

**IN THE COURT OF COMMON PLEAS OF MERCER COUNTY, PENNSYLVANIA
REGISTER OF WILLS DIVISION
ORPHANS' COURT DIVISION**

**FEE SCHEDULE
EFFECTIVE APRIL 6, 2026
REGISTER OF WILLS FEES**

**ALL PROBATE AND FIRST FILINGS MUST BE
ACCOMPANIED BY AN ORIGINAL DEATH CERTIFICATE**

PROBATE OF WILL (Without Letters)

JCP Fee	\$41.25
Automation Fee	\$10.00
Will (\$20 1 st 5 pages; \$5 each add'l page)	\$20.00
Death Certificate	\$5.00
Inventory/Rev 1500	\$20.00

**FOR GRANTING LETTERS TESTAMENTARY AND
LETTERS OF ADMINISTRATION**

JCP Fee	\$41.25
Automation Fee	\$10.00
Will/Codicil (\$20 1 st 5 pages; \$5 each add'l page)	\$20.00
Inventory/Rev 1500	\$20.00
Death Certificate	\$5.00

Supplemental Inheritance Tax Return	\$20.00
Insolvent Inheritance Tax Return	\$10.00
Copy of Form 706 (Federal), if filed (\$20 1 st 5 pages; \$5 each add'l page)	\$20.00

FOR ESTATE VALUES:

NOT EXCEEDING \$5,000	\$40.00
From \$5,001 to \$10,000	\$60.00
From \$10,001 to \$20,000	\$70.00
From \$20,001 to \$30,000	\$90.00
From \$30,001 to \$40,000	\$100.00
From \$40,001 to \$50,000	\$115.00
From \$50,001 to \$75,000	\$130.00
From \$75,001 to \$100,000	\$150.00
Each additional \$100,000 or any fraction thereof	\$50.00

NOTE: Where the gross value of an estate has been underestimated on the Petition for Letters, probate fees will be adjusted and a billing statement rendered for the balance. Additional probate fees will be due and payable within thirty (30) days from the date of the billing statement. Any balances more than thirty (30) days in arrears will be charged interest at the rate of 1 (one) percent per month.

ALL FEES MUST BE PAID IN FULL BEFORE ANY FINALIZATION/ESTATE SETTLEMENT WILL BE ACCEPTED FOR FILING.

AMENDMENT TO PROBATE

Within 3 months (Petition to the Register of Wills)		\$30.00
After 3 months from date of probate (Petition to Orphans' Court)		
O.C. Petition	\$25.00	
Certified Order to Register of Wills	5.00	
Open & Amend Record/Reissue Letters	<u>30.00</u>	
		\$60.00

<u>LETTERS (Administration D.B.N. or (Administration D.B.N.C.T.A. or Pendente Lite)</u>	\$50.00
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<u>AFFIDAVIT (1st 5 pages; \$5 each additional page)</u>	\$5.00
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ANCILLARY LETTERS (Follow regular estate fee schedule above based on PA assets only)

<u>BOND</u>	\$10.00
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<u>BOND WAIVER</u>	\$5.00
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<u>CAVEAT</u>	\$10.00
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<u>CERTIFICATE OF AWARD OF REAL ESTATE (Original to attorney for recording; copy stays in our file)</u>	\$20.00
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<u>CERTIFICATE OF PAYMENT OF TAX</u>	\$15.00
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<u>CERTIFICATIONS</u>	\$5.00
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<u>CERTIFICATIONS WITH COVER SHEET/GOLD SEAL</u>	\$10.00
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<u>CLAIM (5 pages or less)</u>	\$10.00
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If no estate opened:	JCP	\$41.25
	Automation Fee	\$10.00
	Death Certificate	\$5.00
	Claim	<u>\$10.00</u>

