

Rule 515. Entry of Judgment

The court administrator will promptly enter judgment as ordered by the judge. The judgment will be dated as of the date notice is sent to the parties. The judgment so entered becomes final and effective 21 days after the transmission of the notice, unless:

- (a) payment has been made in full, or
- (b) removal to district court has been perfected, or
- (c) an order vacating the prior order for judgment has been filed, or
- (d) ordered by a judge.

As authorized by law, any judgment ordered may provide for satisfaction by payment in installments in amounts and at times, as the judge determines. Should any installment not be paid when due, the entire unpaid balance of the judgment ordered, becomes immediately due and payable.

(Amended effective July 1, 2015; amended effective January 1, 2020; amended effective July 1, 2026.)

1993 Committee Comment

Rule 515 provides that a judgment becomes finally effective 20 days after notice of judgment is mailed to the parties, and the law requires that an additional three days be added to the time period when notice is served by mail. Wilkins v. City of Glencoe, 479 N.W.2d 430 (Minn. App. 1992) (construing Minn. R. Civ. P. 6.05). Computing the effective date of the judgment can be difficult and confusing for lay persons, and Rule 514 attempts to alleviate this problem by requiring the court administrator to perform the computation and specify the resulting date in the notice of order for judgment, taking into consideration applicable rules, including Rule 503 of these rules and Minn. R. Civ. P. 6.05. The purpose of the 20-day time period specified in Rule 515 is to permit a party to obtain an order to vacate under Rule 520(a) or effect removal of the case to district court under Rule 521(b).

The legislature has determined that any judgment ordered may provide for satisfaction by payment in installments in amounts and at such times, not exceeding one year for the last installment, as the judge determines to be just and reasonable. Minnesota Statutes 1993 Supplement, section 491A.02, subdivision 5. Rule 512(e) recognizes that the one-year limit on installment payments may be waived by the parties as part of a settlement.

Advisory Committee Comment - 2026 Amendments

Rule 515 has been amended as part of a comprehensive set of changes to the conciliation court rules in 2026 to use plain language and improve clarity.