

NORTH DAKOTA COURT FEE SCHEDULE

Effective July 1, 2025

This schedule has been compiled to assist clerks of district court in determining the fee to be charged under N.D.C.C. § 27-05.2-03 and other related sections of the North Dakota Century Code. Any questions regarding the appropriate fee to be charged for clerk of court services should be referred to the Office of the State Court Administrator.

I. Fee for filing a case for decision in district court:

- 1.....For filing for dissolution or reinstatement of a corporation
(Titles 6 & 10).....\$160
- 2.....For filing a petition for divorce, annulment, or separation (Title 14).....\$160
- 3.....For filing a motion to modify an order for spousal support, property
division, child support, residential rights and responsibilities, primary residential
responsibility, or parenting time\$160
- 4.....For filing a motion for enforcement of parenting timeNo Fee
- 5.....For filing a petition for a domestic violence protection order
(§14-07.1-03(6)).....No Fee
- 6.....For filing a petition for a sexual assault restraining order
(§12.1-31.01.2)No Fee
- 7.....For filing a petition for a disorderly conduct restraining
order involving domestic violence (§12.1-31.2-01(11)).....No Fee
- 8.....For filing a petition for a disorderly conduct restraining order (all others)
(N.D.C.C. §12.1-31.2-01)\$160¹

¹ Beginning January 1, 2026 there will be no filing fee for any restraining or protection orders. H.B. 1489 (2025)

9.....For filing an action for support of a child where there is no previous existing court order for support (N.D.C.C. Ch. 14-08.1).....	\$160
.....Except when action is filed by government entity (§14-08.1-04)	No Fee
10.....For filing UIFSA support order or action (§14-12.2-25).....	No Fee
11.....For filing an action for termination of parental rights (§27-20.3-21).....	\$160
.....Except when the action is filed by the state's attorney or part of an adoption action for which the filing fee for the adoption has been paid.....	No Fee
12.....For filing proceedings in domestic matters not otherwise provided for	\$160
13.....For filing an appeal from a decision of a board of county commissioners (§11-11-39)	\$160
.....Except where the decision involves taking of lands by a county for highway purposes (§24-05-14)	No Fee
14.....For filing an appeal from a decision of the highway commissioner (Titles 24 & 39) i.e., administrative driver's license suspensions, revocations, or cancellations (§39-20-06)	\$160
.....Except where the decision involves taking land by the state for highway purposes (§24-01-25).....	No Fee
15.....For filing an appeal from an administrative traffic officer's findings (§39-06.1-03(5))	No Fee
16.....For filing an appeal from municipal court (§40-18.1-19).....	No Fee
17.....For filing an appeal from denial of unemployment compensation benefits	

by Job Service Bureau (§52-06-32)No Fee

18.....For filing an appeal from the decision of an administrative agency,
board, bureau, commission, state officer, or political subdivision not otherwise
provided for (Ch. 28-32).....\$160

19.....For filing probate, guardianship, or any other testamentary
case (Title 30.1)\$160
.....Except where petition for guardianship is filed by a member of an
individual habilitation plan team or other state employee in performance
of official duties (§30.1-28-03).....No Fee

20.....For filing, not registering, trust proceedings (Titles 30.1 & 59).....\$160

21.....For filing a civil action for judicial remedy (i.e., personal injury,
injunction, quiet title, writ, change of name)\$160

22.....For filing an action to foreclose on a lien (Title 35)\$160

23.....For filing a claim affidavit and answer when the defendant removes
a small claims action to district court (§27-08.1-04)\$160

II. Fee for filing an answer.

1.....For filing an answer to a case that is not a small claims action\$100

2.....For filing an answer to a motion to modify an order for spousal
support, property division, child support, parental rights and responsibilities,
residential responsibility or parenting time.....\$100

