FEE WAIVER BOOKLET

HOW TO FILE A FEE WAIVER



SUPERIOR COURT OF CALIFORNIA COUNTY OF ORANGE

To have fees waived, refer to and fill out the following forms:

- Information Sheet on Waiver of Superior Court Fees and Costs (form FW-001-INFO)
- Request to Waive Court Fees (form FW-001)
- Order on Court Fee Waiver (Superior Court) (form FW-003)

If you want additional fees waived fill out:

Request to Waive Additional Court Fees (form FW-002)

INFORMATION SHEET ON WAIVER OF SUPERIOR COURT FEES AND COSTS

If you have been sued or if you wish to sue someone, or if you are filing or have received a family law petition, and if you cannot afford to pay court fees and costs, you may not have to pay them in order to go to court. If you are getting public benefits, are a low-income person, or do not have enough income to pay for your household's basic needs and your court fees, you may ask the court to waive all or part of your court fees.

- 1. To make a request to the court to waive your fees in superior court, complete the Request to Waive Court Fees (form FW-001). If you qualify, the court will waive all or part of its fees for the following:
 - Filing papers in superior court (other than for an appeal in a case with a value of over \$25,000)
 - · Making and certifying copies
 - · Sheriff's fee to give notice

 - Court fee for telephone hearing
- · Giving notice and certificates
- Sending papers to another court department
- Having a court-appointed interpreter in small claims court
- Reporter's fee for attendance at hearing or trial, if a reporter is provided by the court.
- Assessment for court investigations under Probate Code section 1513, 1826, or 1851.
- Preparing, certifying, copying, and sending the clerk's transcript on appeal.
- Holding in trust the deposit for a reporter's transcript on appeal under rule 8.833 or 8.834.
- Making a transcript or copy of an official electronic recording under rule 8.835
- 2. You may ask the court to waive other court fees during your case in superior court as well. To do that, complete a Request to Waive Additional Court Fees (Superior Court) (form FW-002). The court will consider waiving fees for items such as the following, or other court services you need for your case:
 - · Jury fees and expenses
 - Fees for court-appointed experts
 - · Other necessary court fees

- Fees for a peace officer to testify in court
- Court-appointed interpreter fees for a witness
- 3. If you want the Appellate Division of Superior Court or the Court of Appeal to review an order or judgment against you and you want the court fees waived, ask for and follow the instructions on Information Sheet on Waiver of Appellate Court Fees, Supreme Court, Court of Appeal, Appellate Division (form APP-015/FW-015-INFO).

IMPORTANT INFORMATION!

- You are signing your request under penalty of perjury. Answer truthfully, accurately, and completely.
- The court may ask you for information and evidence. You may be ordered to go to court to answer questions about your ability to pay court fees and costs and to provide proof of eligibility. Any initial fee waiver you are granted may be ended if you do not go to court when asked. You may be ordered to repay amounts that were waived if the court finds you were not eligible for the fee waiver.
- Public benefits programs listed on the application form. In item 5 on the Request to Waive Court Fees, there is a list of programs from which you may be receiving benefits, listed by the abbreviations they are commonly known by. The full names of those programs can be found in Government Code section 68632(a), and are also listed here:
 - Food Stamps—California Food Assistance Program, CalFresh Program, or SNAP Medi-Cal
 - Supp. Sec. Inc.—Supplemental Security Income (not Social Security) SSP—State Supplemental Payment
 - County Relief/General Assistance—County Relief, General Relief (GR) or General Assistance (GA)
 - IHSS—In Home Supportive Services
 - CalWORKS—California Work Opportunity and Responsibility to Kids Act
 - Tribal TANF—Tribal Temporary Assistance for Needy Families
 - CAPI—Cash Assistance Program for Aged, Blind, or Disabled Legal Immigrants
- If you receive a fee waiver, you must tell the court if there is a change in your finances. You must tell the court within five days if your finances improve or if you become able to pay court fees or costs during this case. (File Notice to Court of Improved Financial Situation or Settlement (form FW-010) with the court.) You may be ordered to repay any amounts that were waived after your eligibility came to an end.
- If you receive a judgment or support order in a family law matter: You may be ordered to pay all or part of your waived fees and costs if the court finds your circumstances have changed so that you can afford to pay, You will have the opportunity to ask the court for a hearing if the court makes such a decision.

