

Official Form 3A

Instructions for the Application for Individuals to Pay the Filing Fee in Installments

United States Bankruptcy Court

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How to Fill Out the Application

If you cannot afford to pay the full filing fee when you first file for bankruptcy, you may pay the fee in installments. However, in most cases, you must pay the entire fee within 120 days of when you file, and the court must approve your payment timetable. If necessary after the court establishes the initial schedule, you may ask the court to extend the deadline to 180 days after you file. In that case, you must explain why you need the extension. Your debts will not be discharged until you pay your entire fee.

Do not file this form if you can afford to pay your full fee when you file.

If you are filing under chapter 7 and cannot afford to pay the full filing fee at all, you may be qualified to ask the court to waive your filing fee. See *Application to Have Your Chapter 7 Filing Fee Waived* (Official Form 3B).

If a bankruptcy petition preparer helped you complete this form, make sure that person fills out the *Declaration and Signature of Non-Attorney Bankruptcy Petition Preparer* (Official Form 19); include a copy of it in this package.

Things to remember when filling out this form

- Be as complete and accurate as possible.
- If more space is needed, attach a separate sheet to this form. On the top of any additional pages, write your name and case number (if known).
- If two married people are filing together, both are equally responsible for supplying correct information.

Do not file these instructions with your bankruptcy filing package. Keep them for your records.

Fill in this information to identify your case:

Debtor 1 _____
First Name Middle Name Last Name

Debtor 2 _____
(Spouse, if filing) First Name Middle Name Last Name

United States Bankruptcy Court for the: _____ District of _____
(State)

Case number _____
(If known)

Check if this is an amended filing

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Part 1: Specify Your Proposed Payment Timetable

1. Which chapter of the Bankruptcy Code are you choosing to file under?

- Chapter 7..... Fee: **\$335**
- Chapter 11..... Fee: **\$1,717**
- Chapter 12..... Fee: **\$275**
- Chapter 13..... Fee: **\$310**

2. You may apply to pay the filing fee in up to four installments. Fill in the amounts you propose to pay and the dates you plan to pay them. Be sure all dates are business days. Then add the payments you propose to pay.

You must propose to pay the entire fee no later than 120 days after you file this bankruptcy case. If the court approves your application, the court will set your final payment timetable.

You propose to pay...

\$ _____	<input type="checkbox"/> With the filing of the petition	_____
	<input type="checkbox"/> On or before this date.....	MM / DD / YYYY
\$ _____	On or before this date.....	_____
		MM / DD / YYYY
\$ _____	On or before this date.....	_____
		MM / DD / YYYY
+ \$ _____	On or before this date.....	_____
		MM / DD / YYYY

Total \$ _____

◀ Your total must equal the entire fee for the chapter you checked in line 1.

Part 2: Sign Below

By signing here, you state that you are unable to pay the full filing fee at once, that you want to pay the fee in installments, and that you understand that:

- You must pay your entire filing fee before you make any more payments or transfer any more property to an attorney, bankruptcy petition preparer, or anyone else for services in connection with your bankruptcy case.
- You must pay the entire fee no later than 120 days after you first file for bankruptcy, unless the court later extends your deadline. Your debts will not be discharged until your entire fee is paid.
- If you do not make any payment when it is due, your bankruptcy case may be dismissed, and your rights in other bankruptcy proceedings may be affected.

x _____	x _____	x _____
Signature of Debtor 1	Signature of Debtor 2	Your attorney's name and signature, if you used one
Date _____	Date _____	Date _____
MM / DD / YYYY	MM / DD / YYYY	MM / DD / YYYY

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(State)

Case number _____
(If known)

Chapter filing under:
 Chapter 7
 Chapter 11
 Chapter 12
 Chapter 13

Order Approving Payment of Filing Fee in Installments

After considering the *Application for Individuals to Pay the Filing Fee in Installments* (Official Form B 3A), the court orders that:

The debtor(s) may pay the filing fee in installments on the terms proposed in the application.

The debtor(s) must pay the filing fee according to the following terms:

<u>You must pay...</u>	<u>On or before this date...</u>
\$ _____	_____ Month / day / year
\$ _____	_____ Month / day / year
\$ _____	_____ Month / day / year
+ \$ _____	_____ Month / day / year
Total	
\$ 	

Until the filing fee is paid in full, the debtor(s) must not make any additional payment or transfer any additional property to an attorney or to anyone else for services in connection with this case.

Month / day / year

By the court: _____
United States Bankruptcy Judge