

### Statutes Imposing Court Costs

Cost Name	Citation	Statutory Language	Condition of Imposition	Notes
Amber Alert System Fee	35 P.S. § 7025.4	<p>Unless the court finds that undue hardship would result, in addition to any other cost imposed by law, a cost of \$25 shall automatically be assessed on each person convicted, adjudicated delinquent or granted accelerated rehabilitative disposition (ARD) of the offenses named in this section. The cost shall be forwarded to the Commonwealth and used by the Pennsylvania State Police to establish and maintain the Pennsylvania Amber Alert System and apply to the following offenses:</p> <p>18 Pa.C.S. § 2901 (relating to kidnapping).            18 Pa.C.S. § 2902 (relating to unlawful restraint).            18 Pa.C.S. § 2903 (relating to false imprisonment).            18 Pa.C.S. § 2904 (relating to interference with custody of children).            18 Pa.C.S. § 2905 (relating to interference with custody of committed persons).            18 Pa.C.S. § 2906 (relating to criminal coercion).            18 Pa.C.S. § 2907 (relating to disposition of ransom).            18 Pa.C.S. § 2908 (relating to missing children).            18 Pa.C.S. § 2909 (relating to concealment of whereabouts of a child).            18 Pa.C.S. § 2910 (relating to luring a child into a motor vehicle).</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• ARD</li> <li>• Convicted</li> <li>• Adjudicated delinquent of</li> </ul> <p>18 Pa.C.S. § 2901 (relating to kidnapping).            18 Pa.C.S. § 2902 (relating to unlawful restraint).            18 Pa.C.S. § 2903 (relating to false imprisonment).            18 Pa.C.S. § 2904 (relating to interference with custody of children).            18 Pa.C.S. § 2905 (relating to interference with custody of committed persons).            18 Pa.C.S. § 2906 (relating to criminal coercion).            18 Pa.C.S. § 2907 (relating to disposition of ransom).            18 Pa.C.S. § 2908 (relating to missing children).            18 Pa.C.S. § 2909 (relating to concealment of whereabouts of a child).            18 Pa.C.S. § 2910 (relating to luring a child into a motor vehicle).</p>	Enacted in Act 153 of 2004
ATJ (Access to Justice)	42 Pa. Cons. Stat. § 3733.1(a)(3) (cross-references § 3733(a.1)(1)(iii))	<p>(3) A permanent fee of \$2 shall be charged and collected.</p> <p>(iii) An additional fee of \$10 shall be charged by the clerks of courts of all courts of common</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• ARD</li> <li>• Conviction</li> <li>• Guilty Plea</li> <li>• Other diversionary program</li> </ul>	Funds split between Judicial Computer System Augmentation Account and Access to Justice fund.

		pleas, or by any officials designated to perform the functions thereof, for the initiation of any criminal proceeding for which a fee, charge or cost is now authorized and a conviction is obtained or guilty plea is entered. The additional fee under this subparagraph shall also be charged and collected when a defendant is granted entry into Accelerated Rehabilitative Disposition or any other pretrial diversionary program.		
Automation Fee (Act 36 of 2000)	42 Pa. Cons. Stat. § 1725.4(b)	(b) In addition to any other fee authorized by law, an automation fee of not more than \$5 may be charged and collected by the clerk of courts of counties of the second class A and the third through eighth class, including home rule counties of the same class, for the initiation of any action or legal proceeding. The automation fee shall be deposited into a special clerk of courts automation fund established in each county. Moneys in the special fund shall be used solely for the purpose of automation and continued automation update of the office of the clerk of courts.	Any case where another cost is authorized.	Applies in all cases where another cost is authorized. Not applicable in Philadelphia.
Booking Center	42 Pa. Cons. Stat. § 1725.5	(a) Imposition.--Following the adoption of a countywide booking center plan, a person may, in addition to any other fines, penalties or costs imposed by law, be required by the court to pay a booking center fund fee of no more than \$300 if the person:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Probation without verdict in drug cases</li> <li>• ARD, guilty plea, nolo contendere, or convicted of a crime under: (i) 18 Pa.C.S. § 106(a) (relating to classes of offenses). (ii) 75 Pa.C.S. § 3735 (relating to homicide by vehicle while driving under influence).</li> </ul>	Money goes to the county, into a separate fund solely to implement a countywide booking center plan

