

## **ICE CeBonds Electronic System Informational Guide**

### **Introduction:**

On [April 20, 2023](#), ICE began using the electronic platform [Cash Electronic Bonds Online](#) [“CeBonds”] to post cash immigration bonds for detained noncitizens. ICE announced that CeBonds will allow full online capabilities, from confirming the detained individual’s bond eligibility to posting a cash bond to delivering electronic notifications of receipt to the bond obligor. In the past, posting a bond with ICE required in-person delivery of the funds at a local ICE field office.

Initially, ICE stated that starting on June 1, 2023, all bonds must be paid via CeBonds. However, recently, ICE confirmed that it will continue to [allow in-person posting](#) of cash bonds after this date, but strongly encourages those to register and use the new web-based system. This portal is expected to become the new norm for posting cash bonds for detained noncitizens in the immigration court system.

### **Key Components of CeBonds:**

In short, to access and use CeBonds, the user will need to:

- Register for CeBonds account;
- Confirm the obligor’s eligibility to post an immigration bond by uploading certain documents to the portal;
- Bond payments must be made via [Fedwire](#)<sup>1</sup> or an Automated Clearing House (“ACH”) to post an immigration bond by electronic funds transfer;
- Bond posting hours are from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. in the time zone where the individual is detained.

### **Issues Encountered with CeBonds:**

Unfortunately, the new electronic system is only available in English and Spanish and does not include built-in accommodations for those with certain physical disabilities such as blindness or low-sight. There are still many glitches in the website and both immigration advocacy organizations and users alike have expressed [serious concerns](#) with the new platform including the inaccessibility of CeBonds to those with disabilities; limited access to technology, banking services, or broadband; limited English proficiency; and overall, the platform’s accessibility and functionality.

### **Further Information and Assistance with CeBonds:**

Those seeking further assistance or with questions about posting a cash bond via CeBonds can email [ICECeBONDS-Helpdesk@ice.dhs.gov](mailto:ICECeBONDS-Helpdesk@ice.dhs.gov).

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<sup>1</sup> Based on a recent [AILA report](#), there appears there is an additional cost to use FedWire.