

MAXIMUM NOTARY FEES HAS INCREASED IN CALIFORNIA

As of January 1st, 2017, California has increased the maximum fees that a notary public is allowed to charge for notary services rendered. For the most services, **the maximum allowable charge went from \$10 to \$15 per signature.**

Remember that per signature means per signer, per document.

This amount can add up for a purchase transaction in California where a buyer can typically expect to sign anywhere from 1 to 10 loan documents that require notarization, so for a single buyer signing 10 documents, the notary fee that would have been \$100 previously is now \$150.

Please consult with your Chicago Title Escrow Officer for our maximum notary fee per side (Buyers' or Sellers') when signed in-house during business hours with a Chicago Title approved notary, no matter how many notarizations required in the loan documents. However, for a buyer or seller to sign outside of our office or after hours, the mobile notary (usually a third party vendor) can charge the buyer or seller a fee that can range from \$150 to \$250, depending on the requirements. Be sure to check with your Chicago Title Escrow Officer when estimating notary fees in order to avoid any surprises.

A simple guide to the new fees is shown below:

Acknowledgment or proof of a deed or other instrument, to include the seal and the writing of the certificate:	\$15 per signature
Administering an oath or affirmation to one person	\$15
Executing the jurat including the seal	\$15
Certifying a copy of a power of attorney under Probate Code section 4307	\$15
All services rendered in connection with taking of any deposition	\$30
Additional services rendered in connection with taking of any deposition:	\$7 each

Source: [California Legislative Information - AB2217](#)

