

Instructions for Self-Represented Debtors Paying A Bankruptcy Case (Petition) Filing Fee

✦ What Is the Filing Fee?

When you file a bankruptcy petition under Chapter 7 or 13, a filing fee is required unless an Application to Pay the Filing Fee in Installments or, in a Chapter 7 case, an Application to Have the Chapter 7 Filing Fee Waived, is simultaneously filed with the Petition.

The current Petition Filing Fees can be found: [Fees | District of Connecticut | United States Bankruptcy Court](https://www.ctb.uscourts.gov/fees-0) <https://www.ctb.uscourts.gov/fees-0>

Acceptable Payment Methods

The filing fee can be paid using one of the following methods:

1. **Online Payment via Pay.gov** (Pay.gov Instructions available on the [Court's website](#))
 - Pay by **debit card** or ACH (electronic bank transfer)
 - Visit: <https://www.pay.gov/public/form/start/73185821>
2. **Debit Card**
 - Accepted in person at the Clerk's Office
 - *Credit cards are **not** accepted from self-represented individuals for payment of the petition filing fees.*
3. **Money Order**
 - Payable to: **Clerk, U.S. Bankruptcy Court** or **Clerk, United States Court**
 - Must be issued by a recognized provider (e.g., post office, bank)
4. **Bank Check (Cashier's Check)**
 - Payable to: **Clerk, U.S. Bankruptcy Court** or **Clerk, United States Court**
5. **Cash (In Person Only)**
 - Must be in the **exact amount**.
 - The Court **does not make change**.



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How to Submit Your Filing and Payment

Self-represented individuals (also known as a *pro se*) may file a bankruptcy petition **by mail** or **in person** at the Clerk's Office.

If You File a Petition by Mail:

- Do **not** mail cash.
- Pay **online** via [Pay.gov](https://www.pay.gov). Instructions and a link to the Pay.gov site for [the U.S. Bankruptcy Court for Connecticut](https://www.ctb.uscourts.gov/fees-0) is also found on the Court's website:
<https://www.ctb.uscourts.gov/fees-0>
 - You will need to enter a case number in the Pay.gov form. Please enter: 77-77777.
 - You **must include a printed copy** of your Pay.gov **payment receipt** with your petition.

Or

- Enclose the filing fee as a **money order** or **bank check** payable to *Clerk, U.S. Bankruptcy Court or Clerk, United States Court*. Do not mail a personal check, it will be returned. The Court does not accept personal checks for payment of the petition filing fees.
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If You File a Petition in Person:

- You may pay by:
 - **Online** via Pay.gov at the time of filing.
 - **Debit Card**
 - **Money Order**
 - **Bank Check**
 - **Cash** (exact amount only)
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Need Help?

If you have any questions about payment methods or filing procedures, please contact the Clerk's Office at your local court location.