

How do I pay a bond?¹

There are two ways to pay a bond: you can pay the whole amount of the bond directly to ICE, or you can work with a bail bond company, which will pay the bond to ICE for you.

To pay the bond directly to ICE, you will need to find a person who is in the United States legally, is willing to pay the bond for you, and is willing to be responsible for making sure that you go to all of your immigration hearings and appointments after you get out of detention. This person is called the “obligor.”

1. The obligor will need to get a Cashier’s Check from a bank or a Postal Money Order from the post office to pay the whole amount of your bond – so if your bond is \$5,000, they will need a Cashier’s Check or Postal Money Order in the amount of \$5,000. The Cashier’s Check or Postal Money Order must be made payable to the “U.S. Department of Homeland Security.”
2. In addition to bringing the check or money order, the obligor will need to bring:
 - a. Proof of their identity *and*
 - b. Proof that they are in the U.S. legally
3. Since the obligor will have to fill out paperwork, it is a good idea for them to have this information about you:
 - a. Your complete name
 - b. Your date and place of birth
 - c. The date you came to the U.S. and how you entered the U.S.
 - d. The name and address of the place where you are in immigration detention
 - e. The address and telephone number of the place where you will be living after you are released
4. The obligor can pay it at any ICE office in the United States where bonds are accepted. Your bond does not have to be paid in Colorado just because you are detained in Colorado.
 - a. In Colorado, bonds are paid at the ICE office at 12445 East Caley Avenue, Centennial, CO 80111. Bonds are accepted Mondays through Fridays (except public holidays) between the hours of 9 a.m. and 2:30 p.m.
 - b. For information about paying a bond to an ICE office in another state, the obligor should call that ICE office for details.



If you do not know someone with legal status who can pay the bond for you, or if you cannot pay the whole bond amount, you can work with an **immigration bond agency** to pay the bond. Each agency has different requirements, so you will need to call and ask, but in general you will probably have to pay the agency around 20 percent of the total bond amount (they will keep that money to pay for their services), and you will probably have to give the agency “collateral” – this is property like a house or car that the agency can take if you don’t follow all the rules relating to your bond.

We can give you a list of bond agencies if you would like one. Our organization ***cannot*** pay bonds, arrange loans for bonds, or take bond payments to ICE.

We wish you the very best of luck!



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