

Request to serve imprisonment for unpaid fines

The State Penalties Enforcement Registry (SPER) collects and enforces unpaid infringement notices and court ordered fines.

If you are currently serving a custodial sentence and have a full time release date, you may be able to convert your defaulted fines into Warrants of Arrest and Imprisonment to serve additional time in custody.

What is a defaulted fine?

A fine is defaulted when it goes past its due date with SPER.

What if I am on remand?

You will not be able to convert your fines into Warrants of Arrest and Imprisonment and serve additional time in custody.

What if I have a parole release date or a parole eligibility date?

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How can I apply to serve additional time in custody as an alternative to paying my defaulted fines?

Complete a request to serve imprisonment for unpaid fines form only if you have a full time release date. Forms are available at all correctional centres or by contacting SPER.

If you are on remand, have a parole release date or parole eligibility date, your request will be refused.

How is a warrant of arrest and imprisonment issued?

When your *Request to Serve Imprisonment for Unpaid Fines* is received by SPER, we will check for all defaulted fines in your name. The fines will be converted to Warrants of Arrest and Imprisonment (including a warrant issue fee) and this time will be added to your current prison sentence.

SPER will send the Warrants of Arrest and Imprisonment to the Queensland Police Service and a police officer will come to the correctional centre and serve the warrant on you.

Fines registered with SPER after the Warrant of Arrest and Imprisonment is issued will not be included in your request. You will need to submit a new request if you wish to serve additional time for these fines.

What if I change my mind and don't want to serve the extra time?

You will need to ask the sentence management staff at your correctional centre to calculate how much of your fine you still owe. This information will help you to decide whether you will pay out your fine or remain in custody. If you can only afford to pay part of your fine, you may choose to remain in custody for part of the time and pay out the remaining amount.

What if I have other fines which are not yet with SPER?

If SPER has not received information about any other fines, you should either contact the registrar of the court where your fine was originally issued, or the agency that issued the infringement notice.

What do I do if my request is refused?

SPER can offer you a reduced amount instalment plan while you are in custody. Contact SPER for more details.

For more information

Visit www.sper.qld.gov.au, call us on 1300 365 635, Monday to Friday, 8:00am to 5:45pm, or talk to the Sentence Management Staff at your correctional centre.