



## Pay Criminal Debt Using Pay.gov

A guide for making secure payments online

You can use Pay.gov to make a payment toward federal criminal debt owed in the District of Maine. Pay.gov is a secure government website managed by the Department of Treasury, Financial Management Services.

### BEFORE YOU START, HAVE:

- your case number
- your payment method: bank account (ACH), debit card, or PayPal
- your email address if you want a Pay.gov receipt

### HOW TO PAY ONLINE

Start at [www.med.uscourts.gov](http://www.med.uscourts.gov) and choose the "Pay Criminal Debt via Pay.gov" link. You may also scan the QR code below.

- 1. Open the form.** On Pay.gov, click "Continue to the Form."
- 2. Enter case and defendant information.** Use the full case number so the payment can be applied correctly.
- 3. Enter payer information.** Add your name, the amount you want to pay, and your email address if you want a receipt.
- 4. Attach a document.** This step is optional.
- 5. Choose your payment method.** You may use bank account (ACH), debit card, or PayPal.
- 6. Review everything carefully.** Check the amount, case number, and payment information before you submit.
- 7. Submit once.** Do not click the submit button twice. Duplicate payments may not be refunded.
- 8. Save your receipt number.** After payment, Pay.gov should show a Tracking ID. This is your receipt number.

Scan to open Pay.gov form



### CASE NUMBER TIPS

Your case number may look like:

**DMEX126CR000123-001** or

**1:26CR000123-1**

- Location (first digit): 1 = Bangor; 2 = Portland
- Case Year (next 2 digits): ex. 26 for 2026
- Case Type: usually CR; sometimes PO, MJ, or MC
- Case Number (6 digits): will start with 3 or more zeros
- Defendant Number (3 digits): if it is a single digit, place two zeros before the digit, ex. "1" is "001"

*Unable to locate your case number? Contact the Clerk's Office at 207-780-3356 (Portland) or 207-945-0575 (Bangor).*

### YOU DO NOT NEED A PAY.GOV ACCOUNT FOR A ONE-TIME PAYMENT.

#### For payers, creating an account will allow you to:

- store payment information;
- manage payments; and
- view your payment history.

### NEED HELP?

#### Call the Clerk's Office:

Portland (207) 780-3356

Bangor (207) 945-0575

### DO NOT USE THIS FOR

### Central Violations Bureau (CVB) payments

For CVB payments, call: (800) 827-2982