

## GOVERNMENT OF THE VIRGIN ISLANDS OF THE UNITED STATES OFFICE OF THE LIEUTENANT GOVERNOR

## NOTARY PUBLIC COMMISSION RENEWAL INSTRUCTIONS

#### THE PROCESS FOR RENEWING A NOTARY PUBLIC COMMISSION FOR THE UNITED STATES VIRGIN ISLANDS IS DONE IN TWO (2) PHASES

## PHASE 1

### SUBMITTAL OF DOCUMENTS AND APPROVAL OF BOND

You <u>MUST</u> submit the Commission renewal fee of **\$75.00**, plus any **outstanding annual fees**, payable to **THE GOVERNMENT OF THE VIRGIN ISLANDS**. A Notary Bond must also be submitted with a face value of \$5,000.00, from an insurance or bonding company authorized to do business in the United States Virgin Islands <u>OR</u> you may choose to submit a Surety Bond from two (2) resident sureties who are owners, within the Virgin Islands, of real property with a value of \$10,000.00 over and above encumbrances thereon. All owners of each property must sign both the Bond and Justification of Surety. The Bond, Affidavit and Certification will go to the Supreme Court for approval by the Presiding Judge.

	<b>COMMISSION RENEWAL FEE</b> - \$75 payable to the <b>Government of the Virgin Islands</b> .
	ONLY checks and money orders will be accepted at the 5049 Kongens Gade (Government Hill)
	location on St. Thomas.
	NOTARY BOND (Your notary bond and notary commission dates should coincide)
Check	Insurance Bond in my application name, signed and witnessed, with Power of Attorney attached, OR
one	Surety Bond with two (2) Justifications of Surety. The location and value of the property is stated in the surety documents before the sureties' signatures.
	<b>CERTIFICATION</b> – Completed by a Notary Public notarizing my signature on the Bond.
	<b>AFFIDAVIT</b> – Fully completed, signed and notarized.
	<b>CRIMINAL RECORD REPORT</b> – Covering all three (3) U.S. Virgin Islands. <b>VIPD</b>
	CONSENT FOR CRIMINAL BACKGROUND HISTORY CHECK
	(NCIC) National Crime Information Center
	<b>CHARACTER REFERENCE LETTERS</b> – Two letters of character reference complete with the
	return address and daytime contact number of the authors.
	<b>PROOF OF CITIZENSHIP w/PHOTO</b> – Passport, Voters Identification, Birth Certificate and
	Photo Identification. Example Driver's License
	<b>CERTIFICATE OF GOOD STANDING FROM THE SUPREME COURT OF THE</b>
	VIRGIN ISLANDS – For Attorneys Only.



### PHASE 2 ISSUANCE OF COMMISSION

When the Bond is returned "APPROVED" by the Supreme Court, a Notary Public Commission will be issued in your application name with the effective and expiration dates, and your Notary Public number (NP-NNN-YY). The law governing Notary Public in the U.S. Virgin Islands will be included in your packet. You are responsible for reading the law and familiarizing yourself with its provisions. **VIRGIN ISLANDS CODE TITLE 3. EXECUTIVE, CHAPTER 29. NOTARIES PUBLIC** 

#### I HAVE SUBMITTED THE FOLLOWING DOCUMENTS TO COMPLETE MY NOTARY PUBLIC COMMISSION FORM

**NOTARY'S OATH** – Signed and notarized.

**IMPRINT OF NOTARY SEAL** - Information captured on seal must include

\_ Name as it appears on Notary Commission documents

\_\_\_\_ The words "NOTARY PUBLIC"

\_\_\_\_ Commission Expires (MM/DD/YYYY)

\_\_\_\_Judicial District – (STT/STJ, USVI) or (STX, USVI)



The Name and Signatures on the following documents for all notaries Should be the same:

