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 the 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)
State Surcharge 20%		20% of base fine or bail (PC 1465.7)

Speeding Violation (VC 22350)			
Example of fine amount for vehicle code:			**Where the money goes:**
Base fine amount **($35)**	$	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 **($109.16)**	$	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 General 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))
Total Fine	**$**	**226.16**	
Failure to Appear (FTA) Assessments:			
Civil Assessment (late fee)	$	100.00	State General Fund (PC 1214.1)
Total Fine w/ FTA	**$**	**326.16**	

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 + 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
	$15.00	State Court Facilities Construction Fund
Total Fee	$25.00	

Second & Subsequent Violations $25.00 (each) State Court Facilities Construction Fund

Civil Assessment – Penal Code 1214.1

A civil assessment 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.

Civil Assessment	$100.00	State General Fund

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)