



CJA EXEMPT STATUS INSTRUCTIONS

The next generation (NextGen) of CM/ECF provides a new toggle feature that allows you to switch from non-exempt to exempt status when performing CJA-related work, which is exempt from PACER fees. This feature is available only if you have been appointed as a CJA attorney. **To activate this feature, you must activate CJA privileges on your upgraded PACER account** (see *Activating CJA Privileges* for instructions). If your account was created prior to August 2014, you must first upgrade your account (see *Upgrading Your PACER Account* for instructions).

NextGen Courts and the Change PACER Exemption Status Toggle

- STEP 1** Log on using your upgraded PACER account.
- STEP 2** Next to the PACER fee status, click the **Change** link. Accessing the PACER Exemption Status screen varies depending on court type.

Appellate Courts: The PACER fee status is located at the top of the search page.

The screenshot shows the top navigation bar with 'Case Search', 'Calendar', 'Opinions', 'Orders/Judgments', 'Briefs', 'Logout', and 'Help'. Below the navigation bar, the text 'PACER fee: Not Exempt' is displayed in red, with a blue 'Change' link and a mouse cursor pointing to it. Below this is the 'Case Search' section with input fields for 'Case Number / Range' and 'Party / Attorney', and checkboxes for 'Party', 'Attorney', and 'Exact Matches Only'. A 'Search' button is located at the bottom of the search form.

Bankruptcy and District Courts: You can use either of the two processes listed below.

- a. Click **Utilities**, and then click the **Change PACER Exemption Status** link.

The screenshot shows the 'CM/ECF' logo and navigation links: 'Query', 'Reports', 'Utilities', 'Help', and 'Log Out'. The 'Utilities' link is highlighted with a red circle and a mouse cursor. Below the navigation bar, the 'Utilities' section is displayed, containing links for 'Your Account', 'Link a CM/ECF account to my PACER account', 'Change PACER Exemption Status', and 'Maintain Your Login/Password'. The 'Change PACER Exemption Status' link is highlighted with a red circle and a mouse cursor.

NOTE: If the Change PACER Exemption Status link does not appear on the Utilities page, it will more than likely be on the NextGen Release 1.1 Menu Items page. To visit this page, click the **NextGen Release 1.1 Menu Items** link on the Utilities page.



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- b. Click **Query**, and then click the **Change** link. The PACER fee status is located under the **Run Query** button.

- STEP 3** On the Change PACER Exemption Status screen, click the **CJA** radio button, and then click **Submit**.

Within a single session, once you have finished working on CJA-related work or if you need to perform non-CJA work, you must change your status back to **Not Exempt** (repeat steps 2 and 3).

- STEP 4** A confirmation screen displays the status change.



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NOTE: If you access another NextGen court, you need to change your PACER fee status to **Exempt CJA** as it reverts to the default status, **Not Exempt**. The exemption status also does not transfer to CurrentGen courts; you need to log out and log on again using the “x-” prefix with your upgraded PACER user name.

CurrentGen Courts and “x-” Prefix

As of August 2014, all newly appointed CJA attorneys are no longer issued separate exempt PACER accounts to be used only when performing CJA-related work. You can now log on using an “x-” prefix with your upgraded PACER user name and password to perform CJA-related work and not incur PACER fees when accessing CurrentGen courts.

STEP 1 Log on using your upgraded PACER account. Add the “x-” prefix to your user name.

Instructions for viewing filed documents and case information:

If you do not need filing capabilities, enter your PACER login and password. If you do not have a PACER login, you may <http://www.pacer.gov>.

Authentication	
Login:	x-nextgenuser3
Password:	••••••••
client code:	
<input type="button" value="Login"/>	<input type="button" value="Reset"/>

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I understand that, if I file, I must comply with the redaction rules. I have

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An access fee of \$0.10 per page or \$2.40 per document with an audio attachment, as approved by the Judicial Conference of the United States.

You can verify your exempt status by reviewing the receipt.

PACER Service Center			
Transaction Receipt			
01/16/2018 16:03:57			
PACER Login:	x-nextgenuser3:1234567:0	Client Code:	
Description:	Search	Search Criteria:	Filed From: 1/1/2012 Filed To: 1/31/2012
Billable Pages:	9	Cost:	0.90

NOTE: If you log on using the “x-” prefix, all transactions in any CurrentGen court are exempt for the duration of that session or until you log out. The exempt status does not transfer to NextGen courts. During your session, if you access a NextGen court, you need to use the **Change PACER Exemption Status** functionality to change your PACER fee status, as described previously in this document.