



UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT DISTRICT OF MONTANA

Coming September of 2021!

PACER AND NEXTGEN CM/ECF

The Federal Judiciary has developed a Next Generation (NextGen) of Case Management/Electronic Case Files (CM/ECF).

NextGen will allow you to use the same account for both PACER and CM/ECF, you will no longer need a separate account for PACER and electronic filing.

Central Sign-On

Once all courts migrate to NextGen, you will use a single login and password (Central Sign-On) for electronic filing and PACER access in all federal courts (bankruptcy, district, and appellate). Central Sign-On will allow access to all NextGen courts in which you have permission to file electronically. If you file in courts that have not converted to NextGen, you will continue to use their CM/ECF logins and passwords until they migrate to NextGen.

Preparing for NextGen

Steps must be taken to prepare for NextGen:

- Your PACER account will be your login to CM/ECF. You will need an **individual** PACER account rather than sharing a firm PACER account. If you don't currently have your own individual PACER account, see the instructions **REGISTER FOR AN ACCOUNT** <https://pacer.uscourts.gov/register-account/attorney-filers-cmecf>.
- **If you have your own individual PACER account that was created prior to August 11, 2014 (also known as a legacy account), you must upgrade your account before you can electronically file in a NextGen CM/ECF court. Please see the instructions UPGRADING**

YOUR PACER ACCOUNT:

<https://pacer.uscourts.gov/file-case/get-ready-nextgen-cmecf>

Future Announcements

Prior to converting to NextGen, the Court will send out an announcement regarding the "go-live date" for NextGen. Once you receive the announcement, it is imperative that you link your upgraded PACER account to your legacy (current) CM/ECF account. The instructions for linking the accounts will be included in the announcement which will be sent to all registered users. Once you have linked your PACER and CM/ECF accounts, your legacy CM/ECF login and password will no longer be valid for CM/ECF access. You will use **only** your PACER account.

More Information

For more information on NextGen, please visit <https://pacer.uscourts.gov/file-case/get-ready-nextgen-cmecf>