

The Notary news



The North Carolina Department of
The Secretary of State, Elaine F. Marshall

Let's Walk Together, Notaries!



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Let's get out there and walk together, notaries!

Whether you are working from home or are back at your office, it's a great practice to build in some outside time during the day to soak up some Vitamin D and take a mental break. Secretary Marshall and some of her co-workers are in downtown Raleigh showing you how they take time to get some fresh air.



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 Valley CC
Central Carolina CC
Central Piedmont CC
Coastal Carolina CC

Craven CC
Davidson County CC
Durham Technical CC
Fayetteville CC
Forsyth Tech CC
Gaston CC
Guilford CC
Haywood CC
Johnston Tech CC
Lenoir CC
Mitchell CC

Nash CC
Pitt CC
Randolph CC
Rockingham CC
Rowan Cabarrus CC
Southeastern CC
Southwest CC
Surry CC
Wake Tech CC
Wayne CC
Wilkes Tech CC



Fast Five Q&A

Q: Can we notarize the closing of a property?

The answer is yes. Notaries may notarize documents related to a closing but must steer clear of answering questions related to the transaction or providing any advice which could result in the Unauthorized Practice of Law (UPL). Remember, if the signer has any questions about the closing, they must direct them to the attorney or the lender.

Q: From our email inbox: I would like to offer free notary services to residents at a local nursing home. If individuals do not have ID, would I be able to use ID from the local nursing home staff?

First of all, we commend you for your willingness to serve these residents. As you know, each person requesting your services must be positively identified through personal knowledge, satisfactory evidence of identity or by a credible witness.

If you cannot positively identify the signer using one of these authorized methods of identification, you cannot notarize his or her document.

Q: From our email inbox: Is it possible for me to notarize a signature when the principal is out of the country but I know that person?

The answer is no. All notarial acts performed by a North Carolina Notary must be performed while both the notary and the signer are in North Carolina. All North Carolina notaries enjoy statewide jurisdiction, so you may notarize while anywhere in the state but again, the principal signer must be in your physical

presence at the time on the notarial act.

Read more on page 3 of the 2016 NC Notary Public Manual.

Q: From our FB Group: As a notary, why can't I charge for travel? The cost of fuel is so high, so shouldn't we get a break?

The maximum fees that may be charged by a notary for notarial acts are as follows according to [GS_10B-31](#):

(1): For acknowledgements, jurats, verifications or proofs, five dollars (\$5.00) per principal signature.

(2): For oaths or affirmations without a signature, five dollars (\$5.00) per person, except for an oath or affirmation administered to a credible witness to vouch for the identity of a principal or subscribing.

Additionally, 18 NCAC 07B.0904 states that charging a fee in excess of that which is set by law, including fees for mileage or travel, is a **violation** of the notary law.

Q: From our FB Group: A fellow NC notary is in another state working on his advanced degree. He will be gone for two years and his commission will expire before he finishes his coursework. Is there a way for him to keep his notary status in the interim?

Good question. The notary will need to resign his commission and return his stamp or seal to the Department since he no longer lives or works in our state.

If he returns to North Carolina, he may apply to become a notary public again and take the notary public course and pass the test. We wish him the best in his PhD work!

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.

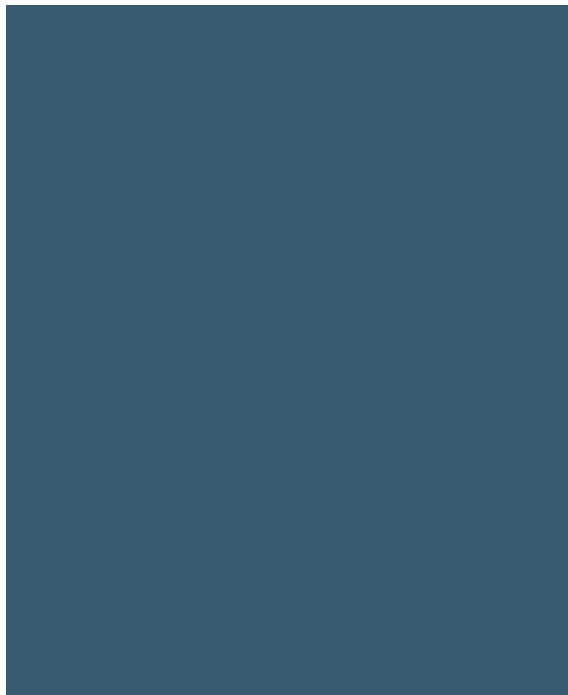
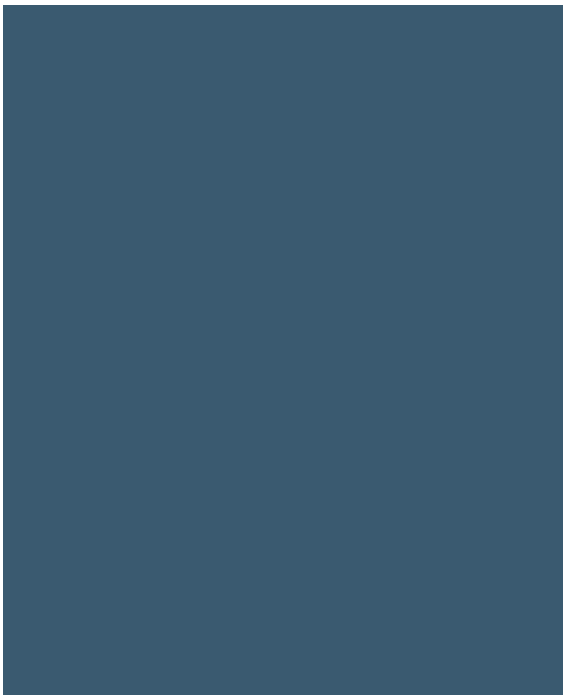


Get To "Know" Our Notaries!

Notaries, we know you are doing great things all over North Carolina, and we want everyone else to know it too. Every month, we will feature our notaries (as long as we have submissions). We want to feature YOU!

We'll make it super easy. Just send us a picture of yourself, along with your name, where you are from, the number of years (or months) you have been a commissioned notary, and one fun fact that you want us to know about you.

Email us at notarynews@sosnc.gov.





Felix Keyes
Cumberland County

*Felix has been a notary
for 6 years.*

He's been a principal at the elementary, middle and high school level for more than 18 years in North Carolina.



Carolyn Chilton
Wake County

*Carolyn has been a
commissioned notary
for 25 years.*

Carolyn has 3 pit bulls and a little long-haired chihuahua that barks orders at them. And they comply.



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 12,287 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!





SUMMER QUIZ

It's June. Summertime is almost here. It's the hottest of the four seasons, and it's the time we love to gather, eat, travel, and enjoy the outdoors - safely, of course.

Let's have some pre-summer fun with a quiz. Try and guess as many of these as you can - without Googling! - and send your answers to notarynews@sosnc.gov.

Look for the answers next month. Here we go:

- Two vegetables experience higher sales in August than during all the months of the year in the U.S. What vegetables are they?
- What summertime smell is said to elicit happy memories in all of us?
- What was the most traditional way to make pink lemonade?
- Which summer blockbuster film was the first to be promoted to the audience by expensive television advertising?
- Which month of the year is National Ice Cream Month?

- Which president hosted the first barbecue at the White House?
- Which flower thrives in the sun because it loves the sun?
- True or False? Watermelon is over 90% water.



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