- If you win your case in the trial court: In most circumstances the other side will be ordered to pay your waived fees and costs to the court. The court will not enter a satisfaction of judgment until the court is paid. (This does not apply in unlawful detainer cases. Special rules apply in family law cases. (Government Code, section 68637(d), (e).)
- If you settle your civil case for \$10,000 or more: Any trial court waived fees and costs must first be paid to the court out of the settlement. The court will have a lien on the settlement in the amount of the waived fees and costs. The court may refuse to dismiss the case until the lien is satisfied. A request to dismiss the case (use form CIV-110) must have a declaration under penalty of perjury that the waived fees and costs have been paid. Special rules apply to family law cases.
- The court can collect fees and costs due to the court. If waived fees and costs are ordered paid to the trial court, or if you fail to make the payments over time, the court can start collection proceedings and add a \$25 fee plus any additional costs of collection to the other fees and costs owed to the court.
- The fee waiver ends. The fee waiver expires 60 days after the judgment, dismissal, or other final disposition of the case or earlier if a court finds that you are not eligible for a fee waiver.
- If you are in jail or state prison: Prisoners may be required to pay the full cost of the filing fee in the trial court but may be allowed to do so over time. See Government Code section 68635.

INSTRUCTIONS

FW-001 **Request to Waive Court Fees** CONFIDENTIAL Clerk stamps date here when form is filed. If you are getting public benefits, are a low-income person, or do not have enough income to pay for household's basic needs and your court fees, you may use this form to ask the court to waive all or part of your court fees. The court may order SAMPLE ONLY you to answer questions about your finances. If the court waives the fees, you may still have to pay later if: • You cannot give the court proof of your eligibility, DO NOT FILL OUT • Your financial situation improves during this case, or • You settle your civil case for \$10,000 or more. The trial court that waives THIS FORM your fees will have a lien on any such settlement in the amount of the waived fees and costs. The court may also charge you any collection costs. **Your Information** (person asking the court to waive the fees): Name: WRITE YOUR NAME, ADDRESS Street or mailing AND PHONE NUMBER HERE Fill in case number and name: City: Case Number WRITE CASE NUMBER HERE Phone number: PROVIDE EMPLOYMENT 2)Your Job , if you have one Case Name **WRITE CASE NAME HERE** INFORMATION OR WRITE Name of employer: "UNEMPLOYED" Employer's address: **Your lawyer**, if you have one (name, firm or affiliation, address, phone number, and State Bar number): **FILL OUT IF APPLICABLE** a. The lawyer has agreed to advance all or a portion of your fees or costs (check one): Ndo b. (If yes, your lawyer must sign here) Lawyer's signature: LAWYER MUST SIGN IF YOU CHECK "YES" If your lawyer is not providing legal-aid type services based on your low income, you may nave to go to a hearing to explain why you are asking the court to waive the fees. 4) What court's fees or costs are you asking to be waived? n Sheet on Waiver of Superior Court Fees and Costs (form FW-001-INFO).) **CHOOSE ONE** al, or Appellate Division of Superior Court (See Information Sheet on Waiver of Supr Appellate Court Fees and Costs (form APP-015/FW-015-INFO).) Why are y For question 5, check ONLY one box: a., b. or c. elief/General al Temporary Assis If you check box 5a.: Check all the government assistance programs Assis you currently receive, sign and date the bottom of page one, and you're abled) sted below. done! (If you Fam If you check box 5b.: Sign and date the bottom of page one, complete an 6 people dd \$389.59 sections 7, 8 and 9 of page two and you're done! xtra person. sk the court to If you check box 5c.: Sign and date the bottom of page one, complete nents over time tcheck ALL of page two (sections 7-11) and you're done! but page 2.)

