

UNITED STATES BANKRUPTCY COURT
DISTRICT OF MASSACHUSETTS

BANKRUPTCY COURT FEES¹ QUICK REFERENCE
EFFECTIVE DECEMBER 1, 2016

FILING FEES

Petitions²

Chapter 7	\$335.00
Chapter 9	\$1,717.00
Chapter 11 (non-railroad)	\$1,717.00
Chapter 11 (railroad)	\$1,550.00
Chapter 12	\$275.00
Chapter 13	\$310.00
Chapter 15 (formerly known as "ancillary proceeding")	\$1,717.00
Adversary Proceeding	\$350.00
Notice of Removal	\$350.00

Appeals

Appeal (includes \$5 Notice of Appeal fee ³)	\$298.00
Cross Appeal (includes \$5 Notice of Appeal fee ³)	\$298.00
Direct Bankruptcy Appeal to Court of Appeals ⁴ :	\$207.00 (+ \$298 appeal/cross appeal fee)

Motions

Relief From Stay	\$181.00
Sale of Property Free & Clear of Liens	\$181.00
Withdraw the Reference Under 28 U.S.C. 157(d)	\$181.00
Compel Abandonment	\$181.00
Redact Records Previously Filed in a Case	\$25.00
Split a Case:	
Chapter 7	\$335.00
Chapter 11	\$1,717.00
Chapter 12	\$275.00
Chapter 13	\$310.00

¹ The Court accepts cash, checks, money orders, American Express, VISA, MasterCard, Discover/Novus, Diners Club International, and ACH debit payments. Debtors' personal checks and credit cards are not accepted when filing a petition. We do not accept third party checks. A voluntary petition by an individual or an individual and spouse may be paid in no more than four (4) installments, upon application to the Court.

² The fee for filing a petition consists of a filing fee, an administrative fee, and, for chapter 7 petitions, a trustee surcharge, combined here for simplicity.

³ This is a mandatory fee in addition to the fee for appeals and cross appeals. It is due upon filing and may not be waived or deferred.

⁴ The fee for **requesting** a direct appeal or cross appeal from a bankruptcy court decision to the Court of Appeals is \$298 (\$293 appeal fee + \$5 notice of appeal fee). If the Court of Appeals **authorizes** the direct appeal, an **additional** fee of \$207 is due to the Bankruptcy Court.

Conversions ⁵ :	
Convert Chapter 9 to Chapter 7	\$15.00
Convert Chapter 11 to Chapter 7	\$15.00
Convert Chapter 13 to Chapter 7	\$25.00
Convert Chapter 12 to Chapter 7	\$60.00
Convert Chapter 7 to Chapter 11	\$922.00
Convert Chapter 7 to Chapter 11-Railroad	\$755.00
Convert Chapter 13 to Chapter 11	\$932.00
Convert Chapter 13 to Chapter 11-Railroad	\$765.00

Reopen a Case: ⁶	
Chapter 7	\$260.00
Chapter 9	\$1,167.00
Chapter 11	\$1,167.00
Chapter 11-Railroad	\$1,000.00
Chapter 12	\$200.00
Chapter 13	\$235.00
Chapter 15	\$1,167.00

Miscellaneous Fees

Amendments to a Petition	
Schedules D, E, F, and/or Mailing List/Matrix ⁷	\$31.00
Other Schedules	No Fee
Audio Recording	\$31.00
Certification	\$11.00
Exemplifications	\$22.00
Any Payment Returned/Denied for Insufficient Funds	\$53.00
Photocopies (per page)	\$0.50
Record Retrieval from Federal Records Center ⁸	Contact Clerk's Office for Fees and Instructions
Record Search	\$31.00
(No fee charged if the requested item can be found via CM/ECF)	
Filing Document Not Related to a Pending Case or Proceeding a/k/a Miscellaneous Proceeding	\$47.00
Pro Hac Vice Admission (payable to USDC-MA)	\$100.00
PACER Fees	\$0.10/page ⁹
Transfer Claim	\$25.00

⁵ No fee is charged when the conversion order is made on its own by the court (i.e., *sua sponte*), in the absence of a notice or request of a party. The fee to convert to Chapter 11 is payable upon **conversion**, rather than upon filing.

⁶ The exemption from paying the fee to reopen a case applies in only three situations: (1) reopening a case to permit a party to file a complaint to obtain a determination under Rule 4007(b); (2) reopening a case when a creditor is violating the terms of the discharge under 11 U.S.C. § 524; and (3) reopening a case solely for purposes of redaction, if reopening is required by the court. The court may defer payment of the fee from trustees pending discovery of additional assets. The court will waive a deferred fee when no additional assets are discovered.

⁷ There is no fee to change the address of a listed creditor, or to add/change the name and address of a listed creditor's attorney.

⁸ Paper records are generally a \$64 fee for the retrieval of one box of records, \$39 for the retrieval of each additional box. Electronic records retrieval is \$19.90 + \$0.65 per page.

⁹ \$3.00 maximum charge per document.

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Installment Payments Schedule

Standing Order 2012-3 One Third Due Upon Filing

Chapter 7 – Total \$335.00		Payments
1/3 Initial		\$112.00
1 st Installment		\$75.00
2 nd Installment		\$74.00
Final Installment		\$74.00
Chapter 13 – Total \$310.00		
1/3 Initial		\$104.00
1 st Installment		\$69.00
2 nd Installment		\$69.00
Final Installment		\$68.00
Chapter 11 Individual – Total \$1,717.00		
1/3 Initial		\$573.00
1 st Installment		\$382.00
2 nd Installment		\$381.00
Final Installment		\$381.00
Chapter 12 Individual – Total \$275.00		
1/3 Initial		\$92.00
1 st Installment		\$61.00
2 nd Installment		\$61.00
Final Installment		\$61.00