



## **Electronic Notarization**

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State	Summary	Electronic Notarial Acts	Citation
<p style="text-align: center;"><b>Alaska</b>  <a href="#">(click here to return to Table of Contents)</a></p>	<p>The notarial certificate shall be signed by the notary public by electronic means as authorized by regulations adopted by the lieutenant governor. The electronic signature may only be affixed at the time of the notarial act. The seal must contain the notary’s name, the words “Notary Public” and “State of Alaska”, and may be an electronic form as authorized by regulations adopted by the lieutenant governor. The seal must be attached at the time the notarial act is performed.</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">UETA</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">Alaska Stat. §§  <a href="#">09.80.080</a>,  <a href="#">44.50.060</a>,  <a href="#">44.50.063</a>,  <a href="#">44.50.064</a>,  <a href="#">44.50.065</a></p>
<p style="text-align: center;"><b>Arizona</b>  <a href="#">(click here to return to Table of Contents)</a></p>	<p>An individual must apply to the Secretary of State for an electronic notary commission and register an approved electronic notary token. A document notarized electronically must include a complete electronic document, a signature or mark that is affixed by the signer, electronic notary token that is affixed to the document, and the time and date statement affixed to the document. The electronic notary token shall contain the commission number, the full name of the notary, commission expiration date, and a link to the commission record of the electronic notary on the Secretary of State website. A notary service electronic certificate shall contain the commission number of the electronic notary, identification of authorizing electronic notary electronic notary token, the full name of the individual as presented to the electronic notary, and a link to the authorizing commission record of the electronic notary on the Secretary of State website. The signer must be personally present at the time of notarization. The notarial act may be completed without a stamp so long as it is signed by the notary, contains the notary’s full name and commission number, the words “electronic notary public”, “state of Arizona” and “my commission expires on”, the address of the notary’s principal place of contact, and the notary’s email. An electronic notary shall keep a journal of all electronic notarial acts.</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">UETA, URPERA, NASS</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">Ariz. Rev. Stat. §§  <a href="#">41-353</a>,  <a href="#">41-354</a>,  <a href="#">41-355</a>,  <a href="#">41-359</a>,  <a href="#">41-361</a>;   Ariz. Admin. Code §§  <a href="#">R2-12-1201</a>,  <a href="#">R2-12-1203</a>,  <a href="#">R2-12-1204</a></p>

<p><b>Arkansas</b> <a href="#">(click here to return to Table of Contents)</a></p>	<p>Before affixing a notary certificate bearing the notary’s facsimile signature and facsimile seal on a commercial document the notary must file their manual signature, a general description of the type of commercial documents to be notarized by facsimile signature and seal, the name and manual signature of any other person who is signing the commercial documents by manual or facsimile signature, and the written consent of any other person signing the commercial documents with the Secretary of State. The seal must include the notary’s exact name as they sign, the name of the county where the notary public’s bond is filed, the words “Notary Public” and “Arkansas”, the commission expiration date, and the notary public’s commission number issued by the Secretary of State (if they have one).</p>	<p>UETA, UPERA</p>	<p>Ark. Code Ann. §§ <a href="#">21-14-107</a>, <a href="#">21-14-202</a></p>
<p><b>California</b> <a href="#">(click here to return to Table of Contents)</a></p>	<p>All California notaries may perform electronic notarizations. The Secretary of State shall assign a sequential identification number to each notary which shall appear on the notary commission. The signer must be personally present at the time of notarization. A notary seal or stamp must accompany an electronic notary signature. The electronic seal or stamp of the notary must contains the notary’s name, the state seal, the words “Notary Public”, jurisdiction, the notary’s sequential identification number, and seal vendor’s sequential identification number. All notaries must maintain a journal of all acts.</p>	<p>UETA</p>	<p>Cal. Govt. Code Ann. §§ <a href="#">8206</a>, <a href="#">8207</a>, <a href="#">8207.1</a></p>
<p><b>Colorado</b> <a href="#">(click here to return to Table of Contents)</a></p>	<p>A notary must file a notice of intent with the Secretary of State to notarize electronically. Electronic notaries are issued document authentication numbers. This includes a system of validation number and a series of randomly generated document authentication numbers. When used together on an electronic document, the system validation number and random authentication number constitutes the notary’s electronic signature. The electronic signature of a notary shall be accompanied by the notary’s name, the words “Notary Public” and “State of Colorado”, commission expiration date, and a document</p>	<p>UETA, NASS</p>	<p>8 Colo. Code Regs. <a href="#">1505-11:2</a>;  Colo. Rev. Stat. Ann. §§ <a href="#">12-55-104</a>, <a href="#">12-55-106.5</a>, <a href="#">12.55-111</a>, <a href="#">12.55-112</a></p>

