

The Judgment Fund Payment Process

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Judgment Fund Payment Process

- **Two-stage review and acceptance process**
- **Key Players**
 - **Data Entry Operator (DEO)**
 - **Certifying Officer (CO)**

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- **Key Systems**

- **Judgment Fund Internet Claims System (JFICS)**
 - Initiates payment requests based on approved claims
- **Financial Accounting and Services Division Accounting System (FASDAS)**
 - Maintains official accounts of payments, collections
- **Secure Payment System (SPS)**
 - Treasury's disbursement system



Funds Disbursement

- Certified payment requests are transmitted to Treasury's Philadelphia Finance Center (PFC)
- Funds are disbursed from the PFC within 24 hours of receipt

Time to Receipt of Payment

- Dependent upon the payment media requested
 - ACH (EFT) – 24 to 48 hours
 - Preferred
 - Fedwire – same-day
 - By special request only – recipient banks may add service charge
 - Interagency Payments and Collections (IPAC) system – same day
 - For agency-to-agency funds exchanges only
 - Check – several days
 - Discouraged based on Federal plans for eventual elimination

Suggestions to Improve Timeliness of Payments

- Check with the bank
 - Specify routing number as ACH or wire transfer
 - Verify account number, checking or savings
- Incorrect or incomplete addresses for checks

Expedited Payments: Rules and Conditions

- Priority processing given to certain claims
 - Large dollar claims (over \$1 Million)
 - No FEAR cases
 - Contract Disputes Act claims
 - Claims with interest accruing
 - Annuity claims
- **Special priority given in rare instances**
 - **Requires JFB/FASD management approval**
 - **Reserved for most severe claims**
 - Politically sensitive matters
 - Extreme personal hardships

Requesting Status of a Judgment Fund Payment

- Normal payment time is 4 – 6 weeks
- If payment has not been received after 4 weeks, call us.
- **JFB is supposed to communicate only with agency personnel**
 - Prevents possible exchange of sensitive information with unknown or unauthorized persons
 - Therefore, agencies should refrain from referring claimants to the JFB