

# Factsheet 2 – Ways to pay a fine

Use this factsheet for information on available payment options

This factsheet covers the payment options available for paying a fine. This may include:

- Reparation
- Court-ordered fines
- Infringement fines
- The offender levy

As New Zealand banks continue to phase out the use of cheques, **the Ministry of Justice will no longer be processing incoming or outgoing cheques from 31 May 2021.**

This follows the announcement that most New Zealand banks will no longer accept cheques by mid-2021, as many customers are now opting for digital payment options.

## What other payment options are available?

For all payment methods you will need your 10-digit PPN number. This can be found on the fines notice or letter you have received about the fine from the courts. If you can't find your PPN then contact us.

### 1. Online

**Online** – you can pay your fine online using your debit or credit card. To pay your fee online you will need:

- A valid Visa, Visa Debit, MasterCard, Diners Club, and Prezzy Card
- Your 10-digit PPN number

Please access the [online payment service](#) on our website.

For more, go to:

[justice.govt.nz/make-and-receive-a-payment](https://justice.govt.nz/make-and-receive-a-payment)

### 2. Internet banking (direct credit)

You can pay a fine by automatic payment from your bank account. From your internet banking page search for 'Ministry of Justice - Fines' in payees. Otherwise, use these account details:

**Account name:** Ministry of Justice – Fines

**Account number:** 03-0049-0001055-01

To make sure your payments go into the right account use these references:

**Particulars:** The last name and initials of the person who owes the fines (for example, SMITH JS). If you are an employer making bulk payments, put your company name.

**Code:** The letter 'P' then your 10-digit fine (PPN) number (for example, P1234567890). You can find your PPN on any letter about the fine. For bulk payments, put 'Salary/Wages'.

**Reference:** The word **FINES**

### 3. Over the phone

You can pay a fine over the phone using a valid Visa, Visa Debit, MasterCard, Diners Club, or Prezzy Card.

- You will need your 10-digit PPN number
- Call 0800 4 FINES (0800 434 637, free from NZ mobile or landline)
- From overseas: +64 4 915 8586
- From Australia: 1800 144 239 (toll free)

## 4. In person

You can pay fines in person at your local district court, Post Shop, or Westpac Bank.

Bring your PPN number or Notice of Fine so that we can allocate your payment to your fine. If you can't find your PPN number then contact us.

For more, go to:  
[justice.govt.nz/make-and-receive-a-payment](https://justice.govt.nz/make-and-receive-a-payment)

## 5. Pay a fine from overseas

There are several ways you can pay a fine from overseas.

- Over the phone from outside New Zealand. Please refer to the 'By phone' section.
- Using a money transfer company such as [OrbitRemit](#)
- Internet banking using Swift code or BSB
  - **The Swift code** for the Ministry of Justice is: WPACNZ2W
  - **The Sort code**, BSB, and National Clearing Code for fines payments are all: 03 0049

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## Frequently asked questions

### Aren't cheques legal tender?

No, cheques are not legal tender. A business can decide to stop using cheques as an accepted payment method at any time.

### What other payment options are available?

All transactions made by cheque currently have existing payment alternatives available. These include EFTPOS or cash at the counter, credit/debit card, and other online payment options (such as File and Pay).

### What steps can I take to prepare?

Most banks have provided online advice on how to prepare for this change. Contact your banking service provider for more information.

## Have other businesses stopped using cheques?

Kiwibank made the decision to stop accepting cheques by February 2020. IRD also stopped accepting cheques during 2020.

## What happens to cheques sent into the Ministry after 31 May 2021?

Unfortunately, the Ministry will be unable to accept cheques after this date. We will contact you to arrange an alternative payment method and minimise any delay to our service.

## What happens if I have a cheque from the Ministry, that I want to cash after 31 May 2021?

If you have an unrepresented cheque from the Ministry, then deposit your cheque before 25 June 2021 as Westpac (the Ministry's bank) will no longer process cheques after this date. If you bank with ANZ, then you will need to deposit your cheque before 31 May 2021. Otherwise contact us to be paid by direct credit. Our contact details are listed below.

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## Receiving a payment

The Ministry may owe you a payment, this may be in relation to:

- Refund for an overpayment of a fine
- Victim reparation payment

If you think you may be owed a reparation payment please contact us please contact us 0800 909 909 with your bank account details or [send us a message online](#)

## Useful Contact information

For matters relating to fines, please call 0800 4 FINES (0800 434 637, free from NZ mobile or landline)

If you need more information on changes relating to cheque payments, please email the team directly [paymentsmodernisation@justice.govt.nz](mailto:paymentsmodernisation@justice.govt.nz)

### Victim services:

<https://www.justice.govt.nz/fines/about-reparation/>  
<http://www.victiminfo.govt.nz/>