	<p>authentication number issued by the Secretary of State. The official seal must include the printed name of the notary, the notary’s identification number, commission expiration date, the words “State of Colorado”, the words “Notary Public”, and be stamped under or near the official signature. An electronic notary must maintain a journal of all electronic notarizations acts.</p>		
<p><b>Delaware</b>  <a href="#">(click here to return to Table of Contents)</a></p>	<p>In order to electronically notarize documents, an individual must complete an electronic notary education course and register with the Secretary of State. The application must describe the type of technology that will be used to electronically notarize. When notarizing an electronic document the notary must use an electronic signature and an electronic seal which contains the notary’s name, the words “Notary Public”, “State of Delaware”, and “My commission expires on”. The electronic seal and signature must be attached to the electronic document in a way that is capable of independent verification and prevents any changes or modifications to the electronic document. The signer must be personally present at time of notarization. The notary must maintain a journal of all electronic notarizations.</p>	<p>UETA, URPERA,  NASS</p>	<p>Del. Code Ann.  tit. 29, §§  <a href="#">4302</a>,  <a href="#">4309</a>,  <a href="#">4310</a>,  <a href="#">4314</a></p>
<p><b>Florida</b>  <a href="#">(click here to return to Table of Contents)</a></p>	<p>When electronically notarizing a document a notary’s electronic signature must be attached to or logically associated with the electronic document in a way that any subsequent alterations to the electronic document displays evidence of alterations, must be unique, capable of independent verifications, and retained under the notary’s sole control. When a signature is required it must be accompanied by a seal, the requirement is satisfied if the electronic seal contain the notary’s full name, the words “Notary Public State of Florida”, commission number, and commission expiration date.</p>	<p>UETA, NASS</p>	<p>Fla. Stat. §  <a href="#">117.021</a>;  Fla. Admin. Code  r. <a href="#">1N-5.002</a></p>
<p><b>Iowa</b>  <a href="#">(click here to return to Table of Contents)</a></p>	<p>A notary public must notify the Secretary of State and specify the technology they plan to use to perform electronic notarial acts. The signer must be present at the time of notarization. The electronic</p>	<p>UETA, NASS</p>	<p>Iowa Code §  <a href="#">9B.6</a>,  <a href="#">9B.15</a>,</p>

	stamp must be attached to or logically associated with the certificate. The certificate must be dated and signed by the notarial officer, must identify the jurisdiction where the act was performed, and must contain the title of office of the notarial officer. The stamp must include the notary’s name, the words “Notarial Seal” and “Iowa”, the words “Commission Number” followed by an number assigned to the notary, and the words “My Commission Expires” followed by the date. The stamp must be capable of being copied with the record it is affixed or attached to.		<a href="#">9B.17</a> , <a href="#">9B.20</a>
<b>Kansas</b> <a href="#">(click here to return to Table of Contents)</a>	In order to electronic notarize documents, an individual must complete an electronic notary course, pass an electronic notary exam, register with the Secretary of State, pay a fee, and obtain a digital certificate authorized by the Secretary of State. For each electronic notarization, the notary must use a digital signature. A notarial certificate must be attached to or logically associated with the electronic document. The signer must appear before the electronic notary at the time of electronic notarization.	UETA	Kan. Admin. Regs. §§ <a href="#">7-43-2</a> , <a href="#">7-43-3</a> , <a href="#">7-43-4</a> , <a href="#">7-43-5</a>
<b>Michigan</b> <a href="#">(click here to return to Table of Contents)</a>	A notary may use a stamp, seal, or electronic process to notarize a record if the electronic process contains the notary’s name, the statement “Notary Public, State of Michigan, County of”, the statement “My commission expires”, if acting in a county other than the county of commission add the statement “Acting in the County of”, and date of the notarial act. The signer must be present at the time of notarization.	UETA	Mich. Stat. Ann. §§ <a href="#">55.285</a> , <a href="#">55.287</a>
<b>Minnesota</b> <a href="#">(click here to return to Table of Contents)</a>	A notary public must register with the Secretary of State to be capable to notarize electronically. The signer must be present at the time of notarization. A notarized electronic document must contain a notarial certificate with notary’s electronic signature, the date, the notary’s name as it appears on the official notarial stamp, jurisdiction of where the act was performed, and the title of the notary. An electronic stamp must contain the seal of Minnesota, the notary’s name, the words	UETA, NASS	Minn. Stat. §§ <a href="#">358.42</a> , <a href="#">358.47</a> , <a href="#">359.01</a> , <a href="#">359.03</a>

