

California Requirements For Notarial Journals*
(CA Gov. Code §8206)

I. Signer's name**

II. Notarial act's info:

- a. *date*
- b. *time*
- c. *type*

III. Character of the instrument

IV. Signer's signature

V. Signer's identity:

a) If identification document, information about that document:

- 1. *type*
- 2. *issuing agency*
- 3. *ID's number*
- 4. *date issued or expires*

b) If credible witnesses, information about each witness:

- 1. *name***
- 2. *signature*
- 3. *type of ID*
- 4. *ID's issuing agency*
- 5. *ID's number*
- 6. *ID's date issued or expires*

VI. Fee

VII. Right thumbprint, if power of attorney or document affecting real property

* The statute does not prescribe separate journal records for each document when multiple documents are notarized for the same signer at the same time: as long as the above requirements are met, a single journal record may be used in such cases.

** The statute does not prescribe the names of the signers or the credible witnesses to be recorded in the journal; however, with the names omitted, it will be impossible to identify who signed the journal's records.