

# **Virginia Notary Commission Process**

Step-by-Step Instructions to Become a Notary

# **Questions? Contact our Customer Care Professionals:**

Email: Services@NationalNotary.org | Website: www.NationalNotary.org/VA/Become

**Phone:** 1-800-876-6827 (M-F, 6:00 a.m.-5:00 p.m. PT)

# ☐ Step 1

I am eligible to become a Notary and am in compliance with state requirements:

- 18 years or older;
- Legal resident of the U.S.;
- Resident of Virginia or employed in the state (non residents' Notary services must be connected with employment);
- Read and write English;
- No felony conviction in any state unless rights restored.

#### ☐ Step 2

I purchased my state-required Notary seal and supplies at <a href="www.NationalNotary.org/VA/Become">www.NationalNotary.org/VA/Become</a> or I called 1-800-876-6827.

## ☐ Step 3

I have received the supplies that are not dependent upon my commission (e.g. journal, law primer, etc.).

# ☐ Step 4

I have printed and completed my Notary application using the application wizard on the Virginia Secretary of the Commonwealth website at <a href="https://commonwealth.virginia.gov/official-documents/notary-commissions/notary-application-process/">https://commonwealth.virginia.gov/official-documents/notary-commissions/notary-application-process/</a>. I have had my signature on Part 3 of the application notarized.

### ☐ Step 5

I have mailed the completed, notarized application and payment receipt (or application fee if I did not pay online) to:

Office of the Secretary of the Commonwealth Notary Public Division P.O. Box 1795 Richmond, VA 23218-1795

#### ☐ Step 6

Upon approval, my commission certificate will be sent to the Circuit Court clerk and myself.

#### ☐ Step 7

I have contacted the circuit court and made arrangements to take my oath and pay the recording fee within 60 days of the commission issue date.

#### ☐ Step 8

I have emailed a copy of my commission certificate to Customer Care at Releasing@NationalNotary.org or sent via fax (with a cover sheet that includes my Customer ID) to 1-800-833-1211. Once received, the NNA will ship my stamp within 3 business days.