

West Virginia Registry Fee Structure – 2026 Overview [\[also see video and interactive AI summary\]](#)

To clarify the current fee requirements under the **Sex Offender Registry (SOR)** and **Central Abuse Registry (CAR)**, registrants fall into four categories based on when they were added and which registry applies:

Fee Categories

- **Class 1:** CAR only, before July 2025 → **No fee**
- **Class 2:** CAR only, on or after July 2025 → **\$125 CAR fee**
- **Class 3:** SOR and CAR, before July 2025 → **\$125 SOR fee only**
- **Class 4:** SOR and CAR, on or after July 2025 →
 - **\$125 CAR fee (due January 30 annually)**
 - **\$125 SOR fee (due June 30 annually)**

Key Distinction

- Individuals added to the SOR are also auto-added to the CAR; however, only those added on or after July 2025, when the SOR & CAR fees became active, are responsible for both fees.
- CAR fees apply **prospectively only**.
- SOR fees apply **retroactively**, which is why individuals on both registries before July 2025 pay only the SOR fee.

What This Means for You

- If you were on both registries before July 2025 → you pay **one fee (SOR only)**.
- If you were added to the SOR on or after July 2025 → you pay **two separate fees annually**.
- If you are on the CAR only → your obligation depends on when you were added.

2026 Litigation Update

The only factor that may change SOR fee collection in 2026 is the pending preliminary injunction in *Kaso et al. v. Mitchell*:

- **If granted**, the state will be **temporarily barred from collecting SOR fees** during the litigation.
- **If denied**, the **\$125 SOR fee remains due by June 30, 2026**.

Bottom Line

Your fee obligation depends on **which registry you are on and when you were added**. The June 30, 2026, SOR fee deadline remains in effect unless the court orders otherwise.

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Fee Category	Registry	Date Added	Fee
 Class 1	CAR only	Prior to July 2025	No fee
 Class 2	CAR only	On or after July 2025	\$125 CAR fee
 Class 3	SOR and CAR	Prior to July 2025	\$125 SOR fee only
 Class 4	SOR and CAR	On or after July 2025	\$125 CAR fee (Jan 30) & \$125 SOR fee (June 30)