

The Notary news

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STAY SAFE + HEALTHY,
NC NOTARIES!

Please join us for a

Virtual Fireside Chat



* * North Carolina Notaries * *

Notaries,

You are invited to the *first* Virtual Notary Fireside Chat hosted by our Office.

Ozie Stallworth, the Director of Electronic Notarization and Notary Enforcement, will be answering your notary questions **LIVE** on Friday, April 23 from 12p.m. - 1p.m. Ozie is a long-time notary instructor, and he's excited to serve as a resource (along with our other notary staff) for you.

This event is **FREE** to all notaries, but registration is required because space is limited. Don't worry. We will record this virtual event, and we will be hosting more Fireside Chats throughout the year.

https://www.sosnc.gov/Online_Services/Event_Registration/front_page/22

Please submit your questions ahead of time to notarynews@sosnc.gov by **April 13**. We will do our best to answer as many questions as possible.

We can't wait to "virtually" see you next month!

Click on the link in the graphic to register, and be sure to submit your questions by the deadline. If you have any questions for us now, please reach out to the Department at notary@sosnc.gov. We are always happy to help.



eNotary Classes Available at Community Colleges

Notaries, many of you have inquired about opportunities to become electronic notaries. Here's a list of the educational institutions in North Carolina currently offering eNotary classes:

AB Tech CC
Alamance CC
Beaufort CC
Blue Ridge CC
Brunswick CC
Cape Fear CC
Catawba CC
Central Carolina CC
Central Piedmont CC

Coastal Carolina CC
Craven CC
Davidson County CC
Fayetteville CC
Forsyth Tech CC
Gaston CC
Guilford CC
Johnston Tech CC
Lenoir CC

Mitchell CC
Pitt CC
Rockingham CC
Rowan Cabarrus CC
Sandhills CC
Surry CC
Wake Tech CC



Fast Five Q & A

Q: I have an eNotary class coming up. Where can I find the book? I checked on the SOS website, but I couldn't find a manual.

Congratulations on taking this course! The educational institution where you are taking the eNotary course will provide the Electronic Notary Public Manual as part of the course offering. Please contact the institution for information on how the eNotary Manual will be delivered to you.

Q. A question sent to us via email: I know I need to keep a notary journal, but does the person have to appear before me before I complete the entry?

Yes. The signer will already be in your presence in order for you to perform the notarial act so nothing has changed there.

The information you record in the journal is related to the document you are notarizing (type of document, type of notarization, etc.) and the individual appearing before you (name, date, time, signature, etc.). So in order to

properly and accurately complete the journal, the signer will need to be in your presence with the document.

Q: From the Facebook group: I have been asked to notarize an out-of-state car title. The seller lives out of state, but she's in town for this week only, and has asked for my help. Can I do this?

Yes. You may notarize a document destined for another state as long as the notarization takes place in North Carolina where you are a commissioned notary.

Be aware that many states DO NOT require their car titles to be notarized. If you are unsure about how to notarize a car title is best to refer the individual to the Department of Motor Vehicles.

Q: What are the main parts that a notary needs to fill in on a notarial certificate for acknowledgement?

The NC county where the notarial act takes place.
The name of the person who acknowledged the signature.
The date of the notarial act.
The notary's signature.
The notary seal. The seal authenticates the notarial act.
The commission expiration date.

Q: For an Emergency Video Notarization (EVN), can a notary perform a notarization by viewing a pre-recorded video or listening to pre-recorded audio of a person signing a document?

No. Both the notary and the signer must be logged in on a video conference platform (Zoom, Webex, GoToMeeting, etc.) in real-time (live) so they can interact and see **and** hear each other clearly.

Do you have a question that you'd like us to answer for the **Fast Five**? Please send in your tips, practice ideas, and questions for us at notarynews@sosnc.gov.



COVID-19 + Notaries

Sunset for Emergency Video Notarizations Has Been Extended:

The sunset date for conducting emergency video notarizations is now December 31, 2021.

Register of Deeds Offices:

Notaries must contact the Register of Deeds Office in their county of residence about their hours of operation during the coronavirus pandemic. Some of these offices are accepting walk-ins while others are requiring appointments.



NC Notary Facebook Group

Have you joined our notary Facebook group yet?
The North Carolina Notary Network

Well, what are you waiting for? More than 7,965 notaries around the state are in the group. If you haven't joined yet, click the link and come on in!

The purpose of the group is to connect NC notaries as well as give notaries an opportunity to share information, tips and ideas with one another.

When answering questions for fellow notaries, we encourage sharing page numbers, statutes or even pictures of citations from the 2016 NC Notary Public Manual.

Click [here](#) to join today!





How To Paint A Front Door

Spring finally arrived two weeks ago! Let's get out there and start working on those projects that we've been putting off all winter.

We are gonna feature some fun ideas that we are finding along the way.

First up: a fun DIY video on [HouseBeautiful.com](https://www.housebeautiful.com/design-inspiration/a35741463/how-to-paint-a-front-door/) showing us how to paint our front doors.

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Which color door is your favorite? Red, gray, yellow, black or orange. Let us know by sending an email to notarynews@sosnc.gov. We'll share the most favorite door next month.

You can thank us later :)





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