

I can't afford to pay my ticket.



Ability to Pay

If you cannot afford to pay your ticket, you have a right to ask the traffic Clerk for an “Ability to Pay” determination.

When you ask for this, the court must look at your financial situation to determine whether they should reduce the amount you have to pay in fines. Below are the ability to pay determination steps.

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I'm unable to pay.



Any time after you have been found guilty of a ticket, you can request the court to reduce your fine because you can't afford it.

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TR-018



The clerk will refer you to the Form TR-018, that you will fill out, explaining why you can't afford the fine.

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There are 3 options: (1) if you are getting public benefits, (2) if your income is below a level, or (3) if you have less than \$250 of disposable income.

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Proof TR-018



You should fill in the form, and get proof to support your form, and submit it to the Clerk's office. You can also find this form online: www.alameda.courts.ca.gov/pages.aspx/traffic

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Proof TR-018



Then the court will evaluate it, and let you know if your ticket fine is reduced. It might take up to 30 days.

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I want to contest.



If you are not satisfied with the court's decision, you can ask the clerk to contest the decision.



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Oakland, California 94607
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