

Notary Frequently Asked Questions

Q: Do I need to take a pre-licensing course before I can take the Notary exam?

A: To be eligible to take the Notary exam, you must first complete a 6 hour pre-licensing course.

Q: If I already have a license in another industry (ex: Insurance, Real Estate) do I need to get fingerprinted for my Notary license?

A: You must get fingerprinted and complete a background check every time you apply for a license from a separate department/bureau. For example, if you have an active Insurance license, you must complete the fingerprinting and background check to apply for a Notary license since that is issued by a separate department.

Q: What is required to be eligible to take the Notary exam and get licensed?

A: Please see Notary qualifications on the Secretary of State's website here: <http://www.sos.ca.gov/notary/qualifications/>

Q: What material is required to practice as a Notary?

A: Please see the list of required material for Notary on the Secretary of State's website here: <http://www.sos.ca.gov/notary/checklist/materials/>