

2015 COMMITTEE NOTE

Official Form 427, *Cover Sheet for Reaffirmation Agreement*, is revised and renumbered as part of the Forms Modernization Project. The form replaces former Official Form 27, *Reaffirmation Agreement Cover Sheet*. To make it easier to understand, the form is reformatted, and legal terms are explained more fully or replaced with commonly understood terms.

The calculation of the debtor's net monthly income is expanded to include the debtor's net monthly income at the time the bankruptcy petition is filed, as well as the debtor's net monthly income at the time of the reaffirmation agreement. Rather than requiring filers to state their relationship to the case, checkboxes are provided for the debtor or the debtor's attorney and for the creditor or the creditor's attorney.

Line 3 of the form has been changed to clarify the requirement to disclose an annual percentage rate of interest. Section 524(k)(3)(E) of the Bankruptcy Code defines the "Annual Percentage Rate" to be disclosed in connection with a reaffirmation agreement. Line 3 of the form now includes a reference to that Code provision, which in appropriate circumstances permits disclosure of the simple interest rate as the Annual Percentage Rate.

HISTORICAL NOTES

2013 COMMITTEE NOTE

Lines 7A and 8A of the form are updated to revise references to new line numbers on Schedules I and J for Total Monthly Income and Total Monthly Expenses.

2009 COMMITTEE NOTE

This form is new. It requires the disclosure of financial information necessary for the court to make its determination under § 524(m) of the Code as to whether the reaffirmation agreement creates a presumption of undue hardship.

The form also includes a supplemental debtor's certification that any explanation of the difference between the income and expenses reported on schedules I and J and the income and expenses reported in the debtor's statement in support of the reaffirmation agreement is true and correct. This supplemental debtor's certification is designed to implement the requirements of Bankruptcy Rule 4008(b).