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WFG National Title Insurance Company ("WFGNTIC") has approved TEMPORARY UNDERWRITING STANDARDS for the insurability of Remote Online Notarization (RON) transactions whether residential or commercial throughout the nation under National Underwriting Bulletin NB 2020-04 on March 23, 2020. In that National Bulletin, the State of Arizona was identified as one of the numerous states that has passed RON legislation. On that same day, WFGNTIC also issued Underwriting Bulletin No. [AZ 2020-01](#), which explained that although the Arizona RON legislation had passed and had been signed into Law, the effective date of that law was scheduled for June 30, 2020.

On April 8, 2020, Arizona Governor Douglas A. Ducey issued Executive Order 2020-06, entitled "Remote Online Notarization", which establish April 10, 2020 as the Effective Date for Remote Online Notarization to be used for notarial acts as valid witness to execution of documents, provided that procedures outlined in A.R.S. Sections 41-371 through 41-380 and rules promulgated by the Arizona Secretary of State are followed. The Executive Order also states that the order shall stay in place until the law takes effect on July 1, 2020.

**The guidelines contained in [NB 2020-04](#) apply for any closing that occurs prior to May 1, 2020.** Any closings using a RON on or after that date must comply with either [National Bulletin 2018-06](#) or an Underwriting Bulletin for Remote Online Notarizations issued for the state where the real estate is located.

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