



## **Can I File Blank Bankruptcy Forms To Start My Case?**

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When you [file for bankruptcy](#) you are required to file certain documents - your bankruptcy petition, bankruptcy schedules, and a host of other papers. These papers must all be completed accurately, honestly and completely.

You do not get the option of filing blank forms "just for now." If you do, the bankruptcy trustee or the bankruptcy court judge may look at it as a bad faith filing and may dismiss your case.

If your case is dismissed you may not be permitted to re-[file for bankruptcy](#) for a certain period of time. And even if you are permitted to file again, you may not be given the full benefit of the automatic stay.

So when [filing for bankruptcy](#), always be sure that your papers are completed. A blank document could ruin your chances of a fresh financial start.

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