

721—43.5(9B) Commission as notary public. An individual applying to the secretary of state for a commission as a notary public shall comply with the requirements and qualifications of Iowa Code section 9B.21.

43.5(1) Application. The applicant shall complete and file with the secretary of state an Application for Appointment as Notary Public. The affirmation section on an Application for Appointment as Notary Public shall constitute an executed oath of office as required by Iowa Code section 9B.21(3). An individual who wishes to perform notarial acts for remotely located individuals shall also complete and file with the secretary of state an additional application containing information indicating that the applicant meets the additional training and technology requirements of Iowa Code section 9B.14A as enacted by 2019 Iowa Acts, chapter 44, section 6, and this chapter, as well as any additional information the secretary of state may require.

43.5(2) Reapproval. A notary public's approval to perform notarial acts for remotely located individuals shall expire on the same date as the individual's notary public commission. Two months preceding the expiration of approval, the secretary of state shall notify the notary public of the expiration date and furnish an application for reapproval. The secretary of state may provide for combining its reappointment and reapproval forms.

43.5(3) Training.

a. Within the six-month period immediately preceding submission of an Application for Appointment as Notary Public, an applicant shall satisfactorily complete an initial training course approved by the secretary of state concerning the functions and duties of a notary public. The applicant shall submit with the application satisfactory proof to the secretary of state that the applicant has completed the course. An applicant who submits an Application for Appointment as Notary Public on or before July 1, 2020, shall not be subject to the requirements of this paragraph.

b. A notary public who wishes to begin performing notarial acts under Iowa Code section 9B.14A as enacted by 2019 Iowa Acts, chapter 44, section 6, shall, within the six-month period immediately preceding the first performance of such an act, satisfactorily complete a training course approved by the secretary of state concerning the requirements and methods for performing notarial acts for remotely located individuals and shall provide satisfactory proof to the secretary of state that the applicant has completed the course. This training is in addition to that required by paragraph 43.5(3) "a."

c. An applicant for reappointment as a notary public who currently holds a notary public commission, who wishes to continue performing notarial acts under Iowa Code section 9B.14A as enacted by 2019 Iowa Acts, chapter 44, section 6, and who has satisfactorily completed the initial training course required by paragraph 43.5(3) "b" at least one time prior to the 12-month period immediately preceding application for reappointment shall, within the 6-month period immediately preceding the deadline for application for reappointment, satisfactorily complete an update course approved by the secretary of state concerning the requirements and methods for performing notarial acts for remotely located individuals and shall provide satisfactory proof to the secretary of state that the applicant has completed the course.

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