



Becoming a Notary Public in the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania is not a complex process, however we know that the choices for your education and supplies are numerous and confusing. Let us take a minute to explain the differences and similarities.

Pennsylvania's Department of State, Notary Division is the governing body for all Pennsylvania Notaries Public. They approve all notaries and enforce the educational requirements according to state law. Each approved provider of the mandatory education must submit their courses for approval by the Notary Division. These courses must contain the same pertinent information required by the State Department and the Notary law. Therefore all approved providers and their courses contain the same information regardless of presenter, organization or provider.

The process of applying for a commission is also the same. The application must be forwarded to your local State Senator for execution. They forward it to the State Department through legislative channels for final approval. Again regardless of the provider or organization or even yourself the process is the same.

Marketing techniques and general advertising practices over the years has created the impression that some organizations are the governing entity or at least affiliated in some capacity with the State Department or the county governments. This is simply not true. The final processing of the applications is in the hands of the Commonwealth of PA State Department. They will send you the final paperwork, which you will either execute on your own or send it to your processor of choice for execution.

As a Department of State approved educator; we provide the mandatory education course for new applicants. We offer the same as the other vendors and organizations. The "prices" you pay an in state, out of state or national "membership organization" to handle this for you includes the fees, your bond and equipment and sometimes they include "perks". Mostly, this price includes your "membership fee". You pay those high prices for a "membership". We are not a membership organization. Therefore you pay less, much less.

Handling your commission processing is also quite simple but again we offer you different choices. We believe it is your commission and you should control it from start to finish so we encourage you to handle the process on your own. We will guide you through each step of the appointment process and fix any problems or help handle any concerns you run into. If you would like us to handle that we offer a commission processing package that includes processing your application, executing your bond and acquiring your equipment at one low price. It is your choice. Again our price either way is the lowest you will find.

Additionally, we offer many more educational courses. These are offered online and on a regular basis through out the Commonwealth in a live seminar setting for better comprehension and more information exchange. They include, Accredited Signing Agent, DMV Agent and E~Notary, and more. All of our instructors are hands on notaries; they are not employed as teachers. Each one of them is successful in their own businesses, as Notaries Public, Signing Agents and DMV clerks here in Pennsylvania.

If you are interested in becoming a Notary Public, please visit our web page, call us at the numbers below or drop us an email at info@panotaryacademy.com. All of our courses are listed there. You can pay on line with the security of Pay Pal or pay at the door. Credit cards will only be accepted on line and cash or checks are accepted at the door. Once you have chosen a course location please remember to pre-register.

The mandatory required course to apply to be a Notary Public is Basic Notary 101. This course is a three hour course covering the law, our functions and general knowledge of a Notary Public. If you would like us to handle the processing of your commission also, you may choose to purchase that as an add-on at the same time. Again, you always have a choice to pay online or at the door.

After you have attended the Basic Notary 101 Course we will present you with your certificate. We thank you for your interest PA Notary Academy and if you have any questions or concerns please contact us.



Name _____

Home Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip +4 _____ - _____ County _____

Municipality, Boro, Township, _____

Phone Number _____ Fax _____ Email _____

Application Information

When filling out your state application the name to be listed on your commission can be your full first name and last name, full first name, with middle initial and last name, initial first name, full middle name and last name or full first name, full middle name and last name. No nicknames or other abbreviations. Your signature must match your name listed on application.

All correspondence from the state in regards to your application and commission will be sent to your **employers address**. The information listed as your employer will also become public record. When listing the addresses include the physical street address, a P.O. Box alone is not acceptable. Please include the four digit code for your zip codes. List your municipality, boro, or city information also. This is not the mailing address. This would be the governing entity of the address listed. If you wish all correspondence to be directed to your home instead of your employers then fill ALL employer info with N/A. Leave no blanks lines or spaces on the application.

