

Instructions for presumptively reasonable fees, as incorporated into the Guidelines for Payment of Attorney’s Fees in Chapter 13 Cases for the Northern District of California:

Effective January 1, 2019, the Northern District of California Bankruptcy Court adopted presumptively reasonable fees for Chapter 13 cases. This document provides additional guidance on identification of when certain “Initial Fees” are applicable:

Fee	When applicable:
Operating a business (\$2,500)	Fee is allowed in a case if the chapter 13 trustee conducts a business examination of the debtor or debtor’s business.
Tax claims (\$800)	Fee is allowed in a case with federal or state tax claims. Does not apply in a case involving delinquent property tax claims secured by real property.
Vehicle Loans or Leases (\$800)	Fee is allowed one time per case involving a vehicle loan or lease. Multiple loans or leases in the same case will not warrant multiple fees.
Real property with secured claim(s) (first parcel) (\$1,500)	Fee is allowed when the debtor has a direct obligation to the secured creditor (for example, debtor is a borrower on the note) or when the secured creditor has a claim against the debtor under Bankruptcy Code § 102(2) and the debtor does not intend to surrender the property under the chapter 13 plan.
Additional real property (\$800 each parcel)	Fee is allowed when the debtor has a direct obligation to the secured creditor (for example, debtor is a borrower on the note) or when the secured creditor has a claim against the debtor under Bankruptcy Code § 102(2) and the debtor does not intend to surrender the property under the chapter 13 plan.