

## State Notary Acknowledgment Expectations

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Alabama	<a href="#">Code of Alabama (COA) Title 36, Chapter 20; Title 35, Chapter 4</a>	Yes COA 35-4-29	Yes COA 35-4-29	Yes COA 35-4-29	Yes COA 35-4-29	No
Alaska	<a href="#">Alaska Statutes (AS) Title 44, Chapter 50; Title 9, Chapter 63 Sections 09.63.050 – 09.63.100</a>	Yes AS 44.50.062 (5)(A); 09.63.090 (1)(A)	Yes AS 44.50.062 (5)(C); 09.63.070 (2)	Yes AS 09.63.090 (1)(A)	Yes AS 44.50.062 (5)(A)	Yes <a href="#">Online FAQ</a>
Arizona	<a href="#">Arizona Rev. Statutes (ARS) Title 41, Chapter 2, Article 2 and 3; Title 33, Chapter 4. Article 5; Notary Public Reference Manual (RM)</a>	Yes ARS 41-311(1)	Yes ARS 41-311(1) and (11)	Yes ARS 41-311(1)	Yes RM, pg. 17	Yes RM, pg. 17
Arkansas	Arkansas Code (AC) <a href="#">21-14-101 – 205</a> ; 16-47-101 – 16:47-218; <a href="#">Notary Public Handbook (NPH)</a>	No AC 21-14-111(a) (2), but see AC 16-47-106(a)	Yes AC 16-47-205	Yes AC 16-47-106(a)	No	No
California	<a href="#">Government Code Sections 8200-8230; Civil Code Sections 1185-1193; Notary Public Handbook</a>	Yes Civil Code 1189(a)(1)	Yes Civil Code 1185	Yes Civil Code 1189(a)(1)	No	No
Colorado	<a href="#">Colorado Revised Statutes (CRS) 12-55-101-12-55-211; Notary Handbook (NH)</a>	Yes CRS 12-55-110(4)(a) and 12-55-205	Yes CRS 12-55-110(4)(b) and 12-55-205	Yes CRS 12-55-205	Yes NH, pg. 9	No
Connecticut	<a href="#">Connecticut General Statutes 3-94a – 3-95; 1-28-1-41; 1-57-165z; Notary Public Manual (NPM)</a>	Yes CGS 3-94a(1)	Yes CGS 3-94a(1) and (9); 1-32	Yes CGS 3-94a(1)	Yes NPM, pg. 5	Yes NPM, pg. 7
Delaware	<a href="#">Delaware Code, Title 29, Chapter 43</a>	Yes DC 4322(a)	Yes DC 4322(a)	Yes DC 4322(a)	No	No

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District of Columbia	<a href="#">District of Columbia Code (CDC), Title 1, Chapter 12; Title 42, Chapter 1; Notary Handbook (NH)</a>	Yes CDC 42-142(a)	Yes CDC 42-142(a) and (d)	Yes CDC 42-141(1)	No	No
Florida	<a href="#">FL Statutes Chapter 117 and FL Notary Education (including 2001 Reference Manual) (RM)</a>	Yes FS 117.05(4)(c)	Yes FS 117.05(5)	Yes FS 117.05 (13)(b)	Yes RM, pg. 28	Yes FS 117.107(5)
Georgia	Official Code of Georgia Annotated (OCGA) Sections 45-17-1 through 45-17-20	Yes OCGA 45-17-33	Yes OCGA 47-17-8(e)	Yes OCGA 45-17-33	Yes OCGA 47-17-8(b)(2)	Yes OCGA 47-17-8(b)(3)
Hawaii	<a href="#">Hawaii Revised Statutes (HRS) Chapter 456; 502; Hawaii Administrative Rules Chapter 5-11 (HAR); Notary Public Manual</a>	Yes HRS 502-42, 48	Yes HRS 502-42, 48	Yes HRS 502-41	Yes HRS 502-41	Yes NPM, pg. 11
Idaho	<a href="#">Idaho Code (IC) Title 51; Title 55, Chapter 7; Notary Public Handbook</a>	Yes IC 55-710	Yes IC 51-111 and 55-707	Yes IC 55-707, 710	No	No
Illinois	<a href="#">Illinois Compiled Statutes (ILCS), Title 5, Chapter 312; Notary Public Handbook</a>	Yes 5 ILCS 312/6-102(a)	Yes 5 ILCS 312/6-102(a) and (d)	Yes 5 ILCS 312/6-102(a)	No But see 5 ILCS 312/6-104(d), (e) and (f)	No But see 5 ILCS 312/6-104(d), (e) and (f)
Indiana	<a href="#">Indiana Code (IC) Title 33, Article 42;</a>	Yes IC 32-21-2-7	Yes Web Site "Frequently Asked Questions"	Yes IC 32-21-2-7; 33-42-2-2(a)	No But see IC 33-42-2-2(a)	No But see IC 33-42-2-2(a)
Iowa	<a href="#">Iowa Code Chapter 9E; Chapter 558; Pocketbook for Iowa Notaries (PB)</a>	Yes IC 9E.9(1)	Yes IC 9E.9(1) and (6)	Yes IC 9E.2(1)	Yes PB, p. ??	Yes PB, p. ??

