



State of North Carolina
 Department of the Secretary of State
 Elaine F. Marshall, Secretary of State

- Class in lieu of on-line re-commission exam
- Application for failure to take oath
- Notary Instructor

APPLICATION FOR REAPPOINTMENT AS A NORTH CAROLINA NOTARY PUBLIC (Revised 10/1/2006)

Read the instructions on the back of this form completely before filling out this application

1. Applicant's full Legal Name (Full name with no initials.) _____ Gender: M F Reappointment Applicants Place Notary Seal Here

2. Applicant's Commission Name (first,middle or maiden,Last) _____

(Commission Name - You may use one initial for the first or middle name but not for both. Name shall be a derivative of your full legal name. No nicknames. No single initials without a full first or middle name. This name is how you will be commissioned and shall appear on your seal.)

3. Name on Last Commission / Expiration Date / County _____

4. Mailing Address:	City:	State:	Zip:
Residence Address if Different:	City:	State:	Zip:

5. Business Phone: _____ Home Phone: _____ Fax: _____ 6. Are you a citizen of the United States? Yes No
If No, attach a copy of your Permanent Resident Card (Form I-551).

7. Social Security # _____ 8. E-Mail Address _____ 9. Birth Date _____ 10. County of Residence _____

11. Occupation: _____ OR Unemployed Retired Student Self-Employed
 Business / Employer: _____ County Where Employed: _____
 Business Address: (Address,City,State,Zip) _____

12. Have you completed a notary public education course? Yes No Number of Class Hours: _____
 _____ (name of educational organization or community college) _____ (print or type name of instructor) _____ (date completed)

I hereby certify that the above named applicant has successfully completed the notary public education course and therefore qualifies for your consideration for a notary public commission.

Signed by instructor if using for re-commissioning in-lieu of on-line exam. _____ (signature of instructor) _____ (date)

13. Were you commissioned on or before July 10, 1991? Yes No Initial appointment date (if known) ____/____/____
 If Yes, has your commission been continuous since July 10, 1991? Yes No
 Have you ever had a disciplinary action from the Secretary of State's office against your commission? Yes No

14. Are you a member of the North Carolina Bar? Yes No 15. Do you have a current notary guidebook? Yes No
 If yes: Year _____ Edition _____

16. Have you ever been convicted by any court of a felony, a misdemeanor, or charged with an offense for which trial is still pending?
 If yes, see instructions on following page. Yes No

17. Have you ever had a professional license or notary commission denied, revoked, restricted or suspended? Have you ever had to resign a license or commission under unfavorable circumstances? If yes to either question, see instructions on following page. Yes No

18. State of North Carolina
 County of _____

I, _____, solemnly swear or affirm under penalty of perjury that the information in this application is true, complete and correct; that I understand the official duties and responsibilities of a notary public in this state, as described in the statutes; that I can speak, read and write in the English language; and that I will perform to the best of my ability all notarial acts in accordance with the law.

Signature of Applicant: _____
(This signature must match the name in line 2 of this application and must be used in signing ALL notarized documents.)

(Official Seal or Stamp)

Sworn to (or affirmed) and subscribed before me this _____ day of _____, 20_____

Signature of Notary Public: _____

Printed Name of Notary Public: _____

My Commission Expires _____, 20_____

FORM MUST BE COMPLETE, LEGIBLE AND CORRECT OR APPLICATION WILL BE REJECTED.
PLEASE PRINT IN INK OR TYPE.

ASSISTANCE: The Notary Public Section is available for assistance from 8:00am to 5:00pm, Monday through Friday, with the exception of holidays. You may contact us by phone at (919) 807-2219, by e-mail at notary@sosnc.com, or by fax at 919-807-2210.

FEE: Make check or money order payable to NC Secretary of State in the amount of \$50.00. **Fees are non-refundable** (see N.C. General Statute § 10B-13). **PLEASE DO NOT SEND CASH.** The Secretary of State's office will process your application within 72 hours of receipt. Please allow two weeks to *receive your notice.*

MAIL APPLICATION AND FEE TO: Notary Public Section
Department of the Secretary of State
PO Box 29626
Raleigh, NC 27626-0626

