

CALIFORNIA

Acknowledgment Certificates

When you perform an acknowledgment on a document that will be filed in California, your state laws require you to complete an acknowledgment certificate that is worded exactly as it appears in statute. That certificate, known as the California All-Purpose Acknowledgment, is shown below.

A notary public or other officer completing this certificate verifies only the identity of the individual who signed the document to which this certificate is attached, and not the truthfulness, accuracy, or validity of that document.

State of California
County of _____

On _____ (date) before me, _____ (here insert name and title of the notarizing officer), personally appeared _____, who proved to me on the basis of satisfactory evidence to be the person(s) whose name(s) is/are subscribed to the within instrument and acknowledged to me that he/she/they executed the same in his/her/their authorized capacity(ies), and that by his/her/their signature(s) on the instrument the person(s), or the entity upon behalf of which the person(s) acted, executed the instrument.

I certify under PENALTY OF PERJURY under the laws of the State of California that the foregoing paragraph is true and correct.

WITNESS my hand and official seal.

Signature _____

(Seal)

For documents that will be filed *outside* California, you may use other acknowledgment certificates. The certificate cannot, however, require you to certify anything California law doesn't allow you to. This includes certifying that the signer has the authority to sign as the representative of an organization or another person.

An acknowledgment certificate must be written in English.

Jurat Certificates

When you perform a jurat, your state laws require you to complete a jurat certificate that is worded exactly as it appears in statute. That certificate is shown below.

A notary public or other officer completing this certificate verifies only the identity of the individual who signed the document to which this certificate is attached, and not the truthfulness, accuracy, or validity of that document.

State of California
County of _____

Subscribed and sworn to (or affirmed) before me this _____ day of _____,
20____, by _____, proved to me on the basis of satisfactory evidence to be the
person(s) who appeared before me.

_____ Notary's Signature

(Seal)

Copy Certification Certificates

Your state laws do not provide any specific wording for a copy certification certificate. For certifying a copy of an original power of attorney, the *Notary Public Handbook* recommends the certificate shown below.

State of California
County of _____

I, _____ (name of Notary), Notary Public, certify that on _____
(date), I examined the original power of attorney and the copy of the power of attorney. I further
certify that the copy is a true and correct copy of the original power of attorney.

_____ Notary's Signature

(Seal)