	<p>“Notary Public” or “Notarial Officer”, commission expiration date, and must be logically and securely affixed to or associated with the electronic record being notarized.</p>		
<p><b>Nevada</b>  <a href="#">(click here to return to Table of Contents)</a></p>	<p>A notary for at least four years may apply to the Secretary of State to become an electronic notary. The notary must identify the technology approved by the Secretary of State that they plan to use for an electronic signature. The notary must complete an electronic notary education course and pass an exam. The electronic signature, electronic seal, and wording of the notarial certificate must be attached to or logically associated with the electronic document and immediately perceptible and reproducible in the electronic document. The signer must be physically present at the time of notarization. The notary must maintain a journal of all electronic notarizations.</p>	<p>UETA, URPERA,  NASS</p>	<p>Nev. Rev. Stat.  Ann. §§  <a href="#">240.191</a>,  <a href="#">240.192</a>,  <a href="#">240.195</a>,  <a href="#">240.198</a>,  <a href="#">240.199</a>,  <a href="#">240.201</a></p>
<p><b>New Mexico</b>  <a href="#">(click here to return to Table of Contents)</a></p>	<p>Before performing any notarial acts, the notary public must register with the Secretary of State and must identify the technologies that will be used in conducting electronic notarizations. An electronic notary must never electronically notarize a document for a person unless the person is in the electronic notary’s presence at the time of the notarization. When electronically notarizing a document, the notary’s electronic signature, electronic seal, and electronic notarial certificate, must be attached to or logically associated with the electronic document in a way that removal or alteration of these components is detectable and will render evidence of alteration of the document containing the notary certificate which may invalidate the electronic notarial act. An electronic notary signature and seal are reliable if they are unique to the notary, capable of independent verification, under the notary’s sole control, attached to or logically associated with the electronic document, and linked to the document in a way that subsequent alterations to the document are detectable and will render evidence of the alteration of the document containing the notarial certificate which may invalidate the electronic notarial act. An</p>	<p>UETA, URPERA</p>	<p>N.M. Admin. Code  <a href="#">12.9.2.8</a>,  <a href="#">12.9.2.9</a>,  <a href="#">12.9.2.11</a></p>

	electronic image of the seal does not need to accompany an electronic signature.		
<p><b>North Carolina</b>  <a href="#">(click here to return to Table of Contents)</a></p>	<p>Before performing any notarial acts, the notary public must register with the Secretary of State and must describe the technology that will be used to create the notary’s electronic signature. An Electronic notary must take a 3 hour electronic notary education course and pass and exam. An electronic notarization must not be performed unless the signer of the electronic document is in the presence of the electronic notary at the time of notarization. When notarizing an electronic document the notary’s name, state, county of commissioning, the words “Electronic Notary Public”, the words “State of North Carolina”, expiration date of the commission, the notary’s electronic signature, and the wording of what the notarial act was (example: acknowledgment or jurat).</p>	<p>UETA URPERA,  NASS</p>	<p>N.C. Gen. Stat. §§  <a href="#">10B-106</a>,  <a href="#">10B-107</a>,  <a href="#">10B-116</a>,  <a href="#">10B-117</a></p>
<p><b>North Dakota</b>  <a href="#">(click here to return to Table of Contents)</a></p>	<p>Before a notary public performs an electronic notarization they must notify the Secretary of State and identify the technology they intend to use. The signer must be present at the time of notarization. A certificate must be affixed to or logically associated with the electronic record that is signed and dated by the notary, identifies the jurisdiction where the notarization took place, and contains the title of the notary. An official stamp must be affixed to or logically associated to the document including the name, jurisdiction, commission expiration date, and be capable of being copied together with the record it is affixed to.</p>	<p>UETA, NASS</p>	<p>N.D. Cent. Code  Ann. §§  <a href="#">44-06.1-05</a>,  <a href="#">44-06.1-14</a>,  <a href="#">44-06.1-15</a>,  <a href="#">44-06.1-18</a></p>
<p><b>Oregon</b>  <a href="#">(click here to return to Table of Contents)</a></p>	<p>Before performing an electronic notarial act a notary public must notify the Secretary of State that they are going to perform electronic notarial acts and identify the technology they intend to use. The notary must record all of their electronic acts in a notarial journal. The notary’s stamp must be attached or logically associated with the certificate and must include the name, jurisdiction, and the commission expiration date. The certificate must contain the signature</p>	<p>UETA, NASS</p>	<p>Or. Rev. Stat. Ann. §§  <a href="#">194.235</a>,  <a href="#">194.280</a>,  <a href="#">194.290</a>,  <a href="#">194.300</a>,  <a href="#">194.305</a></p>

