

E-Filing Exemptions

Under Supreme Court Rule 9

Automatic

E-filing is never required for:

- Inmates in prison or jail who do not have a lawyer.
- Anyone with a disability that keeps them from e-filing.
- All filings under the Juvenile Court Act.
- Documents filed into criminal cases.
- Original wills (must always be filed on paper).

No documentation or certification of exemption form is required.

Good Cause

Self-represented litigants (SRLs) qualify for an exemption from e-filing by filing a *Certification* form if they:

- Don't have internet or computer access in their home or can't meaningfully use it.
or
- Don't have an email account.
or
- Don't have a credit card, debit card, or bank account.
or
- Have trouble reading, writing, or speaking English.
or
- Tried to e-file forms, but could not because the equipment or help they needed was not available.

SRLs and lawyers qualify for an exemption from e-filing if they:

- Are filing an emergency case as allowed by local rule or order, such as a Petition for Order of Protection.

The *Certification for Exemption from E-filing* form can be found at ilcourts.info/forms.