



REMOTE ONLINE NOTARIZATION

What You Need to Know!

As of late 2025: A majority of U.S. states (40+ and counting) have passed permanent RON legislation. Nearly 47 states plus DC have laws that either permit RON or recognize out-of-state remote online notarizations. RON continues to expand, with several states recently adopting or phasing in comprehensive frameworks.

HOW DOES RON WORK?

A notary meets with the signer online through secure video. The session is recorded, and documents are digitally signed and stored.

KEY STEPS IN THE RON PROCESS

CREDENTIAL ANALYSIS

This process involves a third party aiding the notary to ensure the validity of a government-issued ID. This includes verifying the security feature of the ID such as fonts, holograms, and bar code information to ensure the IDs are not fraudulent. In addition, the ID is inspected for tempering or damaged.

SIGNER NOTIFICATION

This process involves a third party affirming the identity of an individual using public or proprietary data sources which may include Knowledge Based Authentication questions (KBA). KBA is a process wherein the signer is asked a series of identity/history questions about their identity and history. The questions have a very strict time limitation as well as a limit of two attempts per question making it difficult to simply guess or research the answers.

CAPTURING AND MAINTAINING A RECORDING OF THE NOTARY PROCESS

The requirement for recording the notarial act include a continuous synchronous audio and video feed with good clarity such that all signers can be clearly seen and understood at all times.

AUDIT TRIAL

Documents completed as a part of the RON process should include an audit trail that records the significant actions taken by all signers and the notary along with a time date stamp.

TAMPER SEALED DOCUMENTS

Upon completion, each document needs to be tamper sealed. Tamper seal ensures that any subsequent change or modification to the electronic document would be evident.

RECORD STORAGE

The notary must maintain an accurate and reliable journal with safeguards for information security as well as privacy protection. It also includes a copy of the audio and video recording where applicable.

States that have Passed Remote Online Notary Legislation (as of late 2025):

Alaska	Arizona	Arkansas	California
Colorado	Connecticut	Delaware	Florida
Hawaii	Idaho	Illinois	Indiana
Iowa	Kansas	Kentucky	Louisiana
Maine	Maryland	Massachusetts	Michigan
Minnesota	Missouri	Montana	Nebraska
Nevada	New Hampshire	New Jersey	New Mexico
New York	North Carolina	North Dakota	Ohio
Oklahoma	Oregon	Pennsylvania	Rhode Island
South Carolina	South Dakota	Tennessee	Texas
Utah	Vermont	Virginia	Washington
West Virginia	Wisconsin	Wyoming	

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