

Helpful Procedures for Bond Hearings in Florence Immigration Court

When a respondent with a case in Immigration Court turns in the Bond Redetermination Request form to ask for a bond hearing, the Court will have a bond hearing a few days later. A respondent may turn in the bond request form by giving it to one of the guards or an attorney or to the Florence Project. The form may be filed at any time, as soon as the respondent is ready to have a bond hearing. You don't have to wait until the next hearing to give it to the Judge, unless you can't get your documents before then.

When you turn in the form, or at least one day before the bond hearing (if possible), it would be helpful to have three (3) copies of your documents or have the guards make the copies, so that one copy is filed with the Court, and one copy goes to the attorneys for DHS-ICE (the Department of Homeland Security's office for Immigration and Customs Enforcement), and the respondent can keep a copy. It would be helpful to have a letter from a sponsor or relative to show you have a place to live, if you do bond out, and evidence that it is a good mailing address.

Since the DHS attorney will check the mailing address before the bond hearing, it would be helpful to file some documents or records to show that your residence is a good mailing address, so you can get future notices and papers from the Courts and attorneys.

Some examples of the kind of documents that could show a good mailing address can include copies of a utility bill (such as a copy of an electric or gas or water bill and/or a phone or cable bill), or a tax record, or a work record or pay stub, or a bank record or statement. (In other words, some record with that address printed on it that shows mail is delivered there.)

Also, it would be helpful to the Court, and for everyone to get ready, if the respondent supplies some or all of the following information, which are typical questions the Judge would usually ask in order to decide if a bond can be set and to decide how much it should be. This way, we can be better prepared and speed up the process, if the Court and attorneys have this information ahead of time. You can fill out the [Bond Worksheet](#) and turn it in with your form or documents.

Thank you.