## NOTARY APPLICATION, NOTARY BOND, AFFIDAVIT, CERTIFICATION & NOTARY'S OATH

# <u>Quick Facts</u>

- A notary <u>must</u> notify this office of any changes to the information provided on this application in writing.
- A notary <u>must</u> always keep a registry book/ journal no matter how many or few notaries they perform.
- The maximum fee a notary can charge by law is \$5.00 per notarial act.
- A notary is not authorized to perform marriages, certify birth, marriage/death certificates or any act that constitutes the practice of law. A notary is not an attorney and cannot practice as one.
- A notary must always be completely satisfied with the identity of the person whose signature is being notarized. A notary is not obligated to notarize a person's signature without being sure that the person is who he or she claims to be. Always check identification and be satisfied that the ID is valid.





### GOVERNMENT OF THE VIRGIN ISLANDS OF THE UNITED STATES OFFICE OF THE LIEUTENANT GOVERNOR

5049 Kongens Gade Charlotte Amalie, Virgin Islands 00802 1(340) 774-2991

## NOTARY PUBLIC COMMISSION RENEWAL APPLICATION

#### PLEASE COMPLETE THIS APPLICATION IN ITS ENTIRETY. LEAVE NO BLANKS.

DATE						
NAME	LEGAL LAST NAME	LEGAL FIRST NAME	MIDDLE INITIAL			
MAILING	ADDRESS	P.O. BOX OR STREET (IF YOU RECEIVE MAIL AT A PHYSICAL ADDRESS), CITY, STATE, ZIP				
RESIDEN	TIAL ADDRESS	STREET ADDRESS, CITY, STATE, ZIP				
HOW LOI	HOW LONG HAVE YOU RESIDE AT THIS RESIDENTIAL ADDRESS					
EMAIL 2	ADDRESS					
CONTACT	Γ NUMBERS	HOME CELLULAR				
EMPLOY	ER					
OCCUPATION						
ADDRESS						
TELEPHONE NUMBER						

# US Virgin Islands Notaries

The tools of a notary public are critical to his/her success. The notary's skillful use of these tools helps to present a professional image. Keeping all the right tools at hand will lead to excellent customer satisfaction.



# <u>PLEASE CIRCLE **YES** or **NO** IN THE APPROPRIATE BOX WHEN RESPONDING TO THE FOLLOWING QUESTIONS</u>

Yes	No	Are you 21 years of age or older?	
Yes	No	Are you a resident of the United States Virgin If yes, how long? Islands?	
Yes	No	Did you graduate from high school <u>OR</u> have you completed the GED Program? Please provide name of high school Please provide city and state	
Yes	No	Have you ever been convicted of or pled guilty to any crime in the United States Virgin Islands, any other U.S. jurisdiction or any other country? <i>Please attach criminal report</i> .	
Yes	No	If you are an Attorney, please attach a Good Standing Certificate from the Supreme Court? Please check this box $\Box$ if not applicable.	
Yes	No	Have you ever been issued commission as a Notary Public in the Virgin Islands? If yes, please indicate the date your commission expired or will expire Please provide name under which you were previously commissioned, if different from name listed on this application	
Yes	No	Have you ever been refused a commission, had a commission revoked or been subjected to an administrative penalty as a Notary Public? If yes, attach a separate letter indicating the Country, State, reason and date.	

#### SIGNATURE OF APPLICANT

**Notary Bond-** The USVI requires a notary public to purchase and maintain a notary bond/surety bond. Such bonds exist to protect the public from mistakes that notaries make when performing legal duties. Your notary bond should coincide with your commission.



**Embossing Stamp** 





**Notary Ink Stamp** 

Notary Journal





# AFFIDAVIT

TERRITORY OF THE VIRGIN ISLANDS DISTRICT OF ST.\_\_\_\_\_

I, \_\_\_\_\_, residing at

\_\_\_\_\_ being duly sworn, depose and state:

- 1. I am a citizen of the United States and a resident of the Virgin Islands.
- 2. I have resided in the Virgin Islands for the past \_\_\_\_\_ years.
- 3. I am \_\_\_\_\_ years of age.
- 4. \_\_\_\_\_ I am a graduate of an accredited High School; OR
  - \_\_\_\_\_ I have passed the High School Equivalency Test (GED).
- 5. I have never been convicted of any crime either within or outside of the Virgin Islands.

