



**SUPERIOR COURT OF CALIFORNIA
COUNTY OF SAN MATEO**
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**San Mateo County Superior Court
to Offer Online Ability to Pay Tool for
Eligible Traffic Citation Infractions**

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On Monday, April 10, San Mateo County became the newest California court to begin using MyCitations, an online option for people challenged with paying fines related to infractions. The release of MyCitations for public use corresponds with San Mateo Superior Court's ongoing effort to increase access to justice for all who use the Court.

In October of 2016, the U.S. Department of Justice "Price of Justice Initiative" grant was awarded to the Judicial Council of California. Grant funds were used for development and implementation of the MyCitations: Ability to Pay Tool.

The tool allows court users to look up citations online, answer a series of simple questions and submit a request to the court for a possible reduction in the amount owed based on their financial situation. Users can also request a payment plan, more time to pay, or community service.

This new option saves both time and resources, and allows the public to make requests without the need to appear in court. Prior to the implementation of this tool, requesting an Ability to Pay Determination was a paper process.

A link to the MyCitations tool can be found on the court's website or reached directly at <https://mycitations.courts.ca.gov>

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