

Act No. 12 of 26 April relating to notaries public.

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Act relating to notaries public.

Section 1. *Notary public*

The performance of notarial acts falls under the district court. If a municipal court district has more than one court, the King shall determine which court the notarial duties shall fall under. The judges connected with that office are notaries public.

For Svalbard the Governor of Svalbard is the notary public.

Outside of Norway a Norwegian Foreign Service officer or a person he or she authorises is a notary public.

The King may by regulations confer notarial authority on others.

The King may issue regulations concerning the delegation of notarial authority.

Section 2. *Notarial acts*

Notarial acts are the performance of those duties assigned to notaries public in Acts of law or regulations, *inter alia* performing marriages and issuing notarial certifications, such as attesting signatures and certifying true copies.

If a notary public is to accept an affirmation, the affirmation may be accepted pursuant to the rules in Section 141 in the Courts of Justice Act.

The King may lay down regulations concerning the practical aspects of performing notarial acts.

Amended by Acts No. 53 of 25 June 2004 (in force 1 January 2006, pursuant to Decree No. 901 of 19 August 2005) and No. 53 of 27 June 2008 (in force 1 January 2009, pursuant to Decree No. 745 of 27 June 2008).

Section 3. *Notarial certifications (notarisations)*

It is the duty of notaries public to issue certifications. Certifications shall be issued for actual circumstances that the notary public can vouch for to be correct. Certification for other than actual circumstances may be issued in special cases.

A notary public may refuse a request for notarial certification if pursuant to Norwegian or foreign law, the notarial certification does not have particular probative force or the notarial certification is not necessary on other grounds.

A notary public shall refuse a request for notarial certification of acts or documents that contravene Norwegian law or decency or that may be exploited in an unacceptable manner in advertising or other commercial context.