

Payment of Court Imposed Fines

It is the responsibility of an individual or company to comply with the payment terms as stated on the Fines Notification letter issued by the court. If a fine is not settled as per the payment terms an individual or a company is in default of the payment of a court imposed fine and as such is in breach of a statutory provision and/or court order.

If the payment terms allow for the fine to be paid by standing order on a weekly, fortnightly or monthly basis, when providing instructions to your bank, please ensure the time taken for the standing order payments to move from your bank account to the General Registry bank account complies with the payment terms on your fines notification letter. Failure of the payment **(or of any one such payment)** to arrive on time in the General Registry account will result in a default of payment being recorded.

The Register of Fines Etc. Rules 2014

With effect from 1st April 2014, the Register of Fines Etc. Rules 2014 (Statutory Document: 2014/0105), provide for the inclusion on a public register ('Register of Fines'), without notice, details of individuals and companies in default of payment of a court imposed fine, as defined in the Rules.

What will it mean if your details appear on the Register of Fines?

Information held on the Register of Fines may be passed to commercial organisations and to credit grantors and others seeking information regarding the financial standing of an individual or a company.

This may affect your credit rating.

What details will be entered on the Register of Fines?

If an individual or company fails to pay a fine (or any relevant part or instalment of a fine according to the terms of the court order) the Registrar is required to enter on the Register of Fines the details relating to the fine (*).

(*) Unless there are any current proceedings before the court for either an extension of time to pay or variation or remission of that fine or any appeal in relation to the liability for payment of that fine.

The following details will be entered:

- The name and address of the debtor (including post code, where known)
- Date of birth (where this is known/if applicable). An individual's details will only appear on the Register if they are 18-years or over on the date the liability to pay the fine first arose
- The amount of fine unpaid as at the date of entry in the Register
- The name of the court making the decision, the case number and the date upon which the decision was made, or (as the case may be) the statutory provision by which the sum was made applicable as a fine imposed by a criminal court, and the reference number or other identifying reference which will enable the entry in the register to be correlated to the relevant fine
- Satisfaction or cancellation details, once the 'Registry Trust Ltd.', which keeps the Register, has been notified by the court

Public Access to the Register of Fines

Upon payment of the appropriate fee, anybody may access the Register of Fines and view details of defaulters by using the 'Trust Online' ('Registry Trust Ltd.') [website](#). The Register of Fines is geographical and will display specific information regarding the defaulter in relation to default fines on the Isle of Man.

Amending the Register of Fines

For a small fee an individual or company can search the Register of Fines to ensure the information held is accurate. If you feel details of a registration are inaccurate, an application should be made to the Registry Trust Ltd. and you should provide particulars of the Fine default and specify the required amendment(s). If a recent search of the Register of Fines has not been undertaken, the requisite search fee must be enclosed with the application. The query will be raised with the Isle of Man Courts who will investigate and respond to the Registry Trust Ltd. Upon receipt of their response, the applicant

will be advised and, if appropriate, the Register will be amended. Registry Trust Ltd. contact information can be found by clicking [HERE](#).

Satisfying or removing an entry on the Register of Fines

If the fine is **fully** repaid (satisfied) to the Isle of Man Courts **within** one calendar month from the date on which the fine was registered, the record will be removed from the Register of Fines.

Should a fine be **fully** repaid **after** one calendar month from the date on which the fine was registered, the Registrar shall endorse the entry to show the fine has been satisfied. Defaulter details will appear on the Register of Fines for a statutory period of 5-years after the date of conviction for the offence for which the fine entered on the register relates.

On payment of the prescribed fee (£15.00) a person or company may write to the Chief Registrar and request a certificate of satisfaction. Please provide particulars of the satisfied (paid in full) court imposed fine, e.g. your full name, date of birth, full postal address including post code, and the relevant fine account reference number. Address your letter to: Chief Registrar, C/O Finance Unit, Isle of Man Courts (General Registry), Deemsters Walk, Bucks Road, Douglas, Isle of Man, IM2 1NH.

Cancellation, endorsement, correction, or removal of an entry on the Register of Fines

The Registrar shall cancel the entry if any conviction, order, declaration or judgment or obligation for which the fine was imposed has been quashed, set aside or reversed.

If it comes to the attention of the Registrar that an entry on the Register of Fines is incorrect or inaccurate, upon his satisfaction, the Registrar will cancel or amend the relevant entry on the Register of Fines and inform the person or company that this has been done.

Where a court orders the cancellation of an entry, the Registrar shall cancel the entry within a specified time or within 5-working days of becoming aware of the court decision.

Note

This is a brief explanation of the Register of Fines requirements, but is for general guidance only and is not an authoritative statement of the law.

Copies of legislation referred to are available on the legislation website – click [HERE](#). If you require legal advice, you are advised to consult an advocate.

A list of advocates is available on the Isle of Man Law Society website – click [HERE](#).