If you have purchased the full commission processing package in addition to the course please fill out **TWO** of the state application that is included in this package and present to instructor at course. The state will not accept copies or faxed forms. We will send then your application through the State Department for processing with all fees. In about two weeks you will receive a letter from your State Senator stating your application has been approved and forwarded to the appropriate authorities. In about two – three weeks after that you will receive your blank bond and letter of appointment. Please forward that onto us at the address above upon receipt. After you have recorded at your local county office, you must fax us a copy for your commission. We will then manufacture and mail your stamp to you.

If you will be processing on your own attach the certificate provided after attendance of our course and a \$40 non refundable fee to your state application and mail it to the State Senator of your residential address for their signature. They will forward it on to the State Department for processing. Within 4-6 weeks you will receive your blank bond and letter of appointment. Execute your 4 year \$10,000 bond with an insurance agent.

After execution of the bond you will present it and your letter of appointment to your county recorders office. They will record your bond, and provide your commission. The last step will be purchasing your stamp and journal.

Registration Information

You have many choices for payment. You may pay online with credit card, check or debit card at www.panotaryeducationonline.com or by check through the mail. If you have any questions please call us and we will advise you on the information needed. 412.607.0219.

Basic Notary 101 Mandatory Education – Online

Our Basic Notary 101 course and materials for this program have been developed by our staff and approved by the Commonwealth. This is the mandatory education course required for new Notaries Public. You will be taught the notary basics and then some.

Online Basic Notary 101 Mandatory Education..... **\$40.00**

Includes the following:

- Online Basic Notary 101 course.
- Basic Notary 101 workbook.
- 2010 Acknowledgements.
- 2010 Affidavits.
- 20109 Certifications.
- Access to 24 hour hotline.

Basic Notary 101 Mandatory Education - Online w/Full Commission Processing

Our Online Basic Notary 101 course and Full Commission Processing Package can save you up to \$300 compared to other providers. Although the process of filing your application and acquiring the required signatures is fairly simple, with this package we will handle the full application process for you. We will handle the whole process for you. All you have to do is register at your local courthouse. This DOES NOT include courthouse registration fees.

Online Basic Notary 101 Mandatory Education w/ Full commission Processing **\$200.00**

Includes the all of the above and the following:

- Application processing.
- All state fees.
- Obtaining your Senators endorsement.
- 4 year \$10,000 bond required by law.
- Your new notarial seal.
- Your new notarial journal.
- All taxes, shipping and handling.

ASA- Signing Agent - Online Seminar

With the help of settlement agents, schedulers and title producers, we have comprised the most accurate training for PA Signing Agents you will find. We include information on documents, UPL and the basic functions of a notary at a mortgage closing. With so many differences in classes, education and designations a Signing Agent can get lost in the shuffle. Most settlement services who hire Signing Agents want them to have more than the average education in this field. Therefore this course was developed by them and is taught by experienced people who work in this field. With that experience comes a wealth of knowledge that will be shared with you..

ASA Course **\$75.00**

Includes the following:

- Accredited Signing Agent course.
- Accredited Signing Agent workbook.
- Sample invoices and other business documents.
- Complete mortgage closing packet.
- ASA Certification.
- Access to 24 hour hotline.

DMV Agent - Online Seminar

This introductory course is for all those who wish to become a DMV Agent. In Pennsylvania Notaries Public provide DMV services to the general public through their offices by becoming DMV Agents. They can handle all types of vehicle transfers. Trucks, cars, motorcycles and trailers, even boats, snowmobiles and ATV's. We will not only explain the procedures but make sure you are informed on the laws involved. We will provide you with step by step instructions on how to handle all types of vehicle transfers. This course is **NOT** the certified course you must take to be a DMV Agent with the Department of Transportation. This is an introductory course only. This is a one of a kind course in which you will have all the information and education necessary to open your office for DMV work. DMV

Course..... **\$75.00**

Includes the following:

- DMV Agent training course.
- DMV Agent training workbook.
- Sample invoices and other business documents.
- DMV Agent document packet.
- Access to 24 hour hotline.

