



Somerset County, Pennsylvania

**Register of Wills and Clerk of the Court  
of Common Pleas, Orphans' Court**

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## FEE CHANGE NOTICE

Act 45 of 2025 was signed by the Governor on November 12, 2025, thereby enacting the Fiscal Code changes for FY 2025/26. The AOPC has informed the ROW Offices that the JCS fee will increase by \$1.00 effective immediately.

The Somerset County Register of Wills office has adjusted its fee schedules to comply with the new Fiscal Code. The JCS fee will be \$41.25 effective Monday, November 17, 2025.

The updated fee schedules are attached. Should you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact me.

With warm regards,

Sharon K. Ackerman

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 Fee Schedule  
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Estates not exceeding \$1,000	\$137.25	50.00	Pro Se Affidavit	\$50.00
\$1,001 to \$5,000	\$147.25	60.00	Register's Hearing	\$50.00
\$5,001 to \$10,000	\$157.25	70.00	Renunciation	\$5.00
\$10,001 to \$20,000	\$167.25	80.00	Return Check Fee (NSF fee)	\$35.00
\$20,001 to \$30,000	\$177.25	90.00	Short Certificate	\$5.00
\$30,001 to \$40,000	\$187.25	100.00	Small Estate Affidavit (surviving spouse and ins. only)	\$25.00
\$40,001 to \$50,000	\$197.25	110.00	Sup. Inheritance Tax Return (additional pgs. \$3 each)	\$10.00
\$50,001 to \$75,000	\$207.25	120.00	Sup. Inventory (additional pgs. \$3 each)	\$10.00
\$75,001 to \$100,000	\$217.25	130.00		
Each additional \$100,000 or fraction thereof	\$50.00			
<b>NOTE: The fees listed above include: DPW letter \$3</b>				
<b>RW Automation Fee \$20, JCS \$41.25, Inheritance Tax Return \$20,</b>			<b>ALL FEES ARE STATE AND COUNTY</b>	
<b>Proofs of Publication \$3, and two Short Certificates.</b>			<b>FEES THAT SHALL BE PRE-PAID</b>	
Account for Information Only	\$3.00	per page		
Additional pages other than schedules filed w/Inheritance Tax Return	\$3.00	per page		<b>FEES FOR SERVICES NOT HEREIN</b>
Affidavit of Death	\$25.00			<b>SPECIFICALLY SCHEDULED SHALL</b>
Alias	\$5.00	each		<b>BE CHARGED ON THE BASIS OF</b>
Amend Probate Record within three months (RW)	\$30.00	To Register of Wills		<b>\$3.00 PER PAGE</b>
Amend Probate Record after three months (OC)	\$30.00	To Orphans' Court		
Ancillary Letters - follow fee schedule for PA assets only				<b>**Wherein the gross value of an estate has been</b>
Appeal from Register of Wills - filed in OC	\$60.00			<b>underestimated on the Petition for Grant of Letters,</b>
must include certification of record to OC				<b>probate fees shall be adjusted and an invoice rendered</b>
Caveat	\$25.00			<b>for the balance due.**</b>
Certification of Inheritance Tax Payments	\$20.00			
Citation	\$10.00			<b>**Where the gross value of an estate has been over-</b>
Commission to administer oath	\$50.00	out of state		<b>stated on the Petition for Grant of Letters, probate fees</b>
Exemplification of the Record	\$50.00			<b>shall not be refunded nor a credit issued.**</b>
Family Settlement Agreement (plus \$3 for each signature page)	\$50.00			
Inventory (additional pages \$3 each)	\$10.00			
Letters of Administration DBN or DBNCTA	\$50.00			
Photocopies	\$0.25	per page		
Postage - assessed when mailing is required	\$5.00			
Power of Attorney	\$20.00			
Probate of Codicil	\$25.00			
Probate of Will only	\$50.00	per name		
Probate Search	\$5.00	per name		

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<b>Adoptions</b>					
Report of Intent to Adopt	\$3.00	per page	Exemplification of record	\$50.00	
Act 34 Surcharge/Counseling Fund Fee	\$75.00		Foreign Adoption Registration	\$111.25	per child
<b>Special needs children are exempt from counseling fund fee</b>			Guardianship	\$131.25	
			Guardianship of a Minor	\$86.25	
Voluntary Relinquishment	\$111.25				
Involuntary Termination	\$111.25		Marriage License	\$60.00	
Petition to Confirm Consent	\$111.25		Judical Waiver of waiting period	\$15.00	
Petition for Adoption	\$50.00		Certification of Marriage Record	\$10.00	
Petition for Disclosure	\$50.00		Non-Resident Affidavit	\$60.00	
<b>Appeals:</b>					
Somerset County Register of Wills	\$60.00		Photocopies	\$0.25	per page
Check payable to appropriate Court	\$91.25		Postage -assessed when required	\$5.00	
**must be two separate checks**			Research Fee	\$5.00	per name SASE*
			Subpoena	\$10.00	
Accounting (pages 1-10)	\$125.00	\$3 per each additional page			
Exceptions/Objections to account	\$3.00	per page	<b>NOTE: Certain filings listed</b>		
Claim against estate	\$10.00		include: OC Automation \$20 and		
Citation	\$10.00		JCS State Surcharge \$41.25		
Receipt and Release	\$10.00	each			
Satisfaction of Claim	\$10.00		ALL FEES ARE STATE AND		
Small Estate Petition	\$111.25		COUNTY FEES THAT SHALL		
			BE PRE-PAID		
Birth Certificate (1893 - 1908)	\$10.00				
Death Certificate (1893-1908)	\$10.00		FEES FOR SERVICES NOT		
			HEREIN SPECIFICALLY		
SASE-Self-addressed, stamped envelope must be included for paperwork to be returned to you.			SCHEDULED SHALL BE		
			CHARGED AT \$3 PER PAGE		