

UNITED STATES BANKRUPTCY COURT
DISTRICT OF VERMONT

BANKRUPTCY COURT FEES¹ QUICK REFERENCE
EFFECTIVE DECEMBER 1, 2023

FILING FEES

Petitions²

Chapter 7	\$338.00
Chapter 9	\$1,738.00
Chapter 11 (non-railroad)	\$1,738.00
Chapter 11 (railroad)	\$1,571.00
Chapter 12	\$278.00
Chapter 13	\$313.00
Chapter 15 (formerly known as “ancillary proceeding”)	\$1,738.00
Adversary Proceeding	\$350.00
Notice of Removal	\$350.00

Appeals

Appeal (must also pay Notice of Appeal fee)	\$293.00
Cross Appeal (must also pay Notice of Appeal fee)	\$293.00
Notice of Appeal ³	\$5.00
Direct Bankruptcy Appeal to Court of Appeals ⁴ : (must also pay Notice of Appeal fee)	\$500.00

Motions

Relief From Stay	\$199.00
Sale of Property Free & Clear of Liens	\$199.00
Withdraw the Reference Under 28 U.S.C. 157(d)	\$199.00
Compel Abandonment	\$199.00
Redact Previously Filed Records in a Case	\$28.00
Split a Case:	
Chapter 7	\$338.00
Chapter 11	\$1,738.00
Chapter 12	\$278.00
Chapter 13	\$313.00

¹ The Court accepts checks, money orders, American Express, VISA, MasterCard, and Discover/Novus. Debtors' personal checks and credit cards are not accepted when filing a petition. We do not accept 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 \$307 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 12 to Chapter 13	\$35.00
Convert Chapter 7 to Chapter 11	\$922.00
Convert Chapter 12 to Chapter 11	\$800.00
Convert Chapter 13 to Chapter 11	\$932.00
Reopen a Case: ⁶	
Chapter 7	\$260.00
Chapter 9	\$1,167.00
Chapter 11	\$1,167.00
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	\$34.00
Other Schedules	No Fee
Audio Recording (CD)	\$34.00
Certification	\$12.00
Exemplifications	\$24.00
Any Payment Returned/Denied for Insufficient Funds	\$53.00
Photocopies by Clerk's Office (per page)	\$0.50
Public Access Terminal Copies (per page)	\$0.10
Record Retrieval from Federal Records Center ⁸	Contact Clerk's Office for Fees and Instructions
Record Search	\$34.00
(No fee charged if the requested item can be found via the computerized docket (CM/ECF))	
Filing or Indexing of Miscellaneous Paper	\$52.00
Pro Hac Vice Admission	\$150.00
Transfer Claim	\$28.00

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 two situations: (1) reopening a case to permit a party to file a complaint to obtain a determination under Rule 4007(b); or (2) reopening a case when a creditor is violating the terms of the discharge under 11 U.S.C. § 524. 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 Generally, \$70 fee for the retrieval of one box of records, \$43 for the retrieval of each additional box or Electronic Record Retrieval fee is \$20.90 plus \$0.65 per page.