

TITLE 204. JUDICIAL SYSTEM GENERAL PROVISIONS
PART II. GENERAL ADMINISTRATION
CHAPTER 29. MISCELLANEOUS PROVISIONS
Subchapter K. COSTS, FINES AND FEES

§ 29.401. Scope

The Pennsylvania Supreme Court, pursuant to Art. V, § 10 of the Pennsylvania Constitution, and 42 Pa.C.S. § 1721, has authorized by Administrative Order, the Court Administrator of Pennsylvania to promulgate regulations relating to the accounting methods to be utilized in connection with the collection of fees and costs charged and collected by prothonotaries, and clerks of courts of all courts of common pleas, or by any officials designated to perform the functions thereof, as well as by the minor judiciary, including magisterial district judges, and judges and staff of all divisions of the Philadelphia Municipal Court.

Under authority of said Administrative Order and pursuant to the authority vested in the governing authority under 42 Pa.C.S. § 3502(a) of the Judicial Code, the following regulations are adopted to implement Act 96 of 2010, 42 Pa.C.S. §§ 1725.1 (f) and 3571(c)(4)(as amended).

§ 29.402 42 Pa.C.S. § 1725.1 Costs

(a) Civil cases. – **In calendar year 2015**, the costs to be charged by magisterial district judges in every civil case, except as otherwise provided in this section, shall be as follows:

1	Actions involving \$500 or less.....	\$51.00
2	Actions involving more than \$500 but not more than \$2,000.....	\$68.00
3	Actions involving more than \$2,000 but not more than \$4,000.....	\$84.50
4	Actions involving between \$4,001 and \$12,000.....	\$127.00
5	Landlord-tenant actions involving less than \$2,000.....	\$76.50
6	Landlord-tenant actions involving more than \$2,000 but not more than \$4,000.....	\$93.00
7	Landlord-tenant actions involving more than \$4,000 but not more than \$12,000.....	\$127.00
8	Order of execution.....	\$38.50
9	Objection to levy.....	\$17.00
10	Reinstatement of complaint.....	\$8.50
11	Entering Transcript on Appeal or Certiorari.....	\$4.50

Said costs shall not include, however, the cost of postage and registered mail which shall be borne by the plaintiff.

(a.1) Custody cases. - **In calendar year 2015**, the cost (in addition to the cost provided by general rule) to be charged by the court of common pleas shall be as follows:

- 1 Custody cases, except as provided in section 1725©(2)(v).....\$8.00

(b) Criminal cases. - **In calendar year 2015**, 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.....\$48.50
- 2 Summary conviction, motor vehicle cases, other than paragraph (3).....\$38.50
- 3 Summary conviction, motor vehicle cases, hearing demanded.....\$46.50
- 4 Misdemeanor.....\$55.00
- 5 Felony.....\$63.50

Such costs shall not include, however, the cost of postage and registered mail which shall be paid by the defendant upon conviction.

(c) Unclassified costs or charges. - **In calendar year 2015**, the costs to be charged by the minor judiciary in the following instances not readily classifiable shall be as follows:

- 1 Entering transcript of judgment from another member of the minor judiciary.....\$8.50
- 2 Marrying each couple, making record thereof, and certificate to the parties.....\$42.50
- 3 Granting emergency relief pursuant to 23 Pa.C.S. Ch. 61 (relating to protection from abuse).....\$17.00
- 4 Issuing a search warrant (except as provided in subsection (d)).....\$17.00
- 5 Any other issuance not otherwise provided in this subsection.....\$17.00

§ 29.402 42 Pa.C.S. § 3571. **In calendar year 2015**, Commonwealth portion of fines, etc.

(c) Costs in magisterial district judge proceedings.

(2) Amounts payable to the Commonwealth:

(i)	Summary conviction, except motor vehicle cases.....	\$17.10
(ii)	Summary conviction, motor vehicle cases other than subparagraph (iii).....	\$17.10
(iii)	Summary conviction, motor vehicle cases, hearing demanded.....	\$17.10
(iv)	Misdemeanor.....	\$22.00
(v)	Felony.....	\$33.85
(vi)	Assumpsit or trespass involving:	
	(A) \$500 or less.....	\$21.25
	(B) More than \$500 but not more than \$2,000.....	\$34.00
	(C) More than \$2,000 but not more than \$4,000.....	\$50.70
	(D) Between \$4,001 and \$12,000.....	\$84.65
(vii)	Landlord-tenant proceeding involving:	
	(A) \$2,000 or less.....	\$34.00
	(B) More than \$2,000 but not more than \$4,000.....	\$42.25
	(C) More than \$4,000 but not more than \$12,000.....	\$59.25
(viii)	Objection to levy.....	\$8.50
(ix)	Order of execution.....	\$25.65
(x)	Issuing a search warrant (except as provided in section 1725.1(d)(relating to costs)).....	\$11.90
(xi)	Order of possession.....	\$15.00
(xii)	Custody cases (except as provided in section 1725(c)(2)(v)).....	\$6.40

2015 COURT COSTS*
STATE/COUNTY PAYMENT DISTRIBUTION

<u>Civil/Criminal/Other</u>	<u>Total Costs</u>	<u>County Cost</u>	<u>Prior Law</u>	<u>State Cost Act 167 of 1992</u>
1. Summary conviction, except motor vehicle cases	48.50	31.40	8.55	8.55
2. Summary conviction, motor vehicle cases other than subparagraph (3)	38.50	21.40	8.55	8.55
3. Summary conviction, motor vehicle cases, hearing demanded	46.50	29.40	8.55	8.55
4. Misdemeanor	55.00	33.00	11.85	10.15
5. Felony	63.50	29.65	13.55	20.30
6. Assumpsit or Trespass involving:				
A) \$100 or less	51.00	29.75	4.25	17.00
B) \$101 through \$300	51.00	29.75	8.50	12.75
C) \$301 through \$500	51.00	29.75	12.75	8.50
D) \$501 through \$2,000	68.00	34.00	17.00	17.00
E) \$2,001 through \$4,000	84.50	33.80	16.90	33.80
F) More than \$4,000	127.00	42.35	0.00	84.65
7. Landlord-tenant proceeding involving:				
A) \$2,000 or less	76.50	42.50	17.00	17.00
B) \$2,001 through \$4,000	93.00	50.75	16.90	25.35
C) More than \$4,000	127.00	67.75	0.00	59.25
8. Objection to Levy	17.00	8.50	8.50	0.00
9. Order of execution	38.50	12.85	17.10	8.55
10. Reinstatement of Complaint	8.50	8.50	0.00	0.00
11. Transcript	4.50	4.50	0.00	0.00
12. Entering transcript of judgment from another member of the minor judiciary	8.50	8.50	0.00	0.00
13. Marry each couple, making record thereof, and certificate to the parties	42.50	42.50	0.00	0.00
14. Granting emergency relief	17.00	17.00	0.00	0.00

15. Issuing a Search Warrant	17.00	5.10	11.90	0.00
16. Any other issuance not otherwise provided	17.00	17.00	0.00	0.00
17. Custody cases, except as provided in 42 Pa.C.S. Section 1725 (c)(2)(v)	8.00	1.60	6.40**	0.00

* The costs shown below reflect the cost table enacted by Act 167 of 1992 adjusted by the annual increases, beginning January 1, 1994, provided by that act and subsequent acts to reflect the inflationary changes. Act 113 of 2001 authorized continuation of the annual increases beginning in 2002, and Act 96 of 2010 further extends the requirement for annual increases beginning January 1, 2011 through January 1, 2025.

**Act 119 of 1996