

Disqualifications to become a Notary Public

The Secretary of State will recommend denial of an application for the following reasons:

- Failure to disclose any arrest or conviction
- Conviction of a felony where not more than 10 years have passed since the completion of probation
- Conviction of a disqualifying misdemeanor where not more than 5 years have passed since the completion of probation

For more information about disqualifications, please review the current Notary Public Disciplinary Guidelines, available on the California Secretary of State's website at <http://www.sos.ca.gov/business/notary/disciplinary-guidelines.htm>.

The most common disqualifying convictions are listed below; however, this list is not all-inclusive.

- Accessory
- Arson-related offenses
- Assault
- Auto theft
- Battery
- Burglary
- Carrying a concealed weapon
- Carrying a loaded firearm in a public place
- Child molestation
- Child pornography
- Conspiracy
- Discharge of a firearm in a public place or into an inhabited dwelling
- Drugs, possession for sale and sale
- Embezzlement
- Escape without force
- Failure to comply with a court order
- Failure to pay child support
- Failure to return to confinement
- False financial statements
- False imprisonment
- Fraud involving, but not limited to, bank cards, credit cards, insufficient funds/checks, insurance, mail, Medi-Cal or Medicare, real estate, tax, and welfare
- Fraudulent impersonation of a peace officer
- Hit and run
- Kidnapping-related offenses
- Manslaughter
- Pimping and pandering
- Possession of an unregistered firearm
- Practicing without a license when a license is required
- Prostitution
- Rape
- Receipt of stolen property
- Resisting or threatening a peace officer
- Robbery
- Solicitation
- Statutory rape
- Tax evasion
- Terrorist threats
- Theft, grand and petty, including burglary and robbery
- Threats to commit a crime involving death or great bodily injury

Please note: When a recommendation is made to deny an application, the applicant has the right to appeal the recommendation through the administrative hearing process.

QUESTIONS

If you have any questions concerning the **disclosure** of convictions or arrests, contact the Secretary of State prior to signing the application. If you do not recall the specifics about your arrest(s) and/or conviction(s), you can contact the **California Department of Justice** at (916) 227-3849.

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