



ECB Amnesty and Compliance Program

The City of New York is offering a temporary program allowing you to pay a reduced amount for eligible Environmental Control Board (ECB) judgments.

If you have unpaid judgments that are eligible for the ECB Amnesty and Compliance Program, you may be able to save money by having certain fines and interest associated with your judgments waived. Savings vary based on your specific judgments and, in some cases, may be as much as 75%.

Eligibility

The ECB Amnesty and Compliance Program is a three-month program authorized by Mayor Mamdani and the New York City Council and administered by the Department of Finance. The program allows respondents or payors to resolve outstanding Environmental Control Board judgments issued by various city agencies and adjudicated by the Office of Administrative Trials and Hearings (OATH).

The amount that customers can save will depend on when their violations went into judgment and whether the party named on the violation (the “respondent”) attended a hearing held by the Office of Administrative Trials and Hearings.

Type of judgment	Reduction amount
Defaulted for not attending a hearing	Default fine and accrued interest will be waived. Pay 100% of the base fine.
Found liable after attending a hearing	Accrued interest will be waived. Pay only 75% of the imposed fine.

How to participate

The ECB Amnesty and Compliance Program will begin on Tuesday, October 13, 2026 and end on Sunday, January 10, 2027.

To participate, visit www.nyc.gov/mysummons. Enter your name and address, ticket number, or OATH ID number. (If you are a respondent and have received correspondence from the Department of Finance, your OATH ID number will appear on the correspondence.)

Your outstanding OATH-adjudicated ECB judgment violations will be listed, along with whether each violation is eligible for the ECB Amnesty and Compliance Program. You can select your eligible

judgments, agree to the ECB Amnesty and Compliance Program terms and conditions, and pay the reduced amount in full.

Some judgments require both payment and corrective action. These judgments can be resolved through the ECB Amnesty and Compliance Program only if the issuing agency approves the correction and the Department of Finance receives confirmation by the program's end date.

Contact the agency that issued the violation for instructions on correcting it and obtaining a Certificate of Correction.

If you have eligible judgments, you can also participate in the ECB Amnesty and Compliance Program and pay your judgments at any Department of Finance business center.

Get help

If you have questions about the ECB Amnesty and Compliance Program, please contact us or call 311. You can also visit any Department of Finance business center.

Frequently asked questions

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A judgment is not eligible if it was entered in court after 07/15/2026.

A judgment is also not eligible if:

- It was included in an agreement with the Sheriff's Office or a New York City Marshal, the corporation counsel or a contractor of the corporation counsel.
- It is for a violation that was issued pursuant to a citizen's complaint, such as for idling or noise violations.
- An execution has been issued for enforcement to the Sheriff's Office or a New York City Marshal.
- The violation has been converted to a tax lien.
- The violation is the subject of a criminal investigation.

Your search results at www.nyc.gov/mysummons will show which judgments are eligible.

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It is not eligible for the ECB Amnesty and Compliance Program. However, a default judgment entered after that date may be eligible for the OATH-Adjudicated ECB Violations Settlement Program.

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Do I have to pay all of my eligible judgments?

No. You may choose which eligible judgments to pay.

Can I make partial payments or use a payment plan?

No. Each judgment that you select for the amnesty program must be paid in full with a single payment. You may, however, pay your amnesty-eligible judgments in separate transactions before the program deadline. Any violations not paid in full by the end of the amnesty period will revert back to the full amount.

What if I already made a payment?

If you paid a judgment in full before the ECB Amnesty and Compliance Program began, you cannot receive a refund or a retroactive discount.

If you made only a partial payment, the remaining balance may still qualify for the program. Search for the judgment at www.nyc.gov/mysummons to see whether it is eligible and how much you must pay.

Why does the website say that I owe \$1?

You must make a \$1 payment when you have previously made partial payments that equal or exceed:

- The base penalty for a default judgment; or
- 75% of the imposed fine for a judgment issued after a hearing.

To resolve the judgment, select it at www.nyc.gov/mysummons and pay the \$1 fee.

What if I was ordered to correct the violation?

Some judgments require both payment and corrective action. These judgments can be paid through the ECB Amnesty and Compliance Program only if the issuing agency approves the correction and the Department of Finance receives electronic confirmation before the end of the program period.

Contact the agency that issued the violation for instructions on correcting it and obtaining a Certificate of Correction.

Department of Buildings (DOB):

- Phone: (212) 393-2405 (for general Certificate of Correction or OATH summons questions)
- Online Help for Department of Buildings Self-Service Tools: www.nyc.gov/dobnow
- Email: aeu_gsc@buildings.nyc.gov

Please note that default Department of Buildings judgments that have received a DOB credit may be eligible for the amnesty program.

New York City Fire Department (FDNY):

The procedure for certifying correction requires the submission of a notarized Certificate of Correction, accompanied by supporting proof of compliance, through the FDNY online portal.

You can email FDNY.BusinessSupport@fdny.nyc.gov to ask about the status of your submission. Visit the Correcting and Responding to Violations webpage for more information.

Landmarks Preservation Commission:

- Landmarks Preservation Commission Enforcement Department

Department of Environmental Protection (DEP):

- DEP Customer Service
- Send DEP customer service a message online

To ask whether the Department of Finance has received confirmation of correction, please contact us via www.nyc.gov/contactservices.

Can I pay by e-check?

You can pay using an e-check. If you are a corporation making an electronic check (e-Check) or Automated Clearing House (ACH) payment, please contact your banking institution to provide them with the appropriate ACH company ID (A136400434) and name (NYC ECB FINES) to allow for the removal of any ACH debit block which may affect the processing of your payment so that the payment is not rejected.

If your payment is returned unpaid by your bank, the Department of Finance may send you a bill for the amount due, which may include additional charges, such as penalties and interest.

What happens if my payment cannot be processed?

If your payment cannot be processed by your bank for any reason, the Department of Finance may, but is not required to, bill you for the unpaid amount, including any applicable penalties and interest. An unsuccessful payment will not resolve the judgment under the ECB Amnesty and Compliance Program.

You may receive a letter if your payment fails. After a failed payment, there may be a period during which you cannot make another payment. After this period, the judgment will be eligible for the ECB Amnesty and Compliance Program again, provided that the program is still active.

Am I admitting liability by participating?

Paying a judgment resulting from a default decision is considered an admission of liability.

By participating, you also give up the right to challenge the paid judgment or the amount due. This includes seeking to vacate a default judgment or claiming that you did not receive notice of the violation.

Review the full ECB Amnesty and Compliance Program terms and conditions before making a payment.

How do I search for amnesty-eligible violations in e-services?

To search for amnesty-eligible violations, go to www.nyc.gov/eservices, scroll down to Payments, and select "Make a Payment (Quick Pay)." Then, select "ECB Violations" and enter your violation number or name and address. To search by OATH ID, select "ID." Under "ID Type," click "OATH ID" and enter your OATH ID.

What if I am a person making a payment on behalf of an entity or another person?

The terms and conditions associated with payment on CityPay provide that the person entering into the amnesty agreement is the person or entity associated with the billing address provided at the time of payment. If you believe that a different party should be subject to the terms and conditions, please conduct this transaction at a DOF business center or at e-Services.