

Fee Waivers

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If you cannot afford the court fees and costs, you can ask the court for a fee waiver. You may need different forms and the process can be a little confusing.

To help you, this packet has frequently asked questions, sample forms, instructions and blank forms for you to fill out. You can also find the forms at www.courtinfo.ca.gov/forms and the frequently asked questions at www.courtinfo.ca.gov/selfhelp/feewaivers.

It is very important that you:

1. **Read the forms very carefully.** The forms contain a lot of information you must know. They can help you understand what you have to do and decide on your options. Do not just skip to the parts you have to answer. Read everything on the form you are filling out.
2. **Fill out the forms carefully, and tell the truth.** Your answers must be accurate and complete. You must sign your forms under penalty of perjury, and you could get in trouble if you lie or leave information out on purpose to mislead the court.
3. **Make sure you always use the right form.** The form names and numbers are on the top and/or bottom of every page. There is also a date on the left hand bottom of the page. Make sure that date is July 1, 2009. If it is not, you have an outdated form that the court will not accept.