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NOTARY PUBLIC APPLICATION
 (Revised 5/17/2007)



PRINT OR TYPE CLEARLY. FILL OUT APPLICATION COMPLETELY. Do not leave any blanks.
 Use "none" or "N/A" if applicable. **An incomplete application will delay your appointment.**
FEE: \$40 – make check or money order payable to: COMMONWEALTH OF PENNSYLVANIA.

CHECK ONE: **New Appointment**
 Reappointment (have been a notary in Pennsylvania before)

Complete the following if you have ever been a notary in Pennsylvania before:	
Notary commission expiration date	Full name on previous commission
Notary commission ID number	Other name used on previous commission

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PART I: Applicant Information (NOTE: Employer/Business contact information will be public record)				
First Name	Middle Name or Initial (if used)	Last Name	Suffix (if applicable)	
Date of Birth (mm/dd/yyyy)	Social Security Number (xxx-xx-xxxx)	Email Address (Optional)		
Name of Employer/Business where Notary Commission will be used (Do not leave blank. If not applicable, please indicate.)				
Employer/Business Street Address (P.O. Box alone is insufficient)		City	State	Zip Code
Employer/Business Telephone (include area code)	Municipality (city/borough/township)		County	
Home Street Address (P.O. Box alone is insufficient)		City	State	Zip Code
Home Telephone (include area code)	Municipality (city/borough/township)		County	

Part II: Education, Criminal History, Other Notary Commission History (Check or mark appropriate boxes)	YES (√)	NO (√)
I am a notary applicant for initial appointment or reappointment and I have completed a pre-approved three-hour notary public education course within the six-month period immediately preceding this application (unless permanently exempted). Attach a copy of your course completion certificate and retain your original. Lack of proof of education will result in application rejection.		
Have you ever been convicted of or entered a plea of guilty or nolo contendere to a felony or lesser offense preceding the date of this application? If yes, attach full details (name of court, plea or conviction, sentence and length of probation) and appropriate supporting documents with a signed and dated personal explanation.		
Have you ever resigned a notary commission or had a notary commission suspended, revoked or otherwise disciplined by the Commonwealth or any other state/jurisdiction preceding the date of this application? If yes, attach full details and appropriate supporting documents with a signed and dated personal explanation.		
Have you ever had any other professional or occupational license suspended, revoked or otherwise disciplined? If yes, attach full details and appropriate supporting documents with a signed and dated personal explanation.		

Note that disclosing your social security number on this application is mandatory for the Department of State to comply with the requirements of the federal Social Security Act pertaining to child support enforcement, as implemented in the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania at 23 Pa. C.S. § 4304.1(a). To enforce domestic child support orders, the Commonwealth's licensing boards must provide to the Department of Public Welfare (DPW) information prescribed by DPW about the licensee, including the social security number.

APPLICANT AFFIDAVIT: I am of good moral character and am familiar with the duties and responsibilities of a notary public. I shall furnish additional evidence of these statements, if requested, which shall be satisfactory to the Secretary of the Commonwealth. To the best of my knowledge and belief, this application contains no misrepresentations or falsifications, omission or concealments of material fact and the information given by me is true and complete. I understand that any false statement made is subject to the penalties of 18 Pa. C.S. § 4904 (relating to unsworn falsification to authorities) and may result in the suspension, revocation, or denial of my notary commission.

Applicant Signature (must match name in Part I)

Date

PART III: To be completed by Pennsylvania Senator before application is submitted. It is the applicant's responsibility to obtain the signature of the Senator.

I HEREBY ENDORSE THE APPLICATION OF THIS APPLICANT WHO IS A RESIDENT OF MY SENATORIAL DISTRICT OR, IF NOT A PENNSYLVANIA RESIDENT, WHO IS EMPLOYED IN MY SENATORIAL DISTRICT. (All information below must be completed by the Senator.)

Signature of Senator

District

Date