

UNITED STATES BANKRUPTCY COURT DISTRICT OF NEBRASKA



SUMMARY OF CHANGES TO OFFICIAL BANKRUPTCY FORMS AND ECF EVENTS EFFECTIVE DECEMBER 1, 2015

The Judicial Conference has approved significant changes to the Official Bankruptcy Forms. Most of the Official Forms will be replaced with substantially revised, reformatted and renumbered versions effective Tuesday, December 1, 2015.

Use of the revised Official Forms will be mandatory beginning December 1, 2015, except where the Court has its own local form.

- The revised Official Bankruptcy Forms, Committee Notes, and other related information, are available on the U.S. Court's website: <http://www.uscourts.gov/rules-policies/pending-rules-amendments/pending-changes-bankruptcy-forms>
- **Highlights of the form changes:**
 - ▶ The new forms differentiate between individual debtors and non-individual debtors. A new numbering system will distinguish the two categories of forms. For example, the new voluntary petition for individuals is Form B101 and the 100 series forms include the schedules and statements for individual debtors. A non-individual debtor will use voluntary petition Form B201 and the 200 series forms for schedules and statements.
 - ▶ New separate and distinct petition forms for an individual and a non-individual filing an involuntary case.
 - ▶ Schedules A and B are combined into one form.
 - ▶ Schedules E and F are combined into one form.
 - ▶ New separate and distinct schedules and statements for an individual and a non-individual filing a voluntary case.
 - ▶ Some of the modernized forms, such as the means test forms, are already in effect and will simply be renumbered on December 1, 2015.
 - ▶ Exhibit D to the voluntary petition has been eliminated; information about credit counseling is now included in Part 5 of the voluntary petition for individuals.
 - ▶ Form B2830 - Ch 13 Debtor's Certifications Regarding Domestic Support Obligations and Section 522(q) will replace the Court's Appendix M. In a joint case, each debtor will be required to file this form.
- **Highlights of changes to ECF events.** ECF events will change to accommodate some of the new forms and additional information being collected.
 - ▶ "Motion to Proceed in Forma Pauperis" will be changed to "Application to Have Chapter 7 Filing Fee Waived".

- ▶ “Motion for Exemption from Credit Counseling” will be changed to “Motion for Waiver of Credit Counseling”.
- ▶ “Motion for Exemption from Financial Management Course” will be changed to “Motion for Waiver of Financial Management Course”.
- ▶ “Schedules” event has been removed.
- ▶ “Schedules & Statement of Financial Affairs” event has been removed.
- ▶ “Schedules - POST Conversion/Deconsolidation” event has been removed.
- ▶ Schedules, Statement of Financial Affairs, Statement of Intent, and Summary of Assets and Liabilities will now be filed using each separate event (ie: Schedule A/B, Schedule C, etc). Each event will have to be selected by holding down the "Ctrl" key to make multiple selections, if filed after case opening. There will no longer be a “Group” selection option.
- ▶ “Amended Schedules” event has been modified to include additional questions and input fields.