

For general information about restitution, call one of the probation services division phone numbers listed below or write to:

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609-815-3810**

Atlantic	609-402-0100 ext. 47160
Bergen	201-221-0700 ext. 25454
Burlington	609-288-9500 ext. 38011
Camden	856-650-9100 ext. 43280
Cape May	609-402-0100 ext. 47190
Cumberland	856-878-5050 ext.15020
Essex	973-776-9300 ext. 60359
Gloucester	856-878-5050 ext. 15750
Hudson	201-748-4400 ext. 60399
Hunterdon	908-824-9750 ext. 13860
Mercer	609-571-4200 ext. 74210
Middlesex	732-645-4300 ext. 88585
Monmouth	732-358-8700 ext. 87290
Morris	862-397-5700 ext. 75567
Ocean	732-504-0700 ext. 64510
Passaic	973-653-2910 ext. 24147
Salem	856-878-5050 ext. 15920
Somerset	908-332-7700 ext. 13760
Sussex	862-397-5700 ext. 75597
Union	908-787-1650 ext. 21580
Warren	908-750-8100 ext. 13960
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What is restitution?

A victim or the family of a victim of a crime committed in New Jersey can be repaid for losses and expenses that resulted from the crime. This repayment is called restitution. All convicted or adjudicated persons, or those enrolled in diversionary programs such as pretrial intervention, might have to pay restitution to the victim or the victim's family. As part of a sentence or disposition, a judge might order that the victim or the victim's family be paid restitution for expenses related to the crime. These expenses include lost wages, medical bills, funeral costs, the value of stolen or damaged property, loss of business and other related debts.

When restitution is part of an order, a judge will decide how much, to whom, and over what time period the money is to be paid. The judge shall determine the person's ability to pay. The judge will consider if there are multiple victims, other debts, such as child support or restitution for other crimes, and if the payer is employed or unemployed.

How is restitution collected?

As part of the sentence or disposition, the judge will

establish a payment plan. Based on the payments received, the finance division collects the funds and applies them according to the court order.

The probation division monitors the case. Few can pay the restitution ordered in a lump sum. In most cases, a victim or a victim's family could expect that the restitution will be paid over a period of time in amounts based on the payment schedule ordered by the judge. Depending on the circumstances and obligations of those ordered to pay, the victim or the victim's family might have to wait before receiving all the money due to them.

What is probation's role?

By law, the probation division is responsible for collecting restitution from those who are placed on pretrial intervention, probation, or sentenced to county jail.

The Judiciary uses its Comprehensive Enforcement Program (CEP) to ensure cooperation with court orders, including collecting fines and restitution. If there is a failure to pay the court ordered restitution, CEP could issue a summons for a hearing. The probation division regularly reminds those

ordered to pay restitution of the amount owed and the court-ordered payment schedule. If a person on active supervision has the ability to pay but refuses to do so, they could be returned to court for the appropriate course of action.

The probation division attempts to stay in contact with victims who are owed restitution and their families. Victims must keep the probation division informed of their current address and provide other information as requested.

Learn more about the Victims of Crimes Compensation Office (VCCO)

The New Jersey Victims of Crime Compensation Office (VCCO) is a state agency committed to assisting victims by providing financial compensation and other resources. VCCO benefits do not cover restitution already ordered by the court.

Eligibility requirements, benefit applications, and other details are available online by visiting www.njvictims.org. You also can contact the VCCO by calling 973-648-2107 or 877-658-2221 for assistance.