

Copy Certification by US Notaries

<i>State/Possession</i>	<i>Permitted?</i>	<i>Remarks</i>
Alabama	Yes	
Alaska	No	
Arizona	Yes	
Arkansas	Yes	
California	Yes	Only powers of attorney and notary journal pages.
Colorado	Yes	Only with signed written request stating certified copy not available from the officer of any recorder of public documents or other custodian of documents in the state.
Connecticut	No	
Delaware	Yes	
District of Columbia	Yes	
Florida	Yes	Only with supervised photocopying. A notary may supervise the making of a photocopy of an original document and attest to the trueness of the copy. F.S. §117.05(15). A notary cannot attest to the trueness of a photocopy; only photocopies of original documents may be attested as to trueness F.S. §117.05(15)(a). A notary cannot attest to the trueness of a photocopy of a public record if a copy can be made by another public official. F.S. §117.05(15)a
Georgia	Yes	Only with supervised photocopying.
Guam		
Hawaii	Yes	Only protests and notary journal pages
Idaho	Yes	
Illinois	No	
Indiana	No	
Iowa	Yes	
Kansas	Yes	
Kentucky	Yes	Only protests
Louisiana	No	
Maine	No	
Maryland	YES	Only register pages
Massachusetts	No	
Michigan	No	
Minnesota	Yes	
Mississippi	No	
Missouri	Yes	
Montana	Yes	Only records issued or filed on the job.
Nebraska	No	
Nevada	Yes	
New Hampshire	No	
New Jersey	No	
New Mexico	Yes	
New York	No	
North Carolina	No	
Northern Mariana Islands		
Ohio	No	
Oklahoma	Yes	
Oregon	Yes	Notaries are not permitted to certify copies of public documents, especially vital statistics. There is a regulation of the Health Records Division that specifically prohibits copying their records. The prohibition is not in the notary law, but in the law of the custodian of records. Oregon would allow an affidavit attesting to a true copy by the bearer, but the notary should encourage the bearer to get the real certified copy from the custodian of record.

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Pennsylvania	Yes	
Puerto Rico		
Rhode Island	No	
South Carolina	No	
South Dakota	No	
Tennessee	No	
Texas		A notary may not notarize a certified true copy of a recordable document. Birth certificates and marriage licenses are recordable documents. A recordable document is one that is recorded with some type of entity whether it be the Secretary of State's Office, a court of law, a county clerk, or the Bureau of Vital Statistics. Certified copies may be obtained by contacting such entities. A non-recordable document is one that has not been nor will ever be recorded with any type of entity. For instance, a letter is not recorded with anyone but there are times the sender of the letter would like to obtain a certified copy of that letter for his or her file.
Utah	Yes	Only if custodian of original appears.
Vermont	Yes	
Virgin Islands		
Virginia	Yes	Virginia notaries are not authorized to certify true copies of birth, death, or marriage certificates. Only the Division of Vital Records/Statistics may perform such a certification.
Washington	Yes	
West Virginia	Yes	
Wisconsin	Yes	
Wyoming	No	

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