

403.02 Seal Image.

(1) Near the notary's official signature on the notarial certificate of a paper document, the notary shall affix a sharp, legible, permanent, and photographically reproducible image of the official seal that shall include the following elements:

(a) the notary's name exactly as indicated on the commission (abbreviations beyond those already appearing on the commission are not permissible);

(b) the identification number of the notary's commission;

(c) the words "Notary Public" and "State of Mississippi [insert county of residence] County";

(d) the words "Commission expires [insert expiration date]";

(e) a border in a circular shape with a diameter no less than one and one-half inches and no larger than two and one-half inches, surrounding the required words.

(2) Illegible information within a seal impression may be typed or printed legibly by the notary adjacent to but not within the impression.

(3) An embossed seal impression that is not photographically reproducible may be used in addition to but not in lieu of the seal described in Subsection (1).

(4) The model seals contained in Section 902.07 of the Appendix of Forms meet the seal image requirements of Section 403.02(1). The model seals are merely examples of valid seal formats. Other seal formats that meet the requirements of Section 403.02(1) shall likewise be considered valid.

(5) Notaries from other states notarizing documents used in Mississippi must conform to the law from the particular state or jurisdiction in which they are regulated.

(6) Nonconformity of the seal does not invalidate any official act or certificate of the notary. §25-33-3 Miss. Code Ann. (1972) as amended.