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6. I will continue to reside in the Virgin Islands during the term of my commission.

This Affidavit is made for the purpose of having issued to me a Notary Public Commission for the Virgin Islands.

Signature

Subscribed and sworn to before me this \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 20\_\_\_\_,

SEAL

Notary Public





# CERTIFICATION

### **INSTRUCTIONS:**

This Certificate is to be completed by another Notary Public in support of your Notary Bond Application.

)	TERRITORY OF THE VIRGIN ISLANDS
)	JUDICIAL DIVISION OF
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	JUDICIAL DIVISION OF

I, \_\_\_\_\_\_, a Notary Public in and for the Territory of the Virgin

Islands District of \_\_\_\_\_\_, do hereby certify that

\_\_\_\_\_, as Principal, is personally known to me to be

the same person whose name subscribed to the foregoing Notary Bond, appeared before me this day in

person, and acknowledged that he-she signed, sealed and delivered said instrument as his/her free and

voluntary act, for the uses and purposes therein set forth.

GIVEN UNDER MY HAND AND SEAL, THIS \_\_\_\_ DAY OF \_\_\_\_\_, 20\_\_\_\_, A.D.

NOTARY PUBLIC





# **GOVERNMENT OF THE VIRGIN ISLANDS OFFICE OF THE LIEUTENANT GOVERNOR**

#### **CONSENT FOR CRIMINAL BACKGROUND HISTORY CHECK**

Pursuant to 3 V.I.C. Section 772(4), to qualify as a Notary Public in the United States Virgin Islands, a person shall not have been convicted of any crime either within or outside of the Territory. The following information is needed to conduct a (NCIC) National Crime Information Center background check of all persons seeking to be appointed or reappointed to be a Notary Public.

I HEREBY GIVE MY PERMISSION FOR THE GOVERNMENT OF THE VIRGIN ISLANDS, OFFICE OF THE LIEUTENANT GOVERNOR, TO OBTAIN INFORMATION RELATING TO MY CRIMINAL HISTORY. THE CRIMINAL HISTORY RECORD, AS RECEIVED FROM THE REPORTING AGENCIES, MAY INCLUDE ARREST AND CONVICTION DATA. I UNDERSTAND THAT THIS INFORMATION WILL BE USED, IN PART, TO DETERMINE MY ELIGIBILITY TO BE A **NOTARY PUBLIC** IN THE **UNITED STATES VIRGIN ISLANDS**. I ALSO UNDERSTAND THAT AS LONG AS I REMAIN A NOTARY PUBLIC, THE CRIMINAL HISTORY RECORDS CHECK MAY BE REPEATED AT ANY TIME FOR CAUSE RELATED TO MY APPOINTMENT.

I, THE UNDERSIGNED, DO, FOR MYSELF, MY HEIRS, EXECUTOR AND ADMINISTRATORS, HEREBY REMISE, RELEASE AND FOREVER DISCHARGE AND AGREE TO INDEMNIFY AND HOLD THE GOVERNMENT OF THE VIRGIN ISLANDS, **OFFICE OF THE LIEUTENANT GOVERNOR** AND EMPLOYEES AND AGENTS HARMLESS FROM AND AGAINST ANY AND ALL CAUSES OF ACTIONS, SUITS, LIABILITIES, COST, DEBTS AND SUM OF MONEY, CLAIMS AND DEMANDS WHATSOEVER, AND ANY AND ALL RELATED ATTORNEY FEES, COURT COSTS, AND OTHER EXPENSES RESULTING FROM THE INVESTIGATION OF MY BACKGROUND IN CONNECTION WITH MY APPLICATION TO BECOME A NOTARY PUBLIC.

