal Controls, Appendix XVII]
- Authorized and registered CM/ECF users may use ACH, credit card, and debit card, which are accepted in the CM/ECF and PACER systems. They may also use the Online Payments program to pay select fees.
- Negotiable instruments must be payable in U.S. dollars and made payable to the "Clerk, United States Court" or similar wording. Foreign currency shall not be accepted. [Internal Controls, Appendix II]
- The court cannot accept a negotiable instrument made payable to any individual court staff by name (including the name of the clerk) and cannot accept a negotiable instrument made payable to another party that is re-endorsed to the court (e.g., third party checks or money orders). [Internal Controls, Appendix II]

Refunds:

- The Judicial Conference prohibits refunding the fees due upon filing, even if the party filed the case in error, and even if the court dismisses the case or proceeding. However, the clerk must refund any fee collected without authority. [Fee Compendium, Part B(2)]

Installment Payments:

- An individual filing a voluntary individual case, or a husband and wife filing a voluntary joint case, may pay the filing fees in installments, if the petition is accompanied by the debtor's signed application on the appropriate Official Form stating that the debtor is unable to pay the filing fee except in installments. "Filing fees" includes any fee payable at the time the petition is filed, including the miscellaneous administrative fee and, in chapter 7 cases, the chapter 7 trustee surcharge. [Fed. R. Bankr. P. 1006(b)(1); Fee Compendium, Parts A(10) and B(3)]
- The number of installments may not exceed four, and the final installment must be paid no later than 120 days after the filing of the petition, although the judge may extend the time to 180 days. [Fed. R. Bankr. P. 1006(b)(2)]

Effect of Dismissal:

- The debtor's obligation to pay the filing fee is unchanged by a dismissal. These fees are still due and the clerk has an obligation to pursue collection. However, if the debtor with unpaid fees files a new petition, the clerk must stop all action to collect the unpaid fees; the court is merely an unsecured creditor in the new case. [Fee Compendium, Part B(3)(C)(4) and I(1)]

Exceptions to Fees:

- Court Staff Only: For complete information on fee exceptions, see the "Fee Exemptions, Exceptions, and Waivers" document.

Initial Filing Fees

Type of Filing	Fee Due	Comments	Source of Authority
Chapter 7 (Voluntary)	\$245 Filing Fee \$ 78 Adm. Fee <u>\$ 15 Ch 7 Trustee Fee</u> \$338 Total Fee		• 28 U.S.C. § 1930(a)(1)(A) • Misc Fee Schedule, Items 8 and 9 • Compendium, Parts B(1)(A) and B(1)(C)
Chapter 7 (Involuntary)	\$245 Filing Fee \$ 78 Adm. Fee <u>\$ 15 Ch 7 Trustee Fee</u> \$338 Total Fee	• Installment payments are not permitted.	• 28 U.S.C. § 1930(a)(1)(A) • Fed. R. Bankr. P. 1006(b) • Misc Fee Schedule, Items 8 and 9 • Compendium, Parts A(10), B(1)(A), B(1)(C), B(1)(D), B(1)(F), B(3), and B(5)(I)
Chapter 9	\$1,167 Filing Fee <u>\$ 571 Adm. Fee</u> \$1,738 Total Fee		• 28 U.S.C. § 1930(a)(2) • Compendium, Parts B(1)(A) and B(1)(C) • Misc Fee Schedule, Item 8
Chapter 11 (Non-RR)	\$1,167 Filing Fee <u>\$ 571 Adm. Fee</u> \$1,738 Total Fee		• 28 U.S.C. § 1930(a)(3) • Misc Fee Schedule, Item 8 • Compendium, Parts B(1)(A) and B(1)(C)
Chapter 11 (RR)	\$1,000 Filing Fee <u>\$ 571 Adm. Fee</u> \$1,571 Total Fee		• 28 U.S.C. § 1930(a)(4) • Misc Fee Schedule, Item 8 • Compendium, Parts B(1)(A) and B(1)(C)
Chapter 12	\$200 Filing Fee <u>\$ 78 Adm. Fee</u> \$278 Total Fee		• 28 U.S.C. § 1930(a)(5) • Misc Fee Schedule, Item 8 • Compendium, Parts B(1)(A) and B(1)(C)
Chapter 13	\$235 Filing Fee <u>\$ 78 Adm. Fee</u> \$313 Total Fee		• 28 U.S.C. § 1930(a)(1)(B) • Misc Fee Schedule, Item 8 • Compendium Parts B(1)(A) and B(1)(C)
Chapter 15	\$1,167 Filing Fee <u>\$ 571 Adm. Fee</u> \$1,738 Total Fee	• Fee is derived from and equal to the fee prescribed in 28 U.S.C. § 1930(a)(3) for filing a case commenced under Chapter 11 of Title 11.	• Misc Fee Schedule, Items 8 and 15 • Compendium, Parts B(1)(A), B(1)(C), and B(1)(E)

