

**States with Examination and Education Requirements 1/22/24**

<b>State</b>	<b>Commissioning Official</b>	<b>Bond</b>	<b>Term Length</b>	<b>Exam</b>	<b>Education</b>
<a href="#">Alabama</a>	County Probate Judges and Secretary of State	\$50,000	4 years		Required for new and renewing
<a href="#">Alaska</a>	Office of Lieutenant Governor	\$2,500	4 years		
<a href="#">Arizona</a>	Secretary of State	\$5,000	4 years	Yes	Training not required but may be used with the exam.
<a href="#">Arkansas</a>	Secretary of State	\$7,500	10 years	Yes; for electronic Notaries	Yes; for electronic Notaries. A refresher course must be completed every two years.
<a href="#">California</a>	Secretary of State	\$15,000	4 years	Yes; Proctored; New and renewing Notaries	New Notaries -- 6 hours Renewing Notaries -- 3 hours
<a href="#">Colorado</a>	Secretary of State		4 years	Yes; Notaries who do not hold a commission must pass an exam Yes; for renewing Notaries	Yes; renewing Notaries must also take an educational course. Yes; for Notaries performing remote notarizations.
<a href="#">Connecticut</a>	Secretary of State		5 years	Yes: On commission application	
<a href="#">Delaware</a>	Secretary of State		2 years initial term and then 4 years after		
<a href="#">D.C.</a>	Mayor through the Office of Notary Commissions and Authentications	\$2,000	5 years		Yes; Notary applicants must attend an orientation session covering the Notary laws and rules in D.C. Yes; applicants for an Electronic Notary endorsement must take a course of instruction.
<a href="#">Florida</a>	Secretary of State	\$7,500 traditional \$25,000 online	4 years		Yes; 3 hours live or interactive for new Notaries only; Yes; 2 hours for Online Notaries beginning January 1, 2020
<a href="#">Georgia</a>	Georgia Superior Court Clerks' Cooperative Authority		4 years		
<a href="#">Hawaii</a>	Attorney General	\$1,000	4 years	Yes	
<a href="#">Idaho</a>	Secretary of State	\$10,000	6 years		Yes, required by rule
<a href="#">Illinois</a>	Secretary of State	\$5,000 traditional \$25,000 online	4 years	Authorizes the Secretary of State to require Notaries and electronic Notaries to take an exam effective January 1, 2022, or when the Secretary publishes rules, whichever is later.	Yes, initial and renewing Notaries and Electronic Notaries must take a course.
<a href="#">Indiana</a>	Secretary of State	\$25,000	8 years	Yes; new and renewing Notaries	Yes; for new Notaries. Yes; 2 hours for renewing Notaries.
<a href="#">Iowa</a>	Secretary of State		3 years		Required for Notaries who perform remote notarial acts and renewing Notaries who perform remote notarial acts.
<a href="#">Kansas</a>	Secretary of State	\$12,000	4 years	Yes; for remote Notaries beginning January 1, 2022.	Yes; remote Notaries beginning January 1, 2022.
<a href="#">Kentucky</a>	Secretary of State	\$1,000	4 years		Yes, required by rule
<a href="#">Louisiana</a>	Secretary of State	\$10,000	Lifetime	Yes (nonattorneys)	A study guide is available for \$100 to assist with passing the examination. Required for online notary
<a href="#">Maine</a>	Secretary of State		7 years	Yes: On commission application	Yes, remote notaries
<a href="#">Maryland</a>	Secretary of State		4 years	Yes; for initial applicants beginning October 1, 2020.	Yes; for both new and renewing applicants beginning October 1, 2020
<a href="#">Massachusetts</a>	Secretary of State		7 years		Yes, required by rule for initial commission

