

Pending Changes in the Bankruptcy Forms

Most Official Bankruptcy Forms will be replaced with substantially revised, reformatted and renumbered versions effective December 1, 2015.

These new forms are part of a forms modernization project that was begun by the Advisory Committee on Bankruptcy Rules in 2008. Among other things, the new forms introduce different versions of case opening forms for individual debtors and non-individual debtors. The new forms are easier for debtors to understand and complete and are designed to work with scheduled enhancements to the federal courts' case opening and electronic case management system.

Some of the modernized forms are already in effect and will simply be renumbered on December 1, 2015. Other forms were published for public comment in August 2013 or 2014 and have been approved by the Bankruptcy Rules Advisory Committee and the Standing Rules Committee. All but six existing official forms are on track to be replaced by modernized versions:

- The following official forms are on track to be replaced: 1, 2, 3A, 3B, 4, 5, 6 Summary, 6 Declaration, 6A-J, 8, 9A-I, 10, 10A, 10S1, 10S2, 11A, 11B, 12, 13, 14, 15, 16A, 16B, 16D, 17, 18, 19, 22A1 through 22C2, 23 and 27.
- The following six official forms will be revised in 2016 or later: 20A, 20B, 25A, 25B, 25C, and 26.

For more information about Bankruptcy Form changes effective 12/01/15 visit:

<http://www.uscourts.gov/rules-policies/pending-rules-amendments/pending-changes-bankruptcy-forms>.