		\$66.25
<u>COMMISSION</u>		\$30.00
<u>COMMONWEALTH PETITION FOR CITATION</u>		\$50.00
<u>COPY FAIR</u>		\$20.00
<u>DEATH CERTIFICATE (FILING ONLY)</u>	\$10.00	
Plus:		
JCP Fee	\$41.25	
Automation Fee	\$10.00	
		\$61.25
<u>DISCLAIMER OF INTEREST</u>		\$10.00
<u>ELECTION TO TAKE AGAINST WILL</u>		\$15.00
<u>WITHDRAWAL OF ELECTION TO TAKE AGAINST WILL</u>		\$10.00
<u>ENTRY/WITHDRAWAL OF APPEARANCE BY ATTORNEY</u>		\$10.00
<u>EXCEPTIONS/OBJECTIONS (1st 5 pages; \$5 each add'l page)</u>		\$15.00
<u>EXEMPLIFICATION OF RECORD</u>		
Filing & Recording from another county/state		\$25.00
(1st 5 pages; \$5 each add'l page)		
Issuance under triple seal (in-state or out-of state)		\$30.00
(1st 5 pages; \$5 each add'l page)		
<u>FAMILY SETTLEMENT AGREEMENT – (1st 5 pages;</u>		\$50.00
\$5 each add'l page)		
<u>HEARINGS (Plus deposit for Reporter/Transcript, if necessary)</u>	\$50.00	
<u>OATH OF SUBSCRIBING/NON-SUBSCRIBING WITNESS (Per Page)</u>	\$5.00	
<u>PETITION FOR SMALL ESTATE (1st 5 pages; \$5 each add'l page)</u>	\$25.00	
<u>POSTAGE (Current rates per ounce plus envelope)</u>		
<u>PROOF OF PUBLICATION (1st 5 pages; \$5 each add'l page)</u>	\$5.00	
<u>RELEASE/RECEIPT OF LEGATEE (per signature)</u>	\$5.00	
<u>RENUNCIATION PER NAME/SIGNATURE/OATHS PER PAGE</u>	\$5.00	
<u>SHORT CERTIFICATE</u>	\$10.00	
<u>SMALL ESTATE AFFIDAVIT (Includes Death Cert and</u>	\$20.00	
Automation Fee)		
<u>TRUSTS (1st 5 pages; \$5 each add'l page)</u>	\$25.00	

NOTE: In cases not specifically provided for in this fee schedule, the Register of Wills shall make the same charge as that imposed for other services of a substantially similar nature.

ORPHANS' COURT FEES

ADOPTIONS

ON ALL ADOPTIONS FIRST FILINGS:

JCP Fee	\$41.25
AUTOMATION FEE	\$10.00

REPORT OF INTENT TO ADOPT (Non-relative adoptions only) \$130.00

INCLUDES:

Report of Intent to Adopt (filing fee)	\$25.00
Act 34 Surcharge (counseling fee)	\$75.00
Criminal Background Check	\$5.00
Child Abuse Clearance	\$5.00
Report of Intermediary	\$10.00
Home Study	\$10.00

FOREIGN ADOPTION REGISTRATION \$50.00
(filing for PA birth certificate)

PLUS

JCP Fee	\$41.25
Automation Fee	\$10.00
Adoption Certificate	\$5.00

PETITION FOR VOLUNTARY RELINQUISHMENT \$25.00

Each Certified Court Order \$5.00

**PETITION FOR ADOPTION/CERTIFIED ORDER/
ADOPTION CERTIFICATE \$60.00**

PETITIONS (Miscellaneous: 1st 5 pages; \$5 each add'l page) \$25.00

PLUS FOR FIRST FILINGS

JCP Fee	\$41.25
Automation Fee	\$10.00

PROOF OF UNCLAIMED MAIL \$5.00

CERTIFICATION OF SERVICE/AFFIDAVIT \$5.00

GUARDIANSHIPS

<u>JCP FEE</u>	\$41.25
<u>AUTOMATION</u>	\$10.00
<u>PETITION FOR APPOINTMENT (Emergency/Plenary)</u>	\$25.00
<u>CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE/AFFIDAVIT</u>	\$5.00
<u>CERTIFIED COURT ORDER (Each)</u>	\$5.00
<u>CITATION</u>	\$10.00
<u>GUARDIAN BOND (If Court Required)</u>	\$10.00
<u>GUARDIAN INVENTORY</u>	\$20.00
<u>GUARDIAN CERTIFICATE/TRUSTEE CERTIFICATE</u>	\$5.00
<u>GUARDIAN ANNUAL REPORT</u>	\$15.00
<u>GUARDIAN COURT ACCOUNT/FIRST & FINAL ACCOUNTING</u> (1st 5 pages; \$5 each add'l page)	\$125.00
<u>JURISDICTION TRANSFERS</u>	\$25.00
<u>PETITIONS (Miscellaneous: 1st 5 pages; \$5 each add'l page)</u>	\$25.00

