

To be read carefully!

Information
on the enforcement of fines

A fine was imposed on you by res judicata judgement / order issued by a Criminal Court Division. You need not continue reading this information if you have already paid the fine in full.

Consequences of non-payment

The Public Prosecutor's Office is obliged to enforce collection if the fine is still not paid within the set period even after the receipt of a reminder. This can be done, for example, by seizure and sale of your movable assets or attachment of your earned income.

If the recovery of the fine is unsuccessful or does not promise any success right from the start, the enforcement of **default imprisonment** will be ordered. The Public Prosecutor's Office will issue an arrest warrant if you do not turn yourself in voluntarily within the period specified in the summons to start default imprisonment.

Payment relief

Payment by instalments or exceptionally a temporary payment respite can be granted to you if you are unable to pay the fine in one lump sum to avoid default imprisonment. The purpose of the penalty must be maintained.

Community service work

There is also the possibility of doing community service work to prevent the enforcement of default imprisonment if you are not in a position to pay the fine within a reasonable period. Community service work is unpaid work, for example, in social facilities. Community service work can only be done in the territory of the Federal Republic of Germany.

Application

An application for payment relief or the performance of community service work can be filed with the Public Prosecutor's Office, stating the case reference number. Supporting documents on your current financial situation must be enclosed with your application.

Further information, also in different languages, can be found at:

