

A Signer's Guide to Selecting a Notarial Act

Your document cannot be properly notarized as presented because it does not include a compliant notarial certificate. By law, a RI notary *must* complete a compliant notarial certificate and cannot choose which notarial act to perform for you.

Below you will find an explanation of the types of notarial acts available to you. Each act accomplishes something different. To proceed with your request for notarization, **you must select which notarial act you wish the notary to perform**. If you're unsure, you can contact the person/organization that created the document or the person/organization that will receive the notarized document for assistance.

Once you select an act, the notary will include the appropriate notarial certificate language on your document and proceed with the notarial ceremony.

ACKNOWLEDGMENT

You are confirming in the notary's presence that you are signing the document for its intended purpose.

JURAT

The notary will place you under oath or affirmation and you will swear that the contents of the document are true.

SIGNATURE WITNESSING

You are establishing that you are appearing before a RI notary to sign this document on a particular date.

COPY CERTIFICATION

The notary will photocopy your document and certify that the copy they made is an accurate reproduction of the original.