### **APPLICANT SIGNATURE**

DATE

PLEASE PRINT THE INFORMATION LEGIBLY:

1. BIRTH NAME

FIRST	M.I.
IES USED):	
	ES USED):





### JUSTIFICATION OF SURETY IN THE SUPREME COURT OF THE VIRGIN ISLANDS DIVISION OF ST. \_\_\_\_\_

IN THE MATTER OF THE BOND OF		, NOTARY PUBLIC.	
TERF JUDI	RITORY OF THE VIRGIN ISLANDS CIAL DIVISION OF	)	SS:
AND	SAY:	_, BEING DU	ULY SWORN ACCORDING TO LAW, DEPOSE
I.	THAT I AM THE PERSON NAMED IN A		SUBSCRIBED THE NOTARY BOND GIVEN BY _FOR NOTARY COMMISSION.
II.	THAT I AM A RESIDENT OF ST.		, VIRGIN ISLANDS.
			IN THIS JURISDICTION, WORTH \$10,000 AND FROM EXECUTION AND AFTER PAYING ALL
Real	Estate Owned:		\$
	CO- SURETY (IES)		SURETY
Sub	oscribed and sworn to before me this	day of	of, 20
	Notary Public		
y Con	nmission Expires:	-	
	Public Number		





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AND	SAY:	, BEING DULY S	SWORN ACCORDING TO LAW, DEPOSE		
I.			SCRIBED THE NOTARY BOND GIVEN BY R NOTARY COMMISSION.		
II.	THAT I AM A RESIDENT OF ST.		, VIRGIN ISLANDS.		
III.	III. THAT I HAVE PROPERTY LIABLE TO EXECUTION UPWARDS, EXCLUSIVE OF PROPERTY EXEMPT DEBTS.				
Real Estate Owned:		\$			
	CO- SURETY (IES)		SURETY		
Sub	oscribed and sworn to before me this	day of	, 20		
	Notary Public				
y Cor	nmission Expires:	_			





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			SURETY	
	CO- SURETY (IES)		SURETY	
Sub	CO- SURETY (IES)	day of	SURETY	



# **NOTARY BOND**

KNOW ALL MEN BY THESE PRESENT, that I,, St, Virgin Islands of the	United States, as Principal: and
	SURETY NO. 1)
(SURETY NO. 2) (CO-S	SURETY NO. 2)
All of St, Virgin Islands of the Government of the Virgin Islands of the United States, accordance with 3 V.I. Code Sec. 773 (b), for the payment executors and administrator, jointly and severally, firmly by	United States, as Sureties, are held and firmly bound onto the in the sum <b>TEN THOUSAND DOLLAR (\$10,000.00)</b> , in whereof well and truly to be made, we bind ourselves, our heirs, these presents.
WITNESS OUR NAMES AND SEAL THIS	DAY OF, 20
Virgin Islands, (District of St), and faithfully perform duties of said notary public acco	ch that whereas the said
WITNESSES	
	PRINCIPAL
	(SURETY No. 1)
	(CO-SURETY No. 1)
	(SURETY No. 2)
TERRITORY OF THE VIRGIN ISLANDS )   JUDICIAL DISTRICT OF	for the Territory of the Virgin Islands, District of,
DO HEREBY CERTIFY that	as Principal, and
(SURETY NO. 1) (	(CO-SURETY NO. 1)
	(CO-SURETY NO. 2)
As Sureties, who are each personally known to me to be foregoing instrument, appeared before me this day in delivered said instrument as their free and voluntary act,	be the same persons whose names are subscribed to the person, and acknowledged that they signed, sealed and for the uses and purposes therein set forth.
GIVE UNDER MY HAND AND SEAL THIS 20A.D.	DAY OF,
Approved thisday of	f, 20
Notary Public	
	PRESIDING JUDGE
My Commission Expires	Supreme Court of the Virgin Islands
Notary Public No	
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