

Eastern District of North Carolina NextGen CM/ECF is soon to be here!

August 29, 2022 is our GO LIVE Date!

Here are the things to do now to avoid delays later!

What will be different?

The Eastern District of North Carolina is upgrading from our current CM/ECF software to Next Generation CM/ECF (NextGen) on August 29, 2022. NextGen will simplify electronic filing by combining a filer's CM/ECF and PACER accounts into a single Central Sign-On account. The benefit of this change is one login and password to PACER and all NextGen courts (appellate, bankruptcy, and district) wherein an attorney has filing privileges.

What to do now to successfully transition to NextGen?

--EITHER --

Get your own individual PACER account. Each attorney MUST have their own individual PACER account. Shared law firm PACER accounts will no longer be valid once the court has upgraded. However, firms may set up a PACER Administrative Account (PAA) to help manage attorney accounts and have those individual accounts centrally billed for PACER access fees. Please review the instructions on how to [Register for an Individual PACER Account](#) or a [PACER Administrative Account](#).

--OR --

Upgrade your existing individual PACER account. If your PACER account was issued before August 2014, it is considered a legacy account and will need to be upgraded. Go to [PACER](#) to log in with your current PACER credentials and click "Upgrade" next to your Account Type. View the instructions on [Upgrading Your PACER Account](#).

--ALSO --

Know your current Eastern District of North Carolina CM/ECF login and password. If the login information is stored in your browser, it will be lost and not recoverable once NextGen becomes active. If you do not know your current Eastern District of North Carolina credentials, please contact the Clerk's Office at 919-645-1700 or via email to NCED-attorney-update@nced.uscourts.gov.

What happens next?

The Eastern District of North Carolina goes live on August 29, 2022. On or after that date, you must link your CM/ECF and PACER accounts before logging into NextGen for the first time. Complete instructions will be available on our website in the next few months.

More Questions About NextGen?

For more information on the improvements and the upgrade process, visit [PACER: Get Ready for NextGen CM/ECF](#).