

To: All Florida Policy Issuing Agents of WFG National Title Insurance Company

From: WFG Underwriting Department

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Subject: Remote Online Notary Law (Two-Hour Course)

The Florida Remote Online Notary law ("RON") became effective on January 1, 2020. To register as an online notary public with the Florida Department of State, the registration must be signed under oath and contain the following:

- 1. Confirmation that the registrant is already appointed as a Florida notary public, a Florida civil-law notary, or a Florida commissioner of deeds.
- 2. Certification that the registrant has completed a two-hour classroom or online course approved by Florida's Department of State regarding the duties, obligations, and technology requirements of an online notary public.
- 3. Payment of a notary public registration fee.
- 4. Identification of the RON service provider that the registrant intends to use for online notarizations.
- 5. Proof that the registrant obtained a surety bond in the amount of \$25,000 payable to any individual harmed by the registrant's breach of his/her duties as an online notary public.
- 6. Proof that the registrant has obtained an errors and omissions insurance policy in the amount of \$25,000.

The Florida Land Title Association (FLTA) has prepared the required two-hour online RON course which has been approved by the Florida Department of State. The course is available for a fee of \$20.00 whether you are a member of the FLTA or not. Click Here to download information regarding the FLTA's two-hour RON course.

Click Here to download copies of Florida Statutes <u>117.225</u> and <u>117.295</u> pertaining to the RON registration requirements and the two-hour course.