

Acceptable Identification Documents In CALIFORNIA

A Notary may identify a document signer through any one of the identification documents listed below. The document must be current or, if expired, issued within the past five years. The identification must contain the document signer's photograph, physical description, signature, and bear a serial or other identifying number.

- ▶ **Driver's license or non-driver's ID issued by a U.S. state**
- ▶ **U.S. Passport (physical description not required)**
- ▶ **Foreign passport stamped by the U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services (USCIS)**
- ▶ **Driver's license issued in Mexico or Canada**
- ▶ **U.S. military ID card that contains all the required elements.**
(The Common Access Card [CAC] - does not contain the signature of the bearer on the card. Therefore, under current law, California Notaries may NOT accept the CAC as identification for notarizations.)
- ▶ **Inmate ID issued by California Department of Corrections**
(only to identify prisoners in custody)

Unacceptable Identification Documents

- ▶ **Temporary driver's license**
- ▶ **Drivers License without a photograph**
- ▶ **Social Security Cards**
- ▶ **Employee ID Badges**
- ▶ **Club Cards**
- ▶ **Permanent Resident ID Card**

Has your name changed or will it change by the time your Escrow closes? If so, please provide Escrow with the name change and be sure to get the proper identification to support the change.

Please be aware that the Notary must make sure that the document signer signs the same name that appears on the identification presented. Generally, an abbreviated for a name (John D. Smith instead of John David Smith, for example) is acceptable. However, deviation is only allowed if the individual is signing with less than and not more than what is on the identification document.

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