

# DO YOU OWE MONEY ON A JUVENILE CASE IN ARIZONA?



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## HERE'S WHAT YOU NEED TO KNOW IF YOU HAVE AN UNPAID BALANCE:

If before October 30, 2023, the court required you to pay on your case while you were a juvenile, you can request it vacate (CANCEL) certain eligible unpaid balances. Parent(s) or guardian(s) can also request the court vacate eligible unpaid balances.

### What Qualifies?

Unpaid supervision fees, diversion costs, detention costs, and other monetary obligations are eligible to be vacated.

### What Doesn't Qualify?

Victim restitution, fines, penalties, and certain assessments.

If a civil judgment was entered before October 30, 2023, because the court issued a juvenile restitution order in favor of the State and it includes monetary obligations that are eligible to be vacated, the court may vacate the eligible portion of the unsatisfied civil judgment.

- Juvenile restitution orders entered for victim restitution are not affected.
- Any other monetary obligations that are part of a juvenile restitution order that are not eligible to be vacated will remain as an unsatisfied civil judgment.



## How to Check if You Qualify

First, contact the court to find out if you have a balance. If you do, then download the **Petition to Vacate Eligible Monetary Obligations or Civil Judgment** form from [azcourts.gov/juvenilefees](https://azcourts.gov/juvenilefees) or request the form from the court that heard your case. There is no filing fee.

## What Happens Next?

- The court will review the petition, put its decision in an order, and then mail that order back to you.
- If a civil judgment entered against you has been recorded with the county recorder, the court will notify the county recorder if the unsatisfied civil judgment has been vacated in its entirety, by sending a Satisfaction of Judgment.
- If a juvenile and their parents or guardians are before the court, the juvenile and their parents or guardians may be advised that certain monetary obligations in their case(s) are eligible to be vacated. The court may or may not require the completion of the petition in this scenario, depending on the court's policy.

## Things to Consider

- Not all juvenile cases are eligible. Learn more at [azcourts.gov/juvenilefees](https://azcourts.gov/juvenilefees).
- You cannot request a refund for payments already made on a case.

**About the Change in the Law:** Senate Bill 1197 enacted several juvenile justice reforms that became effective on October 30, 2023.