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Kansas	<a href="#">Kansas Statutes Annotated (KSA) Chapter 53; Notary Public Handbook (NPH)</a>	Yes KSA 53-503(a)	Yes KSA 53-502; 53-503(a) and (f)	Yes KSA 53-502; 53-503(a)	No	No
Kentucky	<a href="#">Kentucky Revised Statutes (KRS) Chapter 423;</a>	Yes <a href="#">KRS 423.130</a> ; <a href="#">KRS 423.150</a>	Yes <a href="#">KRS 423.130</a> ; <a href="#">KRS 423.150</a>	Yes <a href="#">KRS 423.130</a> ; <a href="#">KRS 423.150</a>	No	No
Louisiana	<a href="#">Louisiana Code TITLE 35 Notaries public and commissioners: RS 35:552 Form of certificate of acknowledgment</a>	Yes §552	Yes §552	Yes §552	Yes §552	Yes §552
Maine	<a href="#">Maine Revised Statutes (MRS) Title 4, Ch. 19; Ch. 22;</a> <a href="#">Notary Public Handbook and Resource Guide</a>	Yes <a href="#">4 MRS Ch. 22 §1013</a>	Yes <a href="#">4 MRS Ch. 22 §1013</a>	Yes <a href="#">4 MRS Ch. 22 §1013</a>	No But see NPHRG, p. 12, reasons to refuse service	No But see NPHRG, p. 7, competency
Maryland	<a href="#">Notary Manual</a> Includes copies of:  Annotated Code of Maryland (ACM) Title 18, § 18-106;  Code of Maryland Regulations (CMR) Title 1, Chapter 08.02;	Yes <a href="#">Notary Manual, p. 14</a>	Yes <a href="#">Notary Manual, p. 14</a>	Yes <a href="#">Notary Manual, p. 14</a>	No	No
Massachusetts	<a href="#">Revised Executive Order No. 455 (04-04)</a>	Yes REO Section 2: Definitions	Yes REO Section 2: Definitions	Yes REO Section 2: Definitions	Yes REO Section 6: Prohibited Acts	Yes REO Section 6: Prohibited Acts
Michigan	<a href="#">Michigan Notary Public Act</a>  Michigan Compiled Laws (MCL) 55.261 - 55.315	Yes 55.263 Definitions; A to I.	Yes 55.285 Performance of notarial acts; scope; verification.	Yes 55.263 Definitions; A to I.	No	No

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Minnesota	<a href="#">Minnesota Statutes Chs 357, 358 and 359</a> <a href="https://notary.sos.state.mn.us/">https://notary.sos.state.mn.us/</a> "Notary Commission Guide"	Yes 358.42 Notarial Acts	Yes 358.42 Notarial Acts	Yes 358.41 Definitions	No But see "Notary Commission Guide" p. 2	No But see "Notary Commission Guide" p. 2
Mississippi	Code Of Mississippi Rules 21. Sec Of State, Ch. 33 Notaries Public  Miss. Code Ann. § 25-33-11	Yes CMSR 21-000-033 101.01 Acknowledgment.	Yes CMSR 21-000-033 101.01 Acknowledgment.	Yes CMSR 21-000-033 101.01 Acknowledgment.	Yes CMSR 21-000-033 201(2)(d) Powers and Limitations of Notary Public	Yes CMSR 21-000-033 201(2)(c) Powers and Limitations of Notary Public
Missouri	<a href="#">Missouri Ann Statutes Title 32. Ch. 486. Commissioners Of Deeds And Notaries Public</a>	Yes § 486.330. Form of acknowledgments	Yes § 486.330. Form of acknowledgments	Yes § 486.330. Form of acknowledgments	No	No
Montana	<a href="#">Montana Code Annotated Title 1, CH. 5, Part 6. Notarial Acts</a>	Yes 1-5-603. Notarial acts.	Yes 1-5-603. Notarial acts.	Yes 1-5-603. Notarial acts.	No	No
Nebraska	<a href="#">Nebraska Revised Statutes Annotated Ch 64, Notaries Public</a>	Yes § 64-105. Notarial acts prohibited; when § 64-203. Certificate; Contents § 64-205. Acknowledgment, defined	Yes § 64-105. Notarial acts prohibited; when § 64-203. Certificate; Contents § 64-205. Acknowledgment, defined	Yes § 64-203. Certificate; Contents § 64-205. Acknowledgment, defined	No	No

