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Introduction

Pursuant to [Article 33 of the Civil Procedure Law](#) (*Civilprocesa likums*) legal expenses (*tiesāšanās izdevumi*) comprise

- (1) court fees;
- (2) deposits;
- (3) expenses related to handling the proceedings.

What fees are applicable?

A State fee has to be paid for an application for a European order for payment pursuant to [Regulation \(EC\) No 1896/2006 of the European Parliament and the Council](#) creating a European order for payment procedure.

During the proceedings, the party may also have to pay expenses related to the examination of the case to the State revenue (e.g. expenses incurred in searching for the defendant at the plaintiff's request, or expenses for the delivery, issue and translation of summonses and other court documents).

How much shall I pay?

Pursuant to [Article 34\(1\)\(9\) of the Civil Procedure Law](#) for an application for the European order for payment in accordance with Regulation (EC) No 1896/2006 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 12 December 2006 creating a European order for payment procedure, the State fee is 2% of the sum of the debt, but cannot exceed EUR 500.

The amount of expenses related to the examination of a case may vary depending on a number of factors (e.g. the manner of delivery of documents, by post or by e-mail).

What happens if I do not pay the court fees on time?

If an application is not accompanied by the documents confirming the payment of State fees and other court expenses in accordance with the procedure and in the amount prescribed by law, the court, pursuant to [Article 133 of the Civil Procedure Law](#), will proceed no further with the application, and will set a time limit for the plaintiff to eliminate the deficiencies.

If the plaintiff eliminates the deficiencies within the time limit set, the application will be considered to have been submitted on the day when it was first submitted to the court.

If the plaintiff does not eliminate the deficiencies within the time limit set, the application will be deemed not to have been submitted and will be returned to the plaintiff.

The return of an application to the plaintiff does not prevent the plaintiff from submitting it to the court again, in compliance with the ordinary procedures laid down in the Law.

If court expenses are payable for the service of documents, the court will not serve the documents until the relevant fee has been paid. However, if the expenses for the examination of a case are not paid voluntarily to the State revenue prior to the examination of the case, they will be recovered in accordance with the general rules of enforcement of judgments.

How can I pay the court fees?

[State fees and court accounts \(Valsts nodevas un tiesu konti\)](#).

The State fee can be paid to the account of the State Treasury (*Valsts kase*). The State fee ([Article 34 of the Civil Procedure Law](#), except Paragraph six) is to be paid as follows:

Beneficiary: State Treasury

Registration No: 90000050138

IBAN: LV55TREL1060190911200

Beneficiary's bank: State Treasury

BIC code: TREL LV22

Purpose of payment: indicate the data identifying the person or the case: the number of the case (if known); for natural persons, the given name, surname, and personal identity number; for legal persons, the name and registration number. If the payment of a State fee is made on behalf of another person, information must be given identifying that person: the number of the case (if known); for natural persons, the given name, surname, and personal identity number; for legal persons, the name and registration number.

The State fee for submission for enforcement of a writ of execution or another enforcement document can be paid to the account of the State Treasury. The State fee for the submission for enforcement of a writ of execution or other enforcement document ([Article 34 of the Civil Procedure Law](#), Paragraph six) is to be paid as follows:

Beneficiary: State Treasury

Registration No: 90000050138

IBAN: LV71TREL1060190911300

Beneficiary's bank: State Treasury

BIC code: TREL LV22

Purpose of payment: indicate the data identifying the person or the case: the number of the case (if known); for natural persons, the given name, surname, and personal identity number; for legal persons, the name and registration number. If the payment of a State fee is made on behalf of another person, information must be given identifying that person: the number of the case (if known); for natural persons, the given name, surname, and personal identity number; for legal persons, the name and registration number.

Expenses related to the examination of a case and expenses related to the enforcement of obligations following notice can be paid to the account of the Courts Administration (*Tiesu administrācija*). Expenses related to the examination of a case ([Article 39 of the Civil Procedure Law](#)) and expenses related to the enforcement of obligations following notice ([Article 406.³ of the Civil Procedure Law](#)):

District (city) courts and regional courts:

Beneficiary: Courts Administration

Registration No: 90001672316

IBAN: LV51TREL2190458019000

Beneficiary's bank: State Treasury

BIC code: TREL22

Purpose of payment: '21499', and give the particulars identifying the person or the case: the number of the case (if known); for natural persons, the given name, surname, and personal identity number; for legal persons, the name and registration number. If the payment of expenses related to the examination of a case is made on behalf of another person, information must be given identifying that person: the number of the case (if known); for natural persons, the given name, surname, and personal identity number; for legal persons, the name and registration number.

What shall I do after the payment?

When you submit an application to the court, you must attach documents confirming payment of State fees and other court expenses in accordance with the procedure and in the amount prescribed by law. You must pay any expenses related to the examination of the case prior to the examination of the case.

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