SIGNATURE WITNESSING

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 in my presence.

NOTARY SEAL

_____

Official signature of notary public

Printed name: _____

My commission expires: _____

Massachusetts Signature Witnessing

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

When to use it

When a document asks only for a witnessed signature, with no oath and no acknowledgment, such as some consent letters and forms.

How to complete it

- Have the signer sign the document in front of you.
- Complete the county, date, signer name and identification.
- Strike "preceding" or "attached".
- Sign, print your name, enter your commission expiration date and affix your seal.

Good to know

- If the document says "sworn" or "under oath," use a jurat instead.
- If the document will be recorded or says "acknowledged," use an acknowledgment instead.
- When the document does not say which act it needs, the signer or the receiving office decides. A notary should not choose for them.

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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