



SUPERIOR COURT OF CALIFORNIA, COUNTY OF SAN DIEGO

HOW THE AMOUNT DUE IS CALCULATED ON CITATIONS

The amounts and calculations shown below do not take into account the discretion a judicial officer may have to impose a higher or lower total fine, or an alternative sentence. The amounts and calculations may not be representative of an individual case and the information is meant only to be used as a general reference. This information is only applicable to San Diego County.

The "bail" on a citation is the amount of money required to guarantee an appearance. If bail (often referred to as a fine) is forfeited (i.e., one chooses to pay the bail amount if that option is available), the citation is considered paid, a conviction for the citation is entered, and if it is a reportable offense, the conviction is placed on the individual's driving record.

Each violation listed on a citation is assigned a base bail amount. In addition to that amount, other fees and assessments are added to make up the total bail amount. A breakdown of the total bail, showing the base bail, fees, and assessments is set out below.

The total amount due on any citation may be increased as a result of prior convictions or points on one's driving record, or for committing an offense while driving in a highway construction or maintenance area (Veh. Code § 42009) and for violations committed in a Safety Enhancement-Double Fine Zone (Veh. Code § 40210).

- **Base Bail Amount:** Determined by California statutes, the Judicial Council of California's Uniform Bail and Penalty Schedule, and the San Diego Superior Court Bail Schedule.
- **Penalty Assessment and State Surcharge:** Set by the California Legislature and authorized by numerous statutes. Effective June 27, 2012, the assessment equals \$31 for every \$10 of base bail or fraction thereof (this includes a state surcharge that is approximately \$2.00 for every \$10 or fraction thereof). See the Authorities for Assessments section of the San Diego Superior Court Bail Schedule for additional information.
- **Court Operations Assessment:** \$40 added for each violation (Pen. Code § 1465.8).
- **Criminal Conviction Assessment:** \$30 (misdemeanor) or \$35 (infraction) added for each violation (Gov. Code § 70373).
- **Emergency Medical Air Trans. Penalty:** \$4 added for each Vehicle Code violation (Gov. Code § 76000.10).
- **Night Court Assessment:** \$1 added to each case with a Vehicle Code violation (Veh. Code § 42006).
- **Traffic School Administrative and Monitoring Fees:** \$52 (effective January 1, 2013) added to attend traffic school (Veh. Code §§ 42007.1 & 11208). The cost of the school is a separate fee paid directly to the school.

Example of total bail for failing to stop at a circular red or red arrow (Veh. Code § 21453(a))

Base Bail	\$100
Penalty Assessment and Surcharge	310
Court Operations Assessment	40
Criminal Conviction Assessment	35
Emerg. Med. Air Trans. Penalty	4
Night Court Fee	1
Total	\$490