Fees for Splitting (Dividing) Cases

Type of Filing	Fee Due	Comments	Source of Authority
Chapter 7	\$245 Filing Fee \$ 78 Adm. Fee <u>\$ 15 Ch 7 Trustee Fee</u> \$338 Total Fee	- When a debtor requests the court to split a joint case, the clerk must collect a fee equal to the filing fee for the chapter under which the joint case is pending as of the date the court splits the joint case. - No fee if: - The court splits a case either <i>sua sponte</i> or at the request of a party other than one of the joint debtors, or - The only reason for the split is to dismiss one of the two resulting individual cases, and the court actually dismisses one of the joint debtors, or - A consolidated or jointly administered case is subsequently split.	- Misc Fee Schedule, Items 8, 9, and 18 - Compendium, Parts A(6)(B), B(1)(D), B(5)(I), C(1), and C(2)
Chapter 11	\$1,167 Filing Fee <u>\$ 571 Adm. Fee</u> \$1,738 Total Fee		
Chapter 12	\$200 Filing Fee <u>\$ 78 Adm. Fee</u> \$278 Total Fee		
Chapter 13	\$235 Filing Fee <u>\$ 78 Adm. Fee</u> \$313 Total Fee		

Fees for Converting Cases

Type of Filing	Fee Due	Comments	Source of Authority
Conversion from Chapter 7 to Chapter 11	\$1,167 Ch 11 Filing Fee – <u>\$ 245 Ch 7 Filing Fee</u> \$ 922 Conversion Fee	- The fee applies when the conversion is at the debtor's request. - The fee is due after the court grants the debtor's motion. - The amount of the fee depends upon the chapter to which the case is converted. If converting to a chapter with a higher filing fee, the fee is the difference between the two filing fees. - There is no refund when converting to a chapter with a lower filing fee. - No fee for <i>sua sponte</i> conversions.	28 U.S.C. § 1930 - Compendium, Parts A(6)(C), D(1)(A)
Conversion from Chapter 12 to Chapter 11	No Fee		
Conversion from Chapter 13 to Chapter 11	\$1,167 Ch 11 Filing Fee – <u>\$ 235 Ch 13 Filing Fee</u> \$ 932 Conversion Fee		
Reconversion to Chapter 11	No Fee		

Fees for Converting Cases [continued]

Type of Filing	Fee Due	Comments	Source of Authority
Conversion from Chapter 11 to Chapter 7	\$15 Ch 7 Trustee Fee/ Conversion Fee	- Filing fee applies to both a motion to convert and a debtor's notice of conversion. - The conversion fee is due when a party files either a motion to convert, or a notice of conversion to chapter 7. - If trustee is movant, fee is payable only from the estate that existed before conversion. - If more than one party file motions to convert to chapter 7, each party must pay conversion fee; if several parties join in a single motion, only one fee is due. - A notice of conversion must be accepted with or without the fee. - No fee for <i>sua sponte</i> conversions. - If a joint chapter 12 or chapter 13 case splits before the debtors file notices of conversion, each debtor must pay a separate conversion fee, and file a separate notice of conversion. - If a joint chapter 12 or chapter 13 case first converts to chapter 7 then splits, only one conversion fee is due.	11 U.S.C. § 1208(a) 11 U.S.C. § 1307(a) - Misc Fee Schedule, Items 9 and 10 - Compendium, Parts A(6)(C) and D(1)(B)
Conversion from Chapter 12 to Chapter 7	\$245 Ch 7 Filing Fee – \$200 Ch 12 Filing Fee <u>+ \$ 15 Ch 7 Trustee Fee</u> \$ 60 Conversion Fee		
Conversion from Chapter 13 to Chapter 7	\$245 Ch 7 Filing Fee – \$235 Ch 13 Filing Fee <u>+ \$ 15 Ch 7 Trustee Fee</u> \$ 25 Conversion Fee		
Reconversion to Chapter 7	\$15 Ch 7 Trustee Fee/ Conversion Fee	A motion to convert or notice of conversion requires payment of the trustee fee. If the original trustee is reappointed to the reconverted case, the trustee receives two payments - one for the original case and one for the reconverted case.	- Misc Fee Schedule, Item 10 - Compendium, Part D(4)
Conversion from Chapter 11 to Chapter 12	No Fee		Compendium, Part D(1)(B)(9)
Conversion from Chapter 11 to Chapter 13	No Fee		
Conversion from Chapter 7 to Chapter 12	No Fee		Compendium, Part D(1)
Conversion from Chapter 7 to Chapter 13	No Fee		
Conversion from Chapter 12 to Chapter 13	No Fee		
Conversion from Chapter 13 to Chapter 12	No Fee		