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Nevada	<a href="#">Nevada Revised Statutes Chapter 240: Notaries Public and Commissioned Abstracters</a>	Yes 240.1655 Notarial acts.	Yes 240.1655 Notarial acts.	Yes 240.002 "Acknowledgment" defined.	No	No
New Hampshire	<a href="#">New Hampshire Revised Statutes Annotated (RSA) Ch 456-B</a>	Yes 456-B:2 Notarial Acts.	Yes 456-B:2 Notarial Acts.	Yes 456-B:2 Notarial Acts.	No	No
New Jersey	New Jersey Statutes Annotated (NJSA) Titles 2A, 22A, 46 and 52 <a href="#">New Jersey Notary Public Manual</a>	Yes New Jersey Notary Public Manual	Yes New Jersey Notary Public Manual	Yes New Jersey Notary Public Manual	Yes New Jersey Notary Public Manual	Yes New Jersey Notary Public Manual
New Mexico	<a href="#">New Mexico Statutes Annotated</a> 14-12A-1 through 14-12A-26	Yes NMSA 14-12A-2. Definitions	Yes NMSA 14-12A-2. Definitions	Yes NMSA 14-12A-2. Definitions	Yes NMSA 14-12A-7. Powers and prohibitions	Yes NMSA 14-12A-7. Powers and prohibitions
New York	<a href="#">Notary Public License Law</a>	Yes NPLL pp. 8, 12	Yes NPLL pp. 8, 12	Yes NPLL pp. 8, 12	No	No
North Carolina	<a href="#">DOS Notary Home Notary Public Act 10B Notary Public Administrative Rules Electronic Notary</a>	Yes NCGS 10B-20(c)(1)	Yes NCGS 10B-20(c)(2)	Yes NCGS 10B-3(1) and 10B-41	Yes NCGS 10B-40(a2)(2)	Yes NCGS 10B-40(a2)(2)
North Dakota	<a href="#">DOS Notary Home</a> North Dakota Century Code <a href="#">44-05</a> , <a href="#">44-06</a> , <a href="#">47-19-13</a> thru <a href="#">47-19-36</a>	Yes NDCC 44-06-13.1, 1.a. and NDCC 47-19-14.3	Yes NDCC 44-06-13.1, 1.k. and NDCC 47-19-14.3	Yes NDCC 47-19-14.5, 14.6	Not in statute; <a href="#">see SOS guidance</a>	No

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Ohio	<a href="#">DOS Notary Home</a> <a href="#">Ohio Revised Code</a> <a href="#">Chap 147</a>	Yes ORC 147.53(A)	Yes ORC 147.53(B)	Yes ORC 147.53, 147.55	No	No
Oklahoma	<a href="#">DOS Notary Home</a> <a href="#">(includes Guide book)</a> <a href="#">OK Statutes, Title 49</a>	Yes OS Title 49 Sec.113 A	Yes OS Title 49 Sec.113 A	Yes OS Title 49 Sec. 118 A Sec 119 1	No	No
Oregon	<a href="#">DOS Notary Home</a> <a href="#">Oregon Revised Statutes</a> <a href="#">Chap 194</a> <a href="#">Oregon Admin Rules</a> <a href="#">Notary Public Guide</a>	Yes ORS 194.515	Yes ORS 194.515	Yes ORS 194.565, 194.575	Yes Notary Public Guide Page 24 (PDF page 25)	Yes Notary Public Guide Page 24 (PDF page 25)
Pennsylvania	<a href="#">DOS Notary Home</a>  (includes link to Booklet/ which includes Notary Public Law))	Yes 57 PS 158.1; see form of certificate 21PS 291.7	5 Yes 57 PS 158.1; 21 PS 291.5	Yes 21 PS 291.7	No	No
Rhode Island	<a href="#">DOS Notary Home</a> <a href="#">Standards of Conduct for</a> <a href="#">Notaries Public</a>	Yes Stands.Cond uct, Sec.4(a)(1)	Yes Stands.Cond uct, Sec.4(a)(2)	Yes Stands.Cond uct Sec.3(f)	Yes Stands.Cond uct Sec.4(a)(5)	Yes Stands.Cond uct Sec.4(a)(4)
South Carolina	<a href="#">DOS Notary Home</a> <a href="#">SC Code Title 26 Chap1</a> <a href="#">Notaries Public</a> <a href="#">Unif.Recognition of</a> <a href="#">Acknowledgments Act</a> <a href="#">SC Notary Public</a> <a href="#">Reference Manual</a>	Yes SCC 26-3- 40(1)	Yes SCC 26-3- 40(2)	Yes SCC 26-3-40, 26-3-50, 26- 3-70	Yes Notary Public Ref. Manual Page 4 (PDF Page 9)	Yes Notary Public Ref. Manual Page 4 (PDF Page 9)

