



To: All New York Issuing Agents of WFG National Title Insurance
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As of January 25, 2023, all notaries will be required to keep a journal of every acknowledgement for 10 years. This law applies to in person and remote notarization. In addition, electronic notaries must also maintain an audio and video record for all electronic notarial acts performed.

All notary journals must include the following:

- (1) the date, approximate time, and type of notarial acts performed
- (2) the name and address of any individuals for whom a notarial act was performed
- (3) the number and type of notarial services provided
- (4) the type of credential used to identify the principal, including, for verification made where a notary relies on the oath or affirmation of two witnesses who identify themselves with a valid government issued ID and who know the document signer personally, the names of the witnesses and, if applicable, the type of credential used; and
- (5) the verification procedures used for any personal appearance before the notary public.

In addition, electronic notaries must include identification of the communication technology, certification authority, and verification providers used and an actual audio/video recording of the act.

[Click here for a copy of the Notice of Adoption.](#)

As always, if you have any questions, please feel free to contact counsel at any time.

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