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Court Imposed Fines – Application for an Extension to Pay

What is it?

A fine is a criminal sanction. A civil sanction, by contrast, is called a penalty. Non-payment of a criminal fine can result in incarceration, whereas non-payment of a civil penalty cannot.

If you are unable to pay the full amount of a Court imposed fine within the time allowed by the court you may apply to the Court to be allowed extra time to pay and to pay by instalments using [instalments and direct debit forms](#).

How do I pay my fine?

You must pay your fine directly to the Court. Court fines cannot be paid at any other agency.

There are several ways in which to pay a Court imposed fine:

- In person by attending the Magistrates Court counter and paying by cash, credit card, eftpos, bank cheque, personal cheque or money order. The Magistrates Court is situated at [4 Knowles Place](#), Canberra City;
- By posting your fine along with a bank cheque, personal cheque or money order to:
ACT Magistrates Court
GPO Box 370 Canberra City ACT 2601
- Or by direct debit. If you wish to pay by direct debit you will need to visit the Magistrates Court in order to lodge your [debit form](#);
- By using the instalments and direct debit form.

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