<a href="#">Michigan</a>	Secretary of State		6 years		
<a href="#">Minnesota</a>	Secretary of State	\$10,000	5 years		Yes, remote notaries
<a href="#">Mississippi</a>	Secretary of State	\$5,000	4 years		
<a href="#">Missouri</a>	Secretary of State	\$10,000	4 years		Yes; New and renewing Notaries, Electronic Notaries and Remote Online Notaries; online or written course.
<a href="#">Montana</a>	Secretary of State	\$25,000	4 years	Yes; for both new and renewing Notary applicants Yes: for Notaries using an electronic notarization system or communication technology to perform online notarizations	Yes, 4 hours for new Notary applicants beginning October 1, 2020. Yes: 4 hours of continuing education for renewal applicants beginning October 1, 2020. Yes; for online Notaries beginning October 1, 2020. Yes; for Notaries using an electronic notarization system or communication technology to perform online notarizations.
<a href="#">Nebraska</a>	Secretary of State	\$15,000	4 years	Yes: Open-book exam. Yes; for online Notaries beginning July 1, 2020.	Yes, for Electronic Notaries. Yes, for Online Notaries beginning July 1, 2020.
<a href="#">Nevada</a>	Secretary of State	\$10,000	4 years	Yes, Notaries Public. Yes, Electronic Notaries.	Yes; 3 hours for new and renewing Notaries. Yes; for Electronic Notaries.
<a href="#">New Hampshire</a>	Secretary of State		5 years		
<a href="#">New Jersey</a>	State Treasurer		5 years	Yes, for new and renewal Notaries effective July 22, 2022.	Yes, for new and renewing Notaries effective July 22, 2022.
<a href="#">New Mexico</a>	Secretary of State	\$10,000	4 years	Yes; for applicants who do not hold a Notary commission effective January 1, 2022.	Yes; initial applicants for a Notary commission and automatic notarial officers must take a course.
<a href="#">New York</a>	Secretary of State		4 years	Yes: Proctored; New Notaries and Notaries whose commission have lapsed by more than 6 months	
<a href="#">N. Carolina</a>	Secretary of State		5 years	Yes	Yes; new Notary applicants; community college course; Yes; course required for Electronic and Online Notaries.
<a href="#">North Dakota</a>	Secretary of State	\$7,500	4 years		
<a href="#">Ohio</a>	Secretary of State		5 years	Yes	Yes: 3 hours for new commission applicants; 1 hour for renewing applicants. Yes; for Online Notaries.
<a href="#">Oklahoma</a>	Secretary of State	\$1,000	4 years		
<a href="#">Oregon</a>	Secretary of State		4 years	Yes: On commission application	Yes: 3 hours for new commission applicants. Renewing Notaries who apply for a new commission and pass the exam before the expiration of their current term are exempted.
<a href="#">Pennsylvania</a>	Secretary of the Commonwealth	\$10,000	4 years	Yes, effective late 2017	Yes; new Notaries only: 3 hours live or interactive.
<a href="#">Rhode Island</a>	Secretary of State		4 years		Training is provided but not required
<a href="#">South Carolina</a>	Secretary of State		10 years	Yes, for Electronic Notaries.	Yes; Electronic Notaries must take a course.
<a href="#">South Dakota</a>	Secretary of State	\$5,000	6 years		
<a href="#">Tennessee</a>	Secretary of State	\$10,000	4 years		
<a href="#">Texas</a>	Secretary of State	\$10,000	4 years		Training required every 4 years in the form of video and PowerPoint presentations
<a href="#">Utah</a>	Lieutenant Governor	\$5,000	4 years	Yes, fee is \$95	
<a href="#">Vermont</a>	Secretary of State		2 years	Yes; new Notary applicants applying after February 1, 2021.	Yes; 2 hours of continuing education required beginning in 2021.
<a href="#">Virginia</a>	Governor appoints and Secretary of Commonwealth commissions		4 years		

<a href="#">Washington</a>	Director of Licensing commissions	\$10,000	4 years		
<a href="#">West Virginia</a>	<b>Secretary of State</b>	No longer required as of 2018	5 years		
<a href="#">Wisconsin</a>	Governor appoints and Secretary of Financial Institutions regulates	\$500	4 years	Yes	Yes, Electronic Notaries must take a course
<a href="#">Wyoming</a>	<b>Secretary of State</b>		6 years	Yes	Required for new and renewal Notaries beginning July 1, 2021.