



BULLETIN

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Subject: Fiscal Year 2027 NIGC Fee Rate and Fingerprint Processing Fee

This bulletin explains the National Indian Gaming Commission's (NIGC) annual fee rates for Fiscal Year 2027 (FY27). The annual fee rates are effective November 1, 2026, and will remain in effect until the Commission adopts new rates.

The NIGC has adopted the following annual fee rates for FY27: 0.00% for tier 1 and 0.065% (.00065) for tier 2. While the rate for tier 1 remains the same, the tier 2 rate has been lowered from 0.08% to 0.065%. The tier 2 annual fee rate represents the lowest fee rate adopted by the NIGC since FY22. These fee rates apply to all assessable gross revenues from each gaming operation under the jurisdiction of the NIGC. If a tribe has a certificate of self-regulation under 25 C.F.R. part 518, the fee rate on Class II revenues shall be 0.0325% (.000325) for tier 2, which is one-half of the annual fee rate.

It is necessary for the NIGC to maintain the fee rate to ensure that the agency has sufficient funding to fully meet its statutory and regulatory responsibilities. In addition, it is critical for the NIGC to maintain an adequate transition carryover balance to cover any cash flow variations.

Pursuant to 25 C.F.R. § 514.4, please be sure to use the appropriate fiscal year as the base period for determining fee payments. Please note that the new regulations define the fiscal year used in calculating the annual fee so that one fee rate is applied consistently to a gaming operation's assessable gross revenues for one fiscal year.

NIGC Fingerprint Fee Rate

Pursuant to 25 C.F.R. § 514.16, the NIGC has set its Fiscal Year 2027 (FY27) fingerprint processing fee at \$40 per card, which is \$4 lower than the current fee of \$44 per card. The annual fingerprint processing fee is effective November 1, 2026, and will remain in effect until the NIGC adopts a new rate. NIGC will publish the fee rate and fingerprint fees in the Federal Register and post them to the NIGC website as soon as they are available.

The decrease in FY27 fingerprint rate is attributed to improved efficiencies achieved through standardization of operational processes and Agency IT modernization initiatives resulting in the overall reduction of staff time, travel expenditures, and maintenance and support of IT systems allocated to fingerprint processing services. The NIGC will continue its commitment in FY27 to ensure the NIGC and participating tribes can continue to use FBI criminal history report information (CHRI) to assist in determining a key employee or primary management official's eligibility for a gaming license.

Fee and Fingerprint Processing Fee Payments

To ensure compliance with Executive Order 14247, which became effective on March 25, 2025, all payments made to the NIGC shall be submitted and processed electronically using the Pay.gov website. The NIGC implemented the electronic payment system through Pay.gov for the submission of fee and fingerprint payments. Pay.gov is an electronic payment web portal offered by the United States Department of Treasury's Bureau of the Fiscal Service. Pay.gov allows individuals, states, and businesses to make online non-tax-related payments to the federal government. The Pay.gov web portal has demonstrated its effectiveness in providing a convenient, secure, and reliable method for processing payments. Please visit the Commission's website at www.nigc.gov for details on how to sign into the system, information required for submission, and how to change and correct submissions.

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