I declare under penalty of perjury under the laws of the State of California that the information I have provided on this form and all attachments is true and correct. WRITE TODAY'S DATE HERE

Date: PRINT YOUR NAME HERE Print your name

CHECK BOX IF APPLICABLE



our court fees for this case in the last six months.

lease attach it to this form and check here:

SIGN HERE

SAMPLE

Case Number:

WRITE CASE NUMBER HERE

Your name: PRINT YO

PRINT YOUR NAME HERE

If you checked 5a on page 1, do not fill out below. If you checked 5b, fill out questions 7, 8, and 9 only. If you checked 5c, you **must** fill out this entire page. If you need more space, attach form MC-025 or attach a sheet of paper and write Financial Information and your name and case number at the top

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FW-001 Request to Waive Court Fees	CONF	IDENTIAL
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 You cannot give the court proof of your eligibility, Your financial situation improves during this case, or You settle your civil case for \$10,000 or more. The trial court that waives your fees will have a lien on any such settlement in the amount of the waived fees and costs. The court may also charge you any collection costs. 	Fill in court name and Superior Court o	d street eddress: f California, County of
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Why are you asking the court to waive your court fees? a. \[\] \] \text{I receive (check all that apply; see form FW-001-INFO for definition } \] \[\] \] \text{SSP } \[\] \[\] \text{Medi-Cal } \[\] \text{County Relief/Gen. Assist. } \[\] \[\] \] \[\] \text{HSS } \[\] \[\] \[\] \] \text{b. } \[\] \[\] My gross monthly household income (before deductions for taxes) is you check 5b, you must fill out 7, 8, and 9 on page 2 of this form.)	CalWORKS or T	ribal TANF 🔲 CAP
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Date:

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Sign here



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Request to Waive Additional Court Fees (Superior Court)

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City: State: Zip:	_
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Your lawyer, if you have one (name, firm or affiliation, address, phone number, and State Bar number):	
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	Case Number:
Your name:	
b. The court denies your fee waiver request, as follows:	
Warning! If you miss the deadline below, the court cannot proces you filed with your original request. If the papers were a notice of	
 (1) The court denies your request because it is incomplete. this order (see date of service on next page) to: • Pay your fees and costs, or • File a new revised request that includes the items I 	
(2) The court denies your request because the information not eligible for the fee waiver you requested (specify re	
The court has enclosed a blank Request for Hearing Ab form FW-006. You have 10 days after the clerk gives no Pay your fees and costs in full or the amount listed Ask for a hearing in order to show the court more hearing.)	notice of this order (see date of service below) to: d in c. below, or
c. The court needs more information to decide whether to gran below. The hearing will be about (specify questions regarding)	· -
☐ Bring the following proof to support your request if rea	•
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Warning! If item c is checked, and you do not go to court or request to waive court fees, and you will have 10 days to proceed to court cannot proceed the court papers you filed with your rethe appeal may be dismissed.	on your hearing date, the judge will deny your pay your fees. If you miss that deadline, the
Date: Signature of (check one):	☐ Judicial Officer ☐ Clerk, Deputy
Request for Accommodations. Assistive listening systems, collanguage interpreter services are available if you ask at least 5 office for Request for Accommodation, Form MC-410. (Civil of the control of	days before your hearing. Contact the clerk's
Clerk's Certificate of Se	
I certify that I am not involved in this case and <i>(check one)</i> : \square A I handed a copy of this order to the party and attorney, if any, listed in the party and attorney.	A certificate of mailing is attached.
This order was mailed first class, postage paid, to the party and attorn from (city):, California on the	ney, if any, at the addresses listed in 1 and 2,
Date: Clerk, I	by:, Deputy