Fees for Reopening Cases

Type of Filing	Fee Due	Comments	Source of Authority
Chapter 7	\$245 Filing Fee <u>\$ 15 Ch 7 Trustee Fee</u> \$260 Total Fee	• Fee is equal to the filing fee for the chapter under which the case was pending as of the date the party files the request. • Fee is charged when a case has been closed without a discharge being entered. • Judge may waive the fee, or defer payment of the fee from trustees pending discovery of additional assets. • If installments of the original filing fee are due when a debtor files a motion to reopen, the debtor must pay the remaining installments and the reopening fee. • No fee for the following: • Reopening to correct an administrative error made by the clerk or the court, or • Reopening to permit a party to file a complaint to obtain a determination under Fed. R. Bankr. P. 4007(b), or • Reopening by debtor when a creditor is alleged to be in violation of the terms of the discharge under 11 U.S.C. § 524, or • Reopening to redact personal identifiers.	• Misc Fee Schedule: Items 9 and 11 • Compendium: Parts A(6)(I), B(5)(I), and (J)(1)
Chapter 9	\$1,167		
Chapter 11	\$1,167		
Chapter 12	\$200		
Chapter 13	\$235		
Chapter 15	\$1,167		

Fees for Miscellaneous Contested Proceedings

Type of Filing	Fee Due	Comments	Source of Authority
Motion to Terminate, Annul, Modify, or Condition Automatic Stay	\$199	• No fee for the following: • Motion for relief from the co-debtor stay • Stipulation for court approval of an agreement for relief from stay • Motion filed by child support creditor or representative of such, but only if appropriate waiver form is filed.	• Misc Fee Schedule, Item 19 • Fee Compendium, Parts A(6)(E) and F(1)(A) and F(2) • Bankruptcy Form B 2810

Fees for Miscellaneous Contested Proceedings [continued]

Type of Filing	Fee Due	Comments	Source of Authority
Motion to Compel Abandonment of Property under Fed. R. Bankr. P. 6007(b)	\$199	• No fee for the following: • Trustee abandons property of the estate by notice • Trustee files a motion seeking a “comfort order.” • Parties other than trustee must file a motion to abandon property and pay the fee, even if the motion is accompanied by a document titled “Abandonment” signed by the case trustee. • If a party combines a motion for relief from the automatic stay with a motion to compel the trustee to abandon property of the estate, only a single fee is due.	• Misc Fee Schedule, Item 19 • Compendium, Parts F(1)(A) and F(3)
Motion to Withdraw the Reference of a Case or Proceeding under 28 U.S.C. § 157(d)	\$199	• Includes motions to withdraw the reference of the administrative case, an adversary proceeding, or a contested proceeding.	• Misc Fee Schedule, Item 19 • Fee Compendium, Parts F(1)(A) and (B)
Motion to Sell Property of the Estate Free and Clear of Liens Under 11 U.S.C. § 363(f)	\$199		• Misc Fee Schedule, Item 19

Fees for Adversary Proceedings

Type of Filing	Fee Due	Comments	Source of Authority
Adversary Proceeding	\$350	• No fee for the following: • Adversary Proceeding filed by debtor or the United States • Adversary Proceeding filed by debtor-in-possession in chapters 11 and 12 to determine dischargeability of a claim • Adversary Proceeding filed by debtor-in-possession acting for the benefit of the individual debtor • Adversary Proceeding filed by child support creditors or their representative, but only if appropriate waiver form is filed • Adding parties or adding a third-party complaint to an Adversary Proceeding that has been commenced • If the complaint is filed by the trustee or debtor-in-possession, the fee must be paid only by the estate, to the extent there is an estate.	• Misc Fee Schedule, Item 6 • Compendium, Parts A(6)(F), and G(1) • Bankruptcy Form B 2810
Adversary Proceeding Initiated by the Debtor in Possession Acting for the Benefit of the <u>Estate</u>	\$350		• 11 U.S.C. § 363(h) – sale interest of the estate and of a co-owner in property • 11 U.S.C. § 542(a) – turnover • 11 U.S.C. § 544 – “strong arm” avoidance • 11 U.S.C. § 545 – statutory lien avoidance • 11 U.S.C. § 547(a) – preference avoidance • 11 U.S.C. § 548(a) – fraudulent transfer avoidance • 11 U.S.C. § 550 – recovery of avoided transfer from a transferee • 11 U.S.C. § 553(a) – recovery of setoff • Compendium, Part G(1)(C)(1)(a) • Misc Fee Schedule, Item 6
Notice of Removal	\$350		• Fee Compendium, Part G(1)(A)