MARRIAGE LICENSE

<u>APPLICATION</u>	\$50.00
<u>AUTOMATION FEE</u>	\$10.00
<u>AFFIDAVIT OF INTERPRETER</u>	\$5.00
<u>JUDICIAL WAIVER</u>	\$5.00
<u>MILITARY WAIVER</u>	N/C
<u>CERTIFIED DUPLICATE MARRIAGE CERTIFICATE</u>	\$10.00
<u>CERTIFIED MARRIAGE RECORD</u> (Gold Seal/Under Cover)	\$10.00

MINOR'S CLAIM/PETITION FOR SETTLEMENT

<u>PETITION (1st 5 pages; \$5 each additional page)</u>	\$25.00
<u>AUTOMATION FEE</u>	\$10.00
<u>JCP FEE</u>	\$41.25
<u>CERTIFIED COURT ORDER</u>	\$5.00
<u>PROOF OF DEPOSIT</u>	\$5.00

**REGISTER OF WILLS AND CLERK
OF ORPHANS' COURT MISCELLANEOUS**

<u>ANSWER/RESPONSE/REPLY</u> (1 st 5 pages; \$5 each add'l page)	\$10.00
<u>APPEALS</u>	
Mercer County Clerk and Register	\$75.00
Prothonotary of Superior Court	\$91.25
<u>AUDITOR'S CERTIFICATE</u>	\$10.00
<u>AUDITOR'S REPORT</u> (1 st 5 pages; \$5 each add'l page)	\$25.00
<u>BAD CHECKS</u>	\$40.00
<u>BIRTH/DEATH REGISTRATIONS</u> (1893-1904)	\$10.00
<u>BRIEF</u> (1 st 5 pages; \$5 each add'l page)	\$25.00
<u>CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE/AFFIDAVIT OF SERVICE RETURN OF SERVICE</u> (1 st 5 pages; \$5 each add'l page)	\$5.00
<u>CITATIONS</u>	\$10.00
<u>COPIES</u> (Per Page/Current Rate)	\$.50
<u>COURT ORDER ISSUED BY JUDGE</u>	\$5.00
<u>EXCEPTIONS/OBJECTIONS</u> (1 st 5 pages; \$5 each add'l page)	\$15.00
<u>FINANCIAL REPORT</u> (1 st 5 pages; \$5 each add'l page)	\$15.00
<u>FINDINGS OF FACT/CONCLUSIONS OF LAW, ETC.</u>	\$10.00
<u>FIRST AND FINAL ACCOUNTING</u> (1 st 5 pages; \$5 each additional page, advertising included)	\$125.00
<u>INDENTURE PROCESS</u>	\$10.00
<u>MISCELLANEOUS PLEADINGS/PETITIONS/MOTIONS</u> (1 st 5 pages; \$5 each add'l page)	\$25.00
<u>NOTICE/STATEMENTS/MISCELLANEOUS FILINGS</u>	\$5.00
<u>POSTAGE</u> (current rates per ounce plus envelope)	
<u>POWER OF ATTORNEY</u> (1 st 5 page; \$5 each add'l page)	\$10.00
<u>PRAECIPES</u>	\$10.00

PRENUPTIAL/POST NUPTIAL AGREEMENT (1st 5 pages; \$10.00
\$5 each additional page)

RESEARCH FEES:

Per Name/Per Record \$7.00

Copies Per Page \$0.50

SHERIFF'S RETURN \$5.00

SUBPOENAS \$10.00