



# FARE COURT PROCEDURES

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## BACKGROUND

On December 12, 2002, Administrative Order No. 2002-113 declared a Fiscal Emergency in the Judicial Branch of Arizona and required that certain steps be taken in order to improve compliance with court ordered financial obligations. To do this, the AOC is implementing a program to enhance court order enforcement through deployment of centralized collection activities.

Following a competitive procurement, the AOC contracted with a private vendor, ACS Local and State Solutions (ACS) to provide collection and payment related services for the courts of Arizona. The "Fines/Fees And Restitution Enforcement" Program, "FARE", is created through this partnership between the judicial branch and ACS.

Standardization and coordination of web and telephone based payment systems, interfaces with the Motor Vehicle Division and Department of Revenue, and collections of court obligations is necessary to provide consistent services to both in and out-of-state citizens owing a court obligation, and to realize efficiencies for taxpayers by avoiding the cost of building and maintaining multiple systems. This approach is also consistent with practices in other branches of government.

The FARE Program is an essential component in increasing compliance with court orders and thus, increasing collections. Pursuant to Article VI, Section 3 of the Arizona Constitution, the Chief Justice ordered the implementation of the FARE Program by adopting Administrative Order 2003-79.

## PROGRAM OBJECTIVES

The overall FARE Program objectives are to:

- ❖ Enforce compliance with and respect for Court Orders and the Law by providing courts with effective tools for enforcement
- ❖ Provide citizens both in and out-of-state with consistent and easily accessible information on what is expected for compliance and sanctions for failure to take the appropriate action



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- ❖ Increase local and state revenues through improving collection of fines and penalties associated with citation processing
- ❖ Make justice more equitable by applying more consistent and uniformed enforcement of court orders
- ❖ Relieve court staff of non-judicial administrative activities so that more time can be allocated to support judicial functions of the court
- ❖ Implement adopted laws, including the Traffic Ticket Enforcement Program (TTEAP) in partnership with the Department of Transportation, Motor Vehicles Division, and the Tax Intercept Program (TIP) in partnership with the Department of Revenue.

## IMPLEMENTATION PHASES

Since implementing all the features of FARE (known as Full FARE) requires extensive changes in the court Case Management Systems (CMS) of participating courts, FARE will be implemented in phases. The first implementation phase will be Interim Backlog for selected limited jurisdiction courts and then Full FARE will be implemented in limited jurisdiction courts beginning with the designated Pioneer Courts (Chandler Municipal Court, Central Phoenix Justice Court, East Phoenix Justice Court #1, Phoenix Municipal Court, Showlow Municipal Court and West Phoenix Justice Court).

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### RELATED PROCEDURES:

- 1.00 Court Procedures for FARE
- 3.00 Interim Backlog Procedures
- 4.00 Transition from Interim Backlog to Full FARE
- 5.00 Full FARE Procedures



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## ADDITIONAL REFERENCES:

- Administrative Order 2003-79  
<http://www.supreme.state.az.us/orders/admorder/Orders03/2003-79.pdf>