Fees for Appeals			
Type of Filing	Fee Due	Comments	Source of Authority
Notice of Appeal or Cross Appeal: BAP or District Court	\$293 Docketing Fee <u>\$ 5 Notice of Appeal Fee</u> \$298 Total Fee	- There are no exemptions to the \$5 notice of appeal fee (unless <i>in forma pauperis</i> status) since it is imposed by statute. - Except as provided above, no fee for the following: - The United States is the appellant - Child support creditor is the appellant, but only if appropriate waiver form is filed. - Parties filing a joint notice of appeal pay only one fee. - The clerk must accept a notice of appeal even if the appeal is submitted without a fee. [In re Winner Corp., 632 F.2d 658 (6th Circ., 1980)] - Fees for appeals and cross-appeals by trustees and DIPs are payable only from the estate, only to the extent any estate is realized. This exception applies only to the \$293 docketing fee required by the Miscellaneous Fee Schedule, and has no effect on the \$5 notice of appeal fee under 28 U.S.C. § 1930(c).	28 U.S.C. § 1930(c) - Fed. R. App. P. 3(A) - Misc Fee Schedule, Item 14 - Compendium, Parts A(6)(G) and H(1) - Bankruptcy Form B 2810
Notice of Appeal or Cross Appeal: Direct to Court of Appeals	\$293 Docketing Fee <u>\$ 5 Notice of Appeal Fee</u> \$298 Preliminary Fee (If a direct appeal is accepted by the Court of Appeals, an additional fee of \$307 is required, for a total fee of \$605.)		
Motion for Leave to Appeal	\$5 Notice of Appeal Fee (If the court grants the motion, the \$293 Docketing Fee is required, for a total fee of \$298.)		

Miscellaneous Administrative Fees			
Type of Filing	Fee Due	Comments	Source of Authority
Amendment to Schedules, Lists of Creditors, or Mailing List	\$34	- Judge may waive the fee for good cause. - Fee assessed per filing, not per change. - No fee for the following: - Changing the address of a listed creditor or an attorney for a creditor listed on schedules. - Adding the name and address of an attorney for creditor listed on schedules. - No fee when a debtor files a schedule of post-petition debts after converting from a chapter 13 to a chapter 7.	- Misc Fee Schedule, Item 4 - Compendium, Part K(5)(D)

Miscellaneous Administrative Fees [continued]

Type of Filing	Fee Due	Comments	Source of Authority
Archives Retrieval	\$70	• Fee for retrieving a file from Federal Records Center or National Archives. • If a file must be retrieved because the court reopened the case, the retrieval fee is charged, even when no reopening fee is charged. • A fee is collected for each case file retrieved. • If the court consolidates several cases for disposition but the case files are filed separately with the Federal Records Center or National Archives, a fee is charged for each file separately stored. • If file is stored prior to expiration of time for appeal, no fee is charged for retrieval. • Federal Records Center can process on-line requests for copies of archived documents. To process an on-line request, go to the Archived Cases Search page on the Court website. • Fee is for one file or up to one box.	• Misc Fee Schedule, Item 12 • Compendium, Part K(5)(G)
Archives Retrieval	\$43	• Fee is for Each Additional Box of Archived Files After the First Box Fee of \$70.	• Misc Fee Schedule, Item 12 • Compendium, Part K(5)(G)
Electronic Archives Retrieval (SmartScan)	\$11 \$9.90 \$.65 (per page, 100 page max)	• Fees are for electronic retrievals (SmartScan), \$11 Judiciary Administrative Fee, plus \$9.90 FRC Electronic Retrieval Fee, plus \$.65 per page fee. Plus any charges assessed by the Federal Records Center, National Archives, or other storage location removed from the place of business of the courts.	• Misc Fee Schedule, Item 12
Certification	\$12	• Certification fee applies regardless of whether clerk makes certification directly on the document or by separate instrument. • Combined search and certification require the clerk to collect both fees as well as copies fees if they apply.	• Misc Fee Schedule, Item 2 • Compendium, Part K(5)(B)

Miscellaneous Administrative Fees [continued]

