



COVID-19: UPDATE ON FINES AND DEFAULT CONVICTIONS

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Courthouses across Nova Scotia continue to restrict who can come into the building during the COVID-19 pandemic. That means individuals cannot physically come to court to pay fines or deal with their summary offence matters.

To help reduce the number of people who need to visit a courthouse in person, individuals will continue to have an additional 90 days from the existing due date on their summary offence ticket to pay the associated fine.

There is an option to [pay online](#) for those who want to deal with their fines now. Please note that you will need a debit or credit card and your ticket number to complete an online payment.

Individuals who received parking tickets with court dates in July and August will receive a new summons shortly with directions to appear by telephone on a specific date and time if they wish to plead not guilty.

To further reduce visitors at courthouses, the Registry of Motor Vehicles has suspended issuing certificates of default for an additional 90-day period, effective May 16, 2020. This relates to default convictions for summary offence tickets and parking tickets.

Service Nova Scotia has also suspended issuing certificates of default for non-payment of fines related to criminal convictions, effective May 20, 2020. The situation with both suspension periods will be re-evaluated before the end of the 90 days.

For more information on the measures implemented in the Provincial Court, please refer to the [consolidated COVID-19 directive](#) on the Courts' website.

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