

Pennsylvania Notary Practice Questions (25)

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1. **When a notary leaves a job, must they give their journal to the employer?**
 - A. No; it is the notary's exclusive property
 - B. Only if requested in writing
 - C. Yes, always
 - D. Yes, if the employer paid for it
2. **How long must a remote notarization's audio-visual recording be kept?**
 - A. 1 year
 - B. At least 10 years
 - C. At least 4 years
 - D. At least 5 years
3. **May a notary require more ID than the minimum?**
 - A. Yes, to assure themselves of the person's identity
 - B. Only with Department approval
 - C. No
 - D. Only for real estate
4. **Before a notary's first remote notarial act, what must they do?**
 - A. Take a second exam
 - B. Nothing
 - C. Notify the Department and identify the technology
 - D. Get a new bond
5. **Which is NOT a notarial act listed in RULONA's definition?**
 - A. Solemnizing a marriage
 - B. Taking an acknowledgment
 - C. Witnessing or attesting a signature
 - D. Noting a protest of a negotiable instrument
6. **Within how many days of recording must a copy of the bond and oath be filed with the Department?**
 - A. 90 days
 - B. 45 days
 - C. 30 days
 - D. 10 days

7. **Where must a new notary record the bond, oath of office, and commission?**
- A. The prothonotary of Dauphin County
 - B. The county where the notary was born
 - C. The Department of State only
 - D. The recorder of deeds of the county where the notary maintains an office
8. **If a notary violates notary law, who is liable under the bond?**
- A. No one
 - B. The surety or issuing entity
 - C. Only the recorder of deeds
 - D. Only the Department
9. **What is the minimum age to be commissioned as a Pennsylvania notary public?**
- A. 16
 - B. 18
 - C. 25
 - D. 21
10. **May words on the official stamp be abbreviated?**
- A. Only the county name
 - B. No, except name suffixes
 - C. Yes, any word
 - D. Only "Commonwealth"
11. **Where must a notary be located to notarize for a remotely located individual?**
- A. In Pennsylvania
 - B. In the signer's state
 - C. Anywhere in the U.S.
 - D. In the county of commission
12. **A notary waives the fee. How is this shown in the journal?**
- A. With a notation like "n/c," "0," or a dash
 - B. Leave it blank
 - C. No entry is required
 - D. Write "free" on the record
13. **Is placing the official stamp over a signature on the record a disciplinary ground?**
- A. Yes
 - B. Only if the stamp is red
 - C. Only on deeds
 - D. No
14. **What are the maximum dimensions of a Pennsylvania notary seal?**
- A. 1.5 inches by 4 inches
 - B. 1 inch by 2.5 inches
 - C. 2 inches by 2 inches
 - D. 1 inch high by 3.5 inches wide

15. **Which ability is an eligibility requirement for a Pennsylvania notary?**
- A. A college degree
 - B. Fluent in Spanish
 - C. A typing certificate
 - D. Able to read and write English
16. **May a notary keep more than one stamping device for the same commission?**
- A. Yes
 - B. Only with permission
 - C. No
 - D. Only for electronic acts
17. **What date must a notary's certificate show in addition to the act date?**
- A. The commission expiration date
 - B. The bond issue date
 - C. The notary's birth date
 - D. The exam date
18. **After application approval, how long is an applicant authorized to take the exam?**
- A. 1 year
 - B. 30 days
 - C. 6 months
 - D. 90 days
19. **May an applicant take the exam before the Department approves their application?**
- A. Yes
 - B. No
 - C. Only online
 - D. Only once
20. **What is the maximum fee for each additional name in the same acknowledgment certificate?**
- A. \$1
 - B. \$3
 - C. \$2
 - D. \$5
21. **May a non-attorney Pennsylvania notary use the term "notario publico"?**
- A. Yes, in Spanish ads
 - B. No
 - C. Yes, with a disclaimer
 - D. Yes, if licensed in Mexico
22. **How much notice must a surety give the Department before canceling a notary's bond?**
- A. 10 days
 - B. 30 days
 - C. 90 days
 - D. 60 days

23. May a notary withhold a customer's original record?

- A. Yes, for 24 hours
- B. No, except as otherwise allowed by law
- C. Yes, if the record is incomplete
- D. Yes, until the fee is paid

24. A notary's commission is suspended. What must they do with the stamping device?

- A. Destroy it
- B. Keep it until reinstated
- C. Surrender it to the Department within 15 days of notice
- D. Give it to the recorder of deeds

25. For a remote notarial act, what must the certificate indicate?

- A. The signer's GPS location
- B. That the act was performed by means of communication technology
- C. The platform's license number
- D. The signer's IP address

Answer key and sources

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| 1 | A | Section 319(h).
Source: 57 Pa.C.S. § 319(h), https://www.pa.gov/agencies/dos/resources/notaries-resources-and-information/rulona-regulations |
| 2 | B | Section 306.1(e)(2).
Source: 57 Pa.C.S. § 306.1(e), https://www.pa.gov/agencies/dos/resources/notaries-resources-and-information/rulona-regulations |
| 3 | A | Section 307(c).
Source: 57 Pa.C.S. § 307(c), https://www.pa.gov/agencies/dos/resources/notaries-resources-and-information/rulona-regulations |
| 4 | C | Section 306.1(f)(1) and 167.81(2).
Source: 57 Pa.C.S. § 306.1(f)(1), https://www.pa.gov/agencies/dos/resources/notaries-resources-and-information/rulona-regulations |
| 5 | A | Section 302 lists acknowledgments, oaths and affirmations, verifications, witnessing or attesting signatures, certifying copies or depositions, and protests.
Source: 57 Pa.C.S. § 302, https://www.pa.gov/agencies/dos/resources/notaries-resources-and-information/rulona-regulations |
| 6 | A | Section 321(d.2)(3).
Source: 57 Pa.C.S. § 321(d.2)(3), https://www.pa.gov