



TZEDEK DC
Legal Help for People in Debt

Debt Collection Cases Have Restarted in the District

Debt Collection Moratorium Has Ended—The DC Council passed a temporary law last year stopping new debt collection cases from being filed and pausing pending cases. These protections have ended. New cases are being filed, and cases that had hearings canceled because of the pandemic are being rescheduled.

There are many legal protections for DC residents with debt- or credit-related problems!

- Some income is protected from creditors in a debt collection case.
- Some money and other assets may also be protected if you are head of your household.
- Even if your income can be taken by creditors, the law may allow you to limit how much they can take if it is causing a hardship.
- If there is a judgment against you because you didn't show up to court, you may be able to reopen the case.
- A new law has been passed with additional protections for people experiencing debt collection lawsuits or medical debt, among others, so contact us in case it might be helpful in your case.

Contact us if you are sued on a debt. You can complete an intake by calling us at **(202) 274-7386** or by completing an online form here:

<https://www.tzedekdc.org/legal-services-contact-us>