



**Correspondent Seller**  
**New Mandatory California Notary Certificate**  
**Wording Takes Effect January 1**  
**January 6, 2015**

Beginning January 1, 2015, a new California Notary law changes the certificate wording that must be used. All certificates for acknowledgements, jurats and proofs of execution are required to include a specific consumer notice at the top of the certificate. Non-compliance may result in the document being rejected by a county recorder or other recipients. Please ensure this language is incorporated into your documents that require a notary

*“A notary public or other officer completing this certificate verifies only the identity of the individual who signed the document to which this certificate is attached, and not the truthfulness, accuracy, or validity of that document.”*

Reference is made to the National Notary Association website which provides detailed commentary on this new requirement for California loans:

<http://www.nationalnotary.org/notary-bulletin/blog/2014/11/california-notary-certificate-wording-january>

**5 Facts about the 2015 CA Certificate Law**

1. [A new consumer notice](#) must appear in every acknowledgment certificate attached to or included on a document to be filed in the state of California, jurat certificate and proof of execution certificate effective January 1, 2015.
2. The wording of the consumer notice must appear exactly as prescribed in the statute and may not vary from this wording.
3. The consumer notice must appear outlined by a box at the top of the certificate above the wording “State of California, County of \_\_\_\_\_.” The consumer notice must be legible.
4. Formats containing the prescribed notice that meet the requirements are permitted; there is not one standard format in which the wording of the consumer disclosure must appear as long as the requirements for the notice are met.
5. If you use a certificate that uses the outdated certificate wording after January 1, 2015, the document could be rejected, and you could be liable to any person harmed by the error and for possible action against your commission by the Secretary of State.

***Impac thanks you for your patience and continued business.***

*If you have any questions, contact your salesperson or relationship manager at 888-850-0259 Option 1.*