APPLICATION INSTRUCTIONS: All Information is Required Under G.S. 10B-5, 10B-7

1. Enter your full legal name. This name should match the name on your official identification.
2. Enter the name you wish to use for your notary public commission. You may use one initial for the first or middle name or any combination of your full legal name but not two initials. No nicknames. This name should appear on your seal and must be used in signing all notarized documents.
3. Reappointment applicants must enter the name you used for your previous notary public commission including the expiration date and county of that commission. You must also place an imprint or stamp of your notary seal in the space provided.
4. Enter your complete mailing address. This address can be a P. O. Box, however, if your mailing address is different from your residence address, enter your residence address in the space allowed. This address must show a physical location with a street number and name.
5. Enter your business phone with area code. Enter your home phone with area code. Enter your fax number with area code.
6. If you are not a citizen of the United States, attach a copy of your Permanent Resident card (Form I-551) issued to all Permanent Residents as evidence of alien registration and permanent status in the U.S.
7. Enter your social security number. Only the last four digits are required, however, providing the full Social Security number is recommended.
8. Enter your complete e-mail address clearly and legibly. This should be updated as needed by e-mail to our office.
9. Enter the month, day and year of your birth.
10. Enter your county of residence. If you are a North Carolina resident, this is the county where you will be commissioned.
11. Enter your occupation (i.e., bank teller, paralegal, attorney, realtor, etc.). ***This must not be blank.*** If you are unemployed, retired, a student, or self-employed, check the appropriate box. Enter your employer's name. Enter your employment address and the county of your principal employment. If you are not a North Carolina resident but your principal employment is in North Carolina, you must send proof of employment from your employer, on company letterhead, to be commissioned in the county of your employment.
12. Enter the name of the community college where you took the course, the name of your instructor, and the date that you completed your course. The instructor's signature is required if you have recently taken the notary course.
13. If you were commissioned before July 10, 1991, check yes. If not, check no and proceed to # 14. Enter the date of your initial appointment (if known). If you were commissioned before July 10, 1991, indicate whether your commission has been continuous or not. If your commission has been continuous since July 10, 1991, indicate whether you have or have not had any disciplinary actions against your notary commission from the Secretary of State's office.
14. If you are an attorney licensed to practice law in North Carolina, check yes. (*N. C. Licensed attorneys, although exempt, are highly recommended by the Secretary of State to take the notary public course. Attorneys are required to possess the most current notary guidebook.*)
15. N.C. Gen. Stat. § 10B-5 requires that you purchase and keep the most recent edition of the N.C. Notary Public Guidebook. The Notary Public Guidebook may be purchased for \$17.12 (includes tax, shipping and handling) from: The School of Government, UNC – Chapel Hill, CB#3330 Knapp-Sanders Building, Chapel Hill, NC 27599-3330. They can also be reached by telephone at (919) 966-4119 or through their website at www.sog.unc.edu.
16. If you answered "Yes" to this question, send a **certified** copy of your criminal record background check and judgment from the clerk of courts office. Disclose in a signed written explanation attached to this application the date and place of arrest, the name of court and court case number, the code section of the violation, a brief description of the offense, and the sentence imposed. Also, include the date you were released from probation, parole, or incarceration and, for felony charge(s), a copy of your citizenship restoration. **Minor traffic offenses such as speeding are not applicable to this question unless it resulted in a misdemeanor or felony charge.** To be considered for commission as a notary public, you will also be required to submit three completed Certificates of Moral Character (obtained from our website at www.sosnc.com) from three different individuals (i.e., your employer, minister, or another person, other than a family member) who can each provide us a statement as to why these charges should not prevent you from being appointed as a notary. Your application will be denied if you answered "Yes" to this question and fail to provide the information listed above.
17. If you answered "Yes" to this question, attach written details on the type of license, the name under which it was issued, the date and reason of the revocation, denial, suspension, restriction, or resignation, and the name and address of the licensing agency.
18. The final step before submitting your application to the Department will be to have a notary public take your acknowledgment ***under oath or affirmation*** that the information provided in the application is true.

ELIGIBILITY REQUIREMENTS FOR REAPPOINTMENT G.S. 10B-5

1. An applicant must be at least 18 years of age or legally emancipated.
2. An applicant must reside in this state or if a nonresident, be employed in this state.
3. An applicant must reside legally in the United States and must be able to speak, read, and write the English language.
4. Reappointment applicants must pass a written examination approved by the Secretary of State with a score of 80% or better. Exempt from this requirement are licensed members of the North Carolina Bar and also a notary public who has been continuously commissioned in North Carolina since July 10, 1991, and has never been disciplined by the Secretary of State, Notary Division.
5. An applicant must purchase and keep as a reference the most recent manual (notary guidebook) approved by the Secretary of State that describes the duties, authority, and ethical responsibilities of notaries public.
6. An applicant must submit an application containing no significant misstatement or omission of fact. The application form shall be provided by the Secretary of State and be available at the Register of Deeds Office in each county. Every application shall bear the signature of the applicant written in pen and ink, and the signature shall be acknowledged by the applicant before a person authorized to administer oaths. (Example: Clerk of Court, Register of Deeds, or a Notary Public)
7. Article VI, Section 8 of the Constitution of North Carolina disqualifies the following persons from holding office: any person who has been adjudged guilty of treason or any other felony against this state of the United States, or any person who has been adjudged guilty of a felony in another state that would also be a felony if it had been committed in this state, or any person who has been adjudged guilty of corruption or malpractice in any office and who has not been restored to the rights of citizenship in the manner prescribed by law.

PROCEDURES FOR TAKING OATHS G.S. 10B-10

The Notary Public Section will process your application and return to you an oath notification letter. When you receive the oath notification letter, go to the Register of Deeds in the county in which the commission is issued to take the oaths of office. The oaths must be taken within 45 days of the issue date listed on the oath notification letter. If 45 days lapse before the oaths are taken, a new application and \$50.00 fee must be resubmitted. ***Notary appointments are NOT valid until the oaths of office are taken. The oaths must be taken with each reappointment commission. The Register of Deeds fee for administering the oaths is \$10.00***