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Tennessee	<a href="#">DOS Notary Home</a> Tennessee Code Title 8 Notaries Public Tennessee Code Title 66 Acknowledgment of Instruments <a href="#">Notary Public Handbook</a>	Yes Notary Public Handbook Page 15 (PDF Page 21)	Yes TC 8-16-112	Yes TC 66-22-107, 66-22-114	No	No
Texas	<a href="#">DOS Notary Home</a> <a href="#">Chapter 406, TX Govt. Code; 1 TAC Chapt. 87; Chapt. 121 TX Civ. Prac. &amp; Remedies Code</a>	Yes Texas Gov't Code §406.009(d)(6)	Yes TX Civil Practices & Remedies Code §121.005	Yes TX Civil Practices & Remedies Code §121.004	Yes 1 TAC 87.30 (Grounds to refuse if coercion observed)	Yes 1 TAC 87.30 (Grounds to refuse if comprehension is in question)
Utah	<a href="#">Lt. Gov. Notary Home</a> <a href="#">Notary Study Guide Utah Code Title 46 Chapt. 1</a> <a href="#">Utah Code Title 57, Chap. 2a</a>	Yes Utah Code §46-1-2(1); also Notary Study Guide Pg3	Yes Utah Code §46-1-2(1)	Yes Utah Code §57-2a-5	No	No
Vermont	<a href="#">DOS Notary Home</a> <a href="#">Vermont Statutes Annotated Title 24, Chapt. 5</a> <a href="#">VA Statutes Annot. Title 27, Chapt. 5</a> <a href="#">DOS' "Short Guide" Book</a>	No	No	No	No	No

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Washington	<a href="#">Dept. Licensing Notary Home</a> <a href="#">Revised Code of WA and WA Admin Code</a>	Yes RCW 42.44.080(1)	Yes RCW 42.44.080(1) & (8); WAC 308-30-155	Yes RCW 64.08.050	Yes RCW 64.08.060 (see cert language; "free and voluntary act"))	No
West Virginia	<a href="#">DOS Notary Home</a> <a href="#">WV Code Chapt. 29C</a> <a href="#">WV Code Chapt. 39 1A</a> <a href="#">Notary Handbook</a>	Yes WV Code §39-1A-3(1)	Yes WV Code §39-1A-3(2)	Yes WV Code §39-1-2	No	Notary Handbook, Pg16
Wisconsin	<a href="#">DOS Notary Home</a> <a href="#">Wisc. Statutes Chapter 137</a> <a href="#">Wisc. Statutes Chapter 706.07</a>	Yes WC 706.07 (2)(a)	Yes WC 706.07 (2)(a); (2)(f)1-3	Yes 706.07(7)(a)	Yes Notary Info Brochure, Pg 12	Yes Notary Info Brochure, Pg 12
Wyoming	<a href="#">DOS Notary Home</a> <a href="#">WY Statutes Title 32, Chap. 1</a> <a href="#">WY Statutes Title 34, Chap. 26</a> <a href="#">Notary Rules</a> (use search) <a href="#">Notary Law Rewrite Eff. 7-1-11</a>	Yes WY Statutes §32-1-105(b); §34-26-102(a)	Yes WY Statutes §34-26-102(a)	Yes WY Statutes §34-26-107(a)	Yes WY Statutes §34-26-101(b)(i)	No
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Percentage	100%					