	of the notary, the date, and jurisdiction of where the act was performed, contain the name of the person whom the act was for, and the title of the notary.		
<p><b>Pennsylvania</b>  <a href="#">(click here to return to Table of Contents)</a></p>	Any Pennsylvania notary must apply to the Department of State and must select one or more tamper-evident technologies to perform electronic notarial acts. The signer must personally appear before the notary. When notarizing a document the notary’s name, title, jurisdiction, and commission expiration date must be attached or logically associated with the electronic record. An official stamp may be attached or logically associated with the certificate if it is signed and dated by the notary, identifies the county and State in which the act was performed, and contains the title of office. The stamp must contain the words Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, the words Notary Seal, the notary’s name, the words Notary Public, the county where the notary maintains an office, and the commission expiration. A notary public shall maintain a journal of all notarial acts performed chronologically.	UETA, URPERA, NASS	57 Pa. Cons. Stat. Ann. §§ <a href="#">306</a> , <a href="#">315</a> , <a href="#">317</a> , <a href="#">319</a> , <a href="#">320</a>
<p><b>Texas</b>  <a href="#">(click here to return to Table of Contents)</a></p>	Any Texas notary may perform an electronic notarization. The seal of the notary public must be attached to or logically associated with the signature on record and must reproduce the elements of the notary seal. The seal must contain the notary’s name, the words “Notary public, State if Texas” around a start of five points, and commission expiration. A notary public shall keep a record of all notarial acts performed.	UETA, URPERA	Tex. Gov. Code §§ <a href="#">406.013</a> , <a href="#">406.014</a>
<p><b>Utah</b>  <a href="#">(click here to return to Table of Contents)</a></p>	Before performing any notarial acts, one must apply with the lieutenant governor to become a notary. The signer must always appear before the notary. A notary may acknowledge an electronic document without the seal if the electronic document contains the notary’s full name, the words “Notary Public”, “State of Utah” and “My commission expires on”, and commission number. A notary must keep a journal of notarial acts.	UETA, NASS	Utah Code Ann. §§ <a href="#">46-1-3</a> , <a href="#">46-1-13</a> , <a href="#">46-1-16</a>

<p><b>Virginia</b>  <a href="#">(click here to return to Table of Contents)</a></p>	<p>An individual must apply to the Secretary of the Commonwealth for mission as an electronic notary. You must provide them with the description of the technology that will be used to notarize electronic documents and a certificate of compliance with Secretary of the Commonwealth notary standards. An Electronic notary must keep records of electronic notary acts. Each document electronically notarized must include an electronic notarial certificate that contains the name, signature, and stamp of the notary that is capable of independent verification and any changes or modifications to the document is evident. A notary may electronically notarize a document if the signer is not present at the time of notarization if satisfactory evidence of the identity of the signer is established. “Satisfactory evidence of identity” may be based on video and audio conference technology. A notary may review public or vital records to confirm an identity. The notary shall keep a copy of the recording of the video and audio conference and a notation of the type of any other identification used.</p>	<p>UETA, NASS</p>	<p>Va. Code Ann. §§  <a href="#">47.1-6.1</a>,  <a href="#">47.1-7</a>,  <a href="#">47.1-14</a>,  <a href="#">47.1-15</a>,  <a href="#">47.1-16</a></p>
<p><b>West Virginia</b>  <a href="#">(click here to return to Table of Contents)</a></p>	<p>A notary public shall notify the Secretary of State that they will be performing notarial acts with respect to electronic records and must identify the technology they intend to use. The signer must appear in person at the time of notarization. The notarial act must be evidenced by a certificate that must be signed and dated by the notarial officer, list jurisdiction of where the act was performed, and contain the title of the office of the notarial officer. If the certificate contains the information above then a stamp must be attached to or logically associated with the certificate. The stamp must include the notary public’s name, address, jurisdiction, commission expiration date, and must be capable of being copied together with the record it is attached to.</p>	<p>UETA, NASS</p>	<p>W. Va. Code Ann. §§  <a href="#">39-4-6</a>,  <a href="#">39-4-15</a>,  <a href="#">39-4-19</a></p>