ACKNOWLEDGMENT

Commonwealth of Massachusetts

County of _____ , ss.

On this _____ day of _____ , 20 _____ , before me, the undersigned notary public, _____ personally appeared, proved to me through satisfactory evidence of identification, which were _____ , to be the person whose name is signed on the (preceding) (attached) document, and acknowledged to me that (he) (she) signed it voluntarily for its stated purpose.

NOTARY SEAL

_____

Official signature of notary public

Printed name: _____

My commission expires: _____

Massachusetts Acknowledgment

M.G.L. c. 222, §15(b) · Individual · How to complete this certificate

When to use it

For an individual signing for themselves: deeds, powers of attorney, trust documents, contracts, and documents going abroad for an apostille. The signer must appear in person, but the document may already be signed.

How to complete it

- Enter the county where the signer appears before you, not the county where the signer lives.
- Enter the date the signer appears before you.
- Write the signer's name exactly as it appears on the document and matches the identification.
- Describe the identification relied on, for example "Massachusetts driver's license" or "United States passport," or state personal knowledge or the oath of a credible witness.
- Strike "preceding" or "attached" and the inapplicable pronoun.
- Sign, print your name, enter your commission expiration date and affix your seal.

Good to know

- If the signer is acting for a company, trust, estate or another person, use the representative capacity version instead.
- Attach a loose certificate securely to the document it relates to. Many notaries also note the document title and page count on the certificate or in their journal.
- For documents going abroad, an incomplete certificate is one of the most common reasons an apostille request is refused.

Important

This form follows the statutory short form in M.G.L. c. 222, §15, which notaries must use substantially as written. It is provided free for reference and convenience and is not legal advice. Notaries public are not attorneys. When a court rule, a federal or state law, or the law of another state prescribes a different certificate for the document, that form governs. Confirm current requirements with the Massachusetts Secretary of the Commonwealth.

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