- III. Fee for small claims actions.
- 1.....For filing a claim affidavit (§27-05.2-03(1)(e)).....\$20²
 - 2.....For filing a counterclaim affidavit or answer (§27-08.1-03)No Fee
- IV. Fee for filing foreign judgment, petition for subsequent administration, statement registering trust, or foreign domestic violence protection order.
- 1.....For filing a foreign decree or judgment (§28-20.1-05).....\$20
 - 2.....For filing a petition for subsequent administration of an estate (§30.1-21-08)\$20
 - 3.....For filing a foreign domestic violence protection orderNo Fee
 - 4.....For registering a foreign child custody order (§14-14.1-25)\$20
 - 5.....For registering a foreign adoption order (§14-15-17).....\$20
 - 6.....For filing authenticated or certified copies of appointment as a domiciliary foreign personal representative (§30.1-24-05)\$20
- V. Fee for filing any matter authorized to be filed in the office of the clerk other than a case for decision.
- 1.....For filing an Affidavit of Custodial Parent (§14-09-08.2).....No Fee
 - 2.....For filing and docketing a transcript of a judgment or order from another district court in the state (§28-20-13).....No Fee
 - 3.....For filing and entering an assignment of judgment (§28-20-20).....No Fee
 - 4.....For filing and entering a renewal of judgment (§28-20-22)No Fee

² If the small claims action is dismissed without prejudice, the fee is refunded to the plaintiff (§27-08.1-04.1).

5.....For filing an acknowledgement of satisfaction of judgment (§28-20-24)	No Fee
6.....For filing bankruptcy discharge for cancellation of a judgment (§28-20-30.1)	No Fee
7.....For filing a regular or special execution on return (§28-21-06)	No Fee
8.....For filing and indexing or recording a lien (Title 35).....	\$20
.....Except for filing an attorney's lien (§35-20-08)	No Fee
9.....For filing or entering a certificate of discharge of a statutory lien	No Fee
10.....For filing an application, affidavit, and undertaking for release of lien (§35-21-02)	\$20
11.....For all services in proceedings for deposit in court (Ch. 32-11)	\$20
.....Except where deposit is being made in conjunction with previously filed case	No Fee
12.....For filing a municipal court judgment as a civil judgment of district court (§14-18.1-22)	\$10

VI. Fee for preparing, certifying, issuing, or transmitting any document. **There is no per page charge for a certified copy. There is no fee for electronic copies.**

1.....For issuing a certified abstract or certified copy of a judgment, order, or other paper filed or recorded in the office of the clerk	\$20
.....Additional copies of the same document	\$10
2.....For certifying and transmitting a record on appeal to Supreme Court	No Fee
3.....For preparing and transmitting a certified transcript of a judgment or order to another district court	\$20
4.....For issuing a notice of cancellation and discharge of judgment to another district court to which judgment has been transcribed (§27-20-27)	No Fee
5.....For preparing and issuing a regular or special execution (Ch. 28-21).....	\$20
6.....For preparing and issuing a subpoena (N.D.R.Civ.P. 45).....	\$20
.....Except for a subpoena in a criminal case (N.D.R.Crim.P. 17)	No Fee

- 7.....For certifying to county recorder that action has not been commenced
to enforce a construction (mechanic's) lien and that lien is satisfied (§35-27-25)....No Fee
- 8.....For taking and certifying an acknowledgment of (notarizing)
any document (§44-05-03).....\$5
- 9.....For a certified copy of a domestic violence protection order or
sexual assault restraining order when requested by the protected partyNo Fee

VII. Record Searches.

- 1.....For civil record searches (e.g., unsatisfied judgment) per name\$10
- 2.....For criminal record searches per name\$10

Note: Federal, state, and local governmental entities are exempt from fees for record searches

VIII. Court Forms. State court forms are now available to the public on the Supreme Court's website: www.ndcourts.gov. The public may access these forms, posted in fillable format, on the website and use the forms to file certain actions. If a person does not have access to a computer, sets of these forms will be provided by the clerk upon request for the designated fee.

- 1.....Simple Divorce\$5
- 2.....Modification and Enforcement of Parenting Time\$5
- 3.....Probate\$5
- 4.....Child Support Review and Amendment\$5
- 5.....Waiver of Fees\$2
- 6.....Small Claims\$5
-Individual forms from a set.....\$.50

IX. Copies and Faxes. Fees assessed by state-employed clerks. **No charge for electronic copies.**

- 1..... Copies per page.....\$.10
- 2..... Faxed documents (outgoing) per page.....\$.25

- X. There is no charge for a government agency to make a copy of a document if the purpose of making the copy is retention by the clerk of court while the original is withdrawn.
- XI. The clerk shall not collect filing fees from the state, any state agency, or from a political subdivision.