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NEW Regulations for Notaries Public

NOTARY JOURNAL REQUIRED

Effective on January 25, 2023, all notaries are required to keep a journal, regardless of whether the acknowledgment is taken in person or remotely. In connection with the newly passed statute allowing for remote notarization, the New York Department of State published Regulations applicable not only to electronic notarial acts but also to all notarial acts including in-person notarization.

These records, otherwise referred to as a journal, must be maintained for at least TEN years and must be capable of being produced to the Secretary of State and others as necessary in relation to the performance of the notary public's obligations.

All notaries must include this information in such records:

- The date, approximate time, and type of notarial acts performed
- The name and address of any individuals for whom a notarial act was performed
- The number and type of notarial services provided
- The type of credential used to identify the principal
- The verification procedures used for any personal appearance before the notary public.

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