



Superior Court of California  
County of Orange

**How is Your Fine Determined?**

**Base Fine Amount**

The base fine is determined by State statute and the Judicial Council of California, the Court's governing body.

**Penalty Assessment**

Penalty Assessment (PA) is an amount added to base fines or base bail on infraction, misdemeanor and felony offenses. Effective July 1, 2019, the PA amount is \$27.29 for each \$10 or any portion of \$10 of the fine or bail based on date of violation. The \$27.29 Penalty Assessment is charged pursuant to Penal Code 1464 and Government Codes 76000, 70372, 76104.6, 76104.7 and 76000.5. The amount of the assessments is set by the California State Legislature, not the Superior Court.

**Other Assessments**

Court Operations Fee	\$ 40.00	Infraction, misdemeanor and felony violations resulting in a conviction pursuant to (PC 1465.8)
Conviction Assessment	\$ 30.00	Misdemeanor or felony (GC 70373)
	\$ 35.00	Infraction (GC 70373)
Emergency Medical Air	\$ 4.00	Pursuant to (GC 76000.10); assessed for most vehicle code violations
Night Court	\$ 1.00	Pursuant to (VC 42006); assessed for vehicle code violations
State Surcharge 20%		20% of base fine or bail (PC 1465.7)

<b>Speeding Violation (VC 22350)</b>		
<b>Example of fine amount for vehicle code:</b>		<b>Where the money goes:</b>
Base fine amount ( <b>\$35</b> )	\$ 0.70	Trial Court Improvement Fund (GC 68090.8)
	\$ 5.14	County-Share of City fines (PC 1463.001)
	\$ 29.16	City-Motor Vehicle (PC 1463.001)
Penalty Assess ( <b>\$109.16</b> )	\$ 2.18	Trial Court Improvement Fund (GC 68090.8)
	\$ 39.20	State Penalty Fund (PC 1464)
	\$ 20.74	County penalty fund (GC 76000)
	\$ 19.60	State Court Facilities Construction Fund (GC 70372)
	\$ 19.60	DNA Identification Fund (GC 76104.6 and GC 76104.7)
	\$ 7.84	County Emergency Medical Services (GC 76104)
State Surcharge 20%	\$ 7.00	State Gen Fund (PC 1465.7)
Court Operations Fee	\$ 40.00	To fund court operations in the trial courts (PC 1465.8)
Conviction Assess Fee	\$ 35.00	To fund building/maintaining trial courts (GC 70373(a) (1))
Emergency Medical Air Trans	\$ 4.00	To fund Emergency Medical Air Transport (GC 76000.10)
Night Court Fee	\$ 1.00	To fund Night Court Operations (VC 42006)
<b>Total Fine</b>	<b>\$ 231.16</b>	
<b>Failure to Appear (FTA) Assessments:</b>		
Civil Assessment (late fee)	\$ 300.00	Trial Court Trust Fund (PC 1214.1)
Automated Warrant Fee	\$ 15.00	County Automated Warrant Systems (VC 40508.5)
DMV Recording Fe	\$ 10.00	Administrative Assessment (DMV Hold) (VC 40508.6)
<b>Total Fine w/ FTA</b>	<b>\$ 556.16</b>	

**Traffic School – Vehicle Codes 42007, 42007.1, 11205 and 11208(c)**

Traffic School calculation is based on the Base Fine + Penalty Assessment + Court Operations Fee + State Surcharge + Conviction Assessment + Emergency Medical Air Trans + Night Court Fee + Prior Admin Fee + Traffic School Administrative fee of \$49.00, a Traffic School TAP fee of \$2.00 and a DMV Traffic Violator School Monitoring fee of \$3.00.

**Proof of Correction – Vehicle Code 40611**

Proof of correction on a correctable violation; a fee of \$25 is assessed for each correctable violation.

First Correctable Violation	\$ 3.30	City Proof Fees Fund
	\$ 3.30	County Proof Fees Fund
	\$ 3.40	State Proof Fees Fund
	<u>\$15.00</u>	State Immediate & Critical Needs Account
<b>Total Fee</b>	<b>\$25.00</b>	

Second & Subsequent Violations \$25.00 (each) State Immediate & Critical Needs Account

**Civil Assessment and Associated Fees – Penal Code 1214.1, Vehicle Codes 40508.5, 40508.6**

A civil assessment and automated warrant fee is added for failure to appear (FTA) and/or pay after notice is given and 20 days have passed since the notice, on infractions and certain misdemeanor violations. A DMV recording fee is also added for failures to appear on infraction citations.

Civil Assessment	\$300.00	Trial Court Trust Fund
	\$ 15.00	Automated Warrant Fee
	<u>\$ 10.00</u>	DMV Recording Fee (applies to Failures to Appear only)
<b>Total Fee</b>	<b>\$325.00</b>	(\$315.00 for Failure to Pay)

**Note: A Prior Administrative Fee will be assessed in addition to the Fines and Fees listed above in instances where there is a previous prior conviction of a vehicle code violation. This fee is assessed pursuant to VC 40508.6(a)**