			(iii) 75 Pa.C.S. § 3802 (relating to driving under influence of alcohol or controlled substance). (iv) A violation of The Controlled Substance, Drug, Device and Cosmetic Act.	
CAT/MCARE/General Fund	75 Pa. Cons. Stat. § 6506	[Too lengthy to excerpt]	Upon conviction, or for one type of offense, ARD.	Only applies to certain offenses in Title 75.
CJES (Criminal Justice Enhancement Account)	42 Pa. Cons. Stat. § 3733.1(a)(2) (repealed 2017) (cross references to (cross-references § 3733(a.1)(1)(iii))	In addition to each fee imposed under section 3733(a.1) (relating to deposits into account), except as set forth in subsection (b), the following apply: (1) A SURCHARGE OF \$11.25 SHALL BE CHARGED AND COLLECTED. THIS PARAGRAPH SHALL EXPIRE DECEMBER 31, 2020. (2) A PERMANENT FEE OF \$2.50 SHALL BE CHARGED AND COLLECTED.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• ARD</li> <li>• Conviction</li> <li>• Guilty Plea</li> <li>• Other diversionary program</li> </ul>	(1) and (2) were repealed in 2017.
Commonwealth Cost – HB627 (Act 167 of 1992)	42 Pa. Cons. Stat. § 3571(c)(2)	(c) Costs in magisterial district judge proceedings.-- Amounts payable to the Commonwealth . . .	N/A	This statute does not impose any costs; instead, it explains which portion of the costs imposed by 42 Pa. Cons. Stat. § 1725.1(b) go to the Commonwealth. See below for the statute imposing the “County Court Cost” and “State Court Cost.”
Costs Associated with Prosecution	42 Pa. Cons. Stat. § 9728(g)	(g) Costs, etc.--Any sheriff's costs, filing fees and costs of the county probation department, clerk of courts or other appropriate governmental agency, including, but not limited to, any reasonable administrative costs associated with the collection of restitution, transportation costs and other costs associated	Every criminal case.	Added by Act 143 in 2006. This is a somewhat vague category, which <i>may</i> cover fees such as “witness fees.”

		with the prosecution, shall be borne by the defendant		
Costs of Prosecution (Criminal Justice Enhancement Account)	42 Pa. Cons. Stat. § 3575(b)	(b) Costs of prosecution.--In addition to any other costs of prosecution, an assessment in the amount of \$50 shall be imposed and directed to the account in each judicial proceeding where: (1) the defendant accepts Accelerated Rehabilitative Disposition; (2) the defendant is convicted of or enters a plea of guilt or nolo contendere for a felony, misdemeanor of the first degree or misdemeanor of the second degree set forth in 18 Pa.C.S. (relating to crimes and offenses); or (3) the defendant is convicted of or enters a plea of guilt or nolo contendere for a violation of section 13(a)(16) <u>1</u> of the act of April 14, 1972 (P.L. 233, No. 64), known as The Controlled Substance, Drug, Device and Cosmetic Act.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• ARD</li> <li>• Conviction</li> <li>• Guilty Plea</li> <li>• Nolo contendere</li> </ul>	This is a flat fee with a separate line-item; it is distinct from “costs associated with prosecution” under 42 Pa. Cons. Stat. § 9728(g) and with the DA’s costs of prosecution under 16 P.S. § 1403.
County Court Cost (Act 204 of 1976)	42 Pa. Cons. Stat. § 1725.1(b)	(b) Criminal cases.--Subject to subsection (f), the costs to be charged by the minor judiciary or by the court of common pleas where appropriate in every criminal case, except as otherwise provided in this section, shall be as follows: (1) Summary conviction, except motor vehicle cases: \$28.50 (2) Summary conviction, motor vehicle cases, other than paragraph (3): \$22.50 (3) Summary conviction, motor vehicle cases, hearing demanded: \$27.50 (4) Misdemeanor: \$32.50 (5) Felony: \$37.50  Such costs shall include all charges including the costs of giving a magisterial district judge's transcript to the prosecutor or defendant, or both, if requested. Such costs shall not include, however, the cost of postage and registered mail which shall be paid by the defendant upon	Every criminal case.	The cost imposed by § 1725.1 is split between the “County Court Cost,” the “State Court Cost,” and the “Commonwealth Cost.” This single cost is imposed once, and it is divided three ways on the docket sheet. As of 2018, the total amount is \$57 in a misdemeanor and \$66 for a felony (the cost increases over time, per § 1725.1(f).