Type of Filing	Fee Due	Comments	Source of Authority
Copies of Record or Paper	\$.50 per page	• Fee applies to paper copies of original documents, microfiche or microfilm, or electronic files. • Fee applies to services rendered on behalf of United States only if the record or paper is available through electronic access. • Fee applies when faxing documents.	• Misc Fee Schedule, Item 1 (a) • Compendium, Part K(5)(A)
Exemplification	\$24	• Combined search and certification require the clerk to collect both fees as well as copies fees if they apply.	• Misc Fee Schedule, Item 2 • Compendium, Part K(5)(B)(1)
Interdistrict Transfers	No Fee	• The clerk transfers both the case file and the collected fees when the parties transfer a case pending under chapter 7 from one district to another. • The clerk transfers the case file only when the parties transfer a case pending under chapter 11, chapter 12, or chapter 13 from one district to another; the clerk transfers no fees when the parties transfer cases under these chapters.	• Compendium, Parts A(6)(D) and E
Miscellaneous Case	\$52	• The fee is charged for the following: • A request to register a judgment entered in another district • A motion for a protective order or motion to quash a subpoena issued in a case pending in another district • A request to perpetuate testimony concerning a potential adversary proceeding under Fed. R. Bankr. P. 7027 • A request to register a discharge order under Fed. R. Bankr. P. 4004 (f) • A request to register with the court a document not in a case or proceeding.	• Misc Fee Schedule, Item 7 • Compendium, Part K(5)(F)
Payment Returned or Denied for Insufficient Funds	\$53	• Fee may be waived if the clerk resubmits the check and it then clears.	• Misc Fee Schedule, Item 13 • Compendium, Part K(5)(H)

Miscellaneous Administrative Fees [continued]

Type of Filing	Fee Due	Comments	Source of Authority
Recording Duplication	\$34	• Fee applies to each recording or for each portion of a recording reproduced. • Fee applies to services rendered on behalf of United States only if the record or paper is available through electronic access.	• Misc Fee Schedule, Item 3 • Compendium, Part K(5)(C)
Redaction of Records	\$28	• Fee applies to each motion to redact. • The court may waive this fee under appropriate circumstances. • Reopening fee must not be charged if redaction is the only reason for reopening.	• Misc Fee Schedule, Item 21
Registry of Funds	A percentage of interest earned on the investment, not to exceed 10%	• A fee schedule is issued by the AO.	• Misc Fee Schedule, Item 17 • Compendium, Part K(5)(K)
Search of Records	\$34	• Fee applies to services rendered on behalf of the United States if the information requested is available through electronic access.	• Misc Fee Schedule, Item 5 • Compendium, Part K(5)(E)
Transfer of Claim	\$28	• Fee applies to each claim transferred in bankruptcy cases.	• Misc Fee Schedule, Item 20
Witness Fee	\$40 per day		• 11 U.S.C. § 503 (b)(6) • 28 U.S.C. § 1821(b)
Witness Mileage	\$.725 per mile		• 5 U.S.C. § 5704 • 28 U.S.C. § 1821(c)(2) • GSA Privately Owned Vehicle (POV) Mileage Reimbursement Rates
Electronic Record Reproduction and Transmission	\$33	• Fee applies to reproducing and electronically transmitting an electronic record stored outside CM/ECF or PACER. • Does not include audio recordings of court proceedings governed under item 3 of the Miscellaneous Fee Schedule.	• Misc Fee Schedule, Item 1 (b)

Fee Schedule for Electronic Public Access

Type of Filing	Fee Due	Comments	Source of Authority
Viewing Electronic Records	\$.10 per page for PACER	• Total for any document, docket sheet, or case-specific report not to exceed the fee for 30 pages, i.e., \$3.00. • One free copy of all electronically filed documents to attorneys of record and parties in a case, including pro se litigants. • Charges will be billed when they exceed \$15 each quarterly billing cycle. • No fees from federal agencies funded from judiciary appropriations. • No fees from bankruptcy case trustees. • Judges may, upon a showing of cause, exempt indigents, bankruptcy case trustees, individual researchers associated with educational institutions, courts, section 501(c)(3) not-for-profit organizations, court-appointed <i>pro bono</i> attorneys, and <i>pro bono</i> ADR neutrals from payment of these fees.	• Compendium, Parts A(6)(K) and L • Electronic Public Access Fee Schedule, Item I
Printing Electronic Records at Customer Service area	\$.10 per page	• Fee applies to requests for services rendered on behalf of the United States if the record requested is available on the court's electronic access system.	• Compendium, Part A(6)(K) • Electronic Public Access Fee Schedule, Item II
PACER Search	\$30		• Electronic Public Access Fee Schedule, Item III