

HARDWARE AND SOFTWARE REQUIREMENTS FOR USE OF ECF

To electronically VIEW and/or FILE court documents you need:

- A PACER account. To obtain an account if you don't already have one, contact the PACER Service Center at 1-800-676-6856 or visit their website at <http://pacer.psc.uscourts.gov>. If you already have a PACER account for BANCAP, it will remain active and useful for ECF.
- A computer with the following hardware and software configuration:

Minimum Configuration	Preferred Configuration
Intel PIII 500 Mhz	Intel Pentium 4 (2.4 GHz or better with 533 FSB and 512 cache CPU)
64 MB RAM memory	At least 256 MB RAM memory (512 MB is better)
10 GB hard drive with 500 MB free space	40 GB hard drive (80 GB is better)
Standard Graphics Adapter	Graphics adapter with 32 MB memory (64 MB is better)
15" monitor	At least a 17" monitor capable of 1280 X 1024 resolution (tilt portrait feature is recommended)
CD-ROM and/or 3.5" floppy drive	CD-RW drive (CD-RW/DVD combo is better) and 3.5" floppy drive
56K modem	Cable modem, DSL, high speed wireless or ISDN. Important Note: If using DSL, cable, or other high speed Internet access, it is highly recommended that firewall software be installed and activated to prevent unauthorized external access.
Scanner not required.	Scanner capable of 300 dpi, flatbed is preferred. The following settings are necessary: Resolution set to 200 dpi or a maximum of 300 dpi; Scanned image type should be set to black and white (Not gray scale, NOT color).
Windows 95, 98, 2000, XP or Macintosh	Windows XP

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Anti-virus software with REGULAR (at least weekly) signature update service	Anti-virus software with REGULAR (at least weekly) signature update service
Effective 10/23/2006 Internet Explorer version 6.0 or higher is recommended to support 128 bit encryption required for use with Pay.gov. JavaScript must be enabled.	Internet Explorer v. 6.0 or higher with JavaScript enabled and 128-bit encryption.
Internet account with e-mail	Internet account with e-mail
Word processing software w/ PDF capability.	Corel Word Perfect or Microsoft Word
Adobe Acrobat (full version) 6.x or higher	Adobe Acrobat (full version) 6.x or higher

IMPORTANT CONFIGURATION TIPS:

1. Stay current on all operating system and application patches (e.g., Adobe version 7) to ensure all known problems are resolved.
2. For credit card payments: Ensure your browser, firewall, and/or virus detection software does not disable pop-up windows for our live and training web sites:
<https://ecf.orb.uscourts.gov>
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