

# Washington State Law Requires a NOTARIAL CERTIFICATE On Your Document.

A notarial certificate is a written statement, signed and sealed by the notary public (or other authorized officer), certifying the facts of the notarial act. The law prohibits notaries from choosing for you which certificate to use. I am not a licensed attorney and have no authority to give advice on immigration or any legal matter. As a solution to this, YOU MAY SELECT which notarial certificate is used from the following:

1. **Individual Acknowledgment**: For when you need to acknowledge that you are signing the document as your free and voluntary act, for the uses and purposes in the document.
2. **Representative Acknowledgment**: For when you need to acknowledge that you are signing the document as the free and voluntary act of another person or entity, for the uses and purposes in the document.
3. **Verification upon Oath or Affirmation**: Used when you need to swear (or affirm) that the statement is true.
4. **Witness or Attest to a Signature**: All this does is prove that we as a notary saw you sign the document.
5. **True and Correct Copy**: This is used when you need us to certify that the copy is an exact photocopy of the original. We are not creating “certified copies”, only notarized photocopies. The photocopy must be made by the notary.
6. **Witness or Attest to an Event or Act**: This is used when you need us to certify that the event or act described in this document has occurred or has been performed.

Please be respectful of our duties as a notary public by not asking for our assistance in selecting notary language or asking any other legal advice. The law prohibits notaries from choosing for you which certificate to use and from helping you to prepare or complete your legal or financial documents. **I am not a licensed attorney and have no authority to give advice on immigration or any legal matter nor will I seek compensation for such.**

Thank you,  
Carmen Lane  
Washington State Notary Public  
#176228; my commission expires 01/20/2027

Please see RCW’s 42.45.130(1) and 42.45.230(1)

## INDIVIDUAL ACKNOWLEDGEMENT

STATE of \_\_\_\_\_

COUNTY of \_\_\_\_\_

This record was acknowledged before me on this \_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 20\_\_\_\_,

by \_\_\_\_\_.

\_\_\_\_\_  
SIGNATURE of Notary Public or Officer

\_\_\_\_\_  
Name Printed | Title

\_\_\_\_\_  
Commission Number | Expiration date

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REPRESENTATIVE ACKNOWLEDGEMENT

STATE of \_\_\_\_\_

COUNTY of \_\_\_\_\_

This record was acknowledged before me on this \_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 20\_\_\_\_,

by \_\_\_\_\_ as the \_\_\_\_\_

of \_\_\_\_\_.

\_\_\_\_\_  
SIGNATURE of Notary Public or Officer

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VERIFICATION UPON OATH OR AFFIRMATION

STATE of \_\_\_\_\_

COUNTY of \_\_\_\_\_

Signed and sworn to or affirmed before me on this \_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 20\_\_\_\_,

by \_\_\_\_\_.

\_\_\_\_\_  
SIGNATURE of Notary Public or Officer

\_\_\_\_\_  
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WITNESSING OR ATTESTING TO A SIGNATURE

STATE of \_\_\_\_\_

COUNTY of \_\_\_\_\_

Signed or attested before me on this \_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 20\_\_\_\_,

by \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_  
SIGNATURE of Notary Public or Officer

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TRUE AND CORRECT COPY

STATE of \_\_\_\_\_

COUNTY of \_\_\_\_\_

I certify that this is a true and correct copy of a document in the possession of

\_\_\_\_\_ on this \_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 20\_\_\_\_,

\_\_\_\_\_  
SIGNATURE of Notary Public or Officer

\_\_\_\_\_  
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WITNESSING OR ATTESTING TO AN EVENT OR ACT

STATE of \_\_\_\_\_

COUNTY of \_\_\_\_\_

I certify that the event or act described in this document has occurred or been performed

on this \_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 20\_\_\_\_,

\_\_\_\_\_  
SIGNATURE of Notary Public or Officer

\_\_\_\_\_  
Name Printed | Title

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Commission Number | Expiration date

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