		conviction.		
CQS Fee (Clerk of Quarter Sessions Fee – Act 188 of 1984)	42 P.S. § 21081	The following fees shall be received by the Clerk of Quarter Sessions of Philadelphia:  Felony: \$75 Misdemeanor: \$50	Every criminal case.	Only in Philadelphia.
Crime Lab User Fee	42 Pa. Cons. Stat. § 1725.3(b)	(1) The director or similar officer of the county laboratory or emergency medical services agency that has provided services in the prosecution shall determine the actual cost of the laboratory or paramedic services provided in the prosecution and transmit a statement for services rendered to the court. (2) If a Pennsylvania State Police laboratory has provided services in the prosecution, the director or similar officer of the Pennsylvania State Police laboratory shall determine the actual cost of the laboratory services provided in the prosecution and transmit a statement for services rendered to the court.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• ARD, pleads guilty, nolo contendere, or convicted of any crime in Title 18 or DUI</li> <li>• Probation without verdict for a drug crime</li> </ul>	
Crime Victims Compensation (Act 96 of 1984)	18 P.S. § 11.1101(a)(1)	(a) Imposition.-- (1) A person who pleads guilty or nolo contendere or who is convicted of a crime shall, in addition to costs imposed under 42 Pa.C.S. § 3571(c) (relating to Commonwealth portion of fines, etc.), pay costs of at least \$60 and may be sentenced to pay additional costs in an amount up to the statutory maximum monetary penalty for the offense committed.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Conviction</li> <li>• Guilty Plea</li> <li>• Nolo contendere</li> <li>• Other diversionary program</li> </ul>	The cost imposed by § 11.1101(a)(1) is split between the “Crime Victims Compensation” and “Victim Witness Service” funds. The sentencing judge may impose a higher amount above \$60, and any amount over \$60 is listed as the “Variable Amount to Be Distributed CVC/VWS (Act 96)” on the docket sheet.
DA’s Costs of Prosecution	16 P.S. § 1403	In any case where a defendant is convicted and sentenced to pay the costs of prosecution and trial, the expenses of the district attorney in connection with such prosecution shall be considered a part of the costs of the case and be paid by the defendant.	Any case where the defendant is convicted and sentenced.	

DNA Detection Fund (Act 185 of 2004)	44 Pa. Cons. Stat. § 2322	Unless the court finds that undue hardship would result, a mandatory cost of \$250, which shall be in addition to any other costs imposed pursuant to statutory authority, shall automatically be assessed on any person convicted, adjudicated delinquent or granted ARD for a felony sex offense or other specified offense, and all proceeds derived from this section shall be transmitted to the fund.	For a felony sex case: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Adjudicated delinquent</li> <li>• ARD</li> <li>• Conviction</li> </ul>	
Domestic Violence Compensation (Act 44 of 1988)	71 P.S. § 611.13	(b) Where any person after the effective date of this section pleads guilty or nolo contendere to or is convicted of any crime as herein defined, there shall be imposed, in addition to all other costs, an additional cost in the sum of ten dollars (\$10) for the purpose of funding the services as described in this section. Such sum shall be paid over to the State Treasurer to be deposited in the General Fund. Under no condition shall a political subdivision be liable for the payment of the ten dollars (\$10) in additional costs.	For a violation of the Controlled Substance, Drug, Device and Cosmetic Act: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Conviction</li> <li>• Guilty Plea</li> <li>• Nolo contendere</li> </ul>	
DUI-ARD-EMS Fee	35 P.S. § 6934(b)			Repealed in 2009
Emergency Medical Services (Act 45 of 1985)	75 Pa. Cons. Stat. § 3121	In addition to any other costs that may be imposed under this part for a traffic violation, except for a parking violation, a cost of \$10 shall be imposed. Moneys collected shall be forwarded to the State Treasurer for deposit in the Emergency Medical Services Operating Fund.	Convictions for violations of Part III of Title 75.	
Filing fees	42 Pa. Cons. Stat. § 9728(g)	(g) Costs, etc.--Any sheriff's costs, filing fees and costs of the county probation department, clerk of courts or other appropriate governmental agency, including, but not limited to, any reasonable administrative costs associated with the collection of restitution, transportation costs and other costs associated with the prosecution, shall be borne by the defendant	Every criminal case.	Seems to cover things like fees for motions, postage, etc. Applies to both the clerk of courts and probation department

Firearms and Education Training Fund (158 of 1994)	61 Pa. Cons. Stat. § 6308(b)(1)	(b) Costs imposed.-- (1) A person who accepts Accelerated Rehabilitative Disposition or pleads guilty or nolo contendere or is convicted of a felony or misdemeanor shall, in addition to any other court costs imposed under the laws of this Commonwealth, be sentenced to pay costs of \$5. Costs collected by the clerk of courts under this subsection shall be paid into the fund.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• ARD</li> <li>• Conviction</li> <li>• Guilty Plea</li> <li>• Other diversionary program</li> </ul>	
JCPS – Judicial Computer Program Surcharge	42 Pa. Cons. Stat. § 3733.1(a)(1) (repealed 2017) (cross references to (cross-references § 3733(a.1)(1)(iii))	In addition to each fee imposed under section 3733(a.1) (relating to deposits into account), except as set forth in subsection (b), the following apply: (1) A SURCHARGE OF \$11.25 SHALL BE CHARGED AND COLLECTED. THIS PARAGRAPH SHALL EXPIRE DECEMBER 31, 2020. (2) A PERMANENT FEE OF \$2.50 SHALL BE CHARGED AND COLLECTED.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• ARD</li> <li>• Conviction</li> <li>• Guilty Plea</li> <li>• Other diversionary program</li> </ul>	(1) and (2) were repealed in 2017.
Judicial Computer Project	42 Pa. Cons. Stat. § 3733(a.1)	(a.1) Additional fees.— (1) In addition to the court costs and filing fees authorized to be collected by statute: (iii) An additional fee of \$10 shall be charged by the clerks of courts of all courts of common pleas, or by any officials designated to perform the functions thereof, for the initiation of any criminal proceeding for which a fee, charge or cost is now authorized and a conviction is obtained or guilty plea is entered. The additional fee under this subparagraph shall also be charged and collected when a defendant is granted entry into Accelerated Rehabilitative Disposition or any other pretrial diversionary program. (2) The additional fees identified in paragraph (1) shall be fixed and charged for the fiscal years as indicated: (iii) For the fiscal year 2005-2006 and each fiscal year thereafter, \$8 of each additional fee shall be deposited into the Judicial Computer	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• ARD</li> <li>• Conviction</li> <li>• Guilty Plea</li> <li>• Other diversionary program</li> </ul>	

		System Augmentation Account, and \$2 of each additional fee shall be deposited into the Access to Justice Account under section 4904.		
Law Library	42 Pa. Cons. Stat. § 1725	(3) The sum of not less than \$5 nor more than \$40 for each misdemeanor or felony case processed by the clerk of courts.	Each misdemeanor and felony case “processed by the clerk of courts”	Only in 2A class counties.
OSP – Offender Supervision Program (Act 35 of 1991)	18 P.S. § 11.1102	(c) Court.--The court shall impose as a condition of supervision a monthly supervision fee of at least \$25 on any offender placed on probation, parole, accelerated rehabilitative disposition, probation without verdict or intermediate punishment unless the court finds that the fee should be reduced, waived or deferred based on the offender's present inability to pay. Of the fee collected, 50% shall be deposited into the County Offender Supervision Fund established in each county pursuant to this section, and the remaining 50% shall be deposited into the State Offender Supervision Fund established pursuant to this section.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• ARD</li> <li>• Intermediate punishment</li> <li>• Parole</li> <li>• Probation</li> <li>• Probation without verdict</li> </ul>	Appears twice on the docket, with half going to the county and half to the state.
Sheriff’s costs	42 Pa. Cons. Stat. § 9728(g)	(g) Costs, etc.--Any sheriff's costs, filing fees and costs of the county probation department, clerk of courts or other appropriate governmental agency, including, but not limited to, any reasonable administrative costs associated with the collection of restitution, transportation costs and other costs associated with the prosecution, shall be borne by the defendant	Every criminal case.	
State Court Costs (Act 204 of 1976)	42 Pa. Cons. Stat. § 1725.1	(b) Criminal cases.--Subject to subsection (f), the costs to be charged by the minor judiciary or by the court of common pleas where appropriate in every criminal case, except as otherwise provided in this section, shall be as follows: (1) Summary conviction, except motor vehicle cases: \$28.50	Every criminal case.	The cost imposed by § 1725.1 is split between the “County Court Cost,” the “State Court Cost,” and the “Commonwealth Cost.” This single cost is imposed once, and it is divided three ways on the docket sheet. As of 2018, the total amount is \$57 in a misdemeanor and \$66 for a



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Substance Abuse Education (Act 198 of 2002)	18 Pa. Cons. Stat § 7508.1	(b) Imposition.--Unless the court finds that undue hardship would result, a mandatory cost of \$100, which shall be in addition to any other costs imposed pursuant to statutory authority, shall automatically be assessed on any individual convicted, adjudicated delinquent or granted Accelerated Rehabilitative Disposition or any individual who pleads guilty or nolo contendere for a violation of the act of April 14, 1972 (P.L. 233, No. 64), known as The Controlled Substance, Drug, Device and Cosmetic Act, or a violation of 75 Pa.C.S. § 3802 (relating to driving under influence of alcohol or controlled substance).	For a violation of the Controlled Substance, Drug, Device and Cosmetic Act: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Adjudicated delinquent</li> <li>• ARD</li> <li>• Conviction</li> <li>• Guilty Plea</li> <li>• Nolo contendere</li> </ul>	
Transportation costs	42 Pa. Cons. Stat. § 9728(g)	(g) Costs, etc.--Any sheriff's costs, filing fees and costs of the county probation department, clerk of courts or other appropriate governmental agency, including, but not limited to, any reasonable administrative costs associated with the collection of restitution, transportation costs and other costs associated with the prosecution, shall be borne by the defendant	Every criminal case.	Added by Act 143 in 2006.
Victim Witness Service (Act 111 of 1998)	18 P.S. § 11.1101(a)(1)	(a) Imposition.-- (1) A person who pleads guilty or nolo contendere or who is convicted of a crime shall, in addition to costs imposed under 42 Pa.C.S. § 3571(c) (relating to Commonwealth portion of fines, etc.), pay costs of at least \$60 and may be sentenced to pay additional costs in an amount up to the statutory maximum monetary penalty for the offense committed.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Conviction</li> <li>• Guilty Plea</li> <li>• Nolo contendere</li> <li>• Other diversionary program</li> </ul>	The cost imposed by § 11.1101(a)(1) is split between the "Crime Victims Compensation" and "Victim Witness Service" funds. The sentencing judge may impose a higher amount above \$60, and any amount over \$60 is listed as the "Variable Amount to Be Distributed CVC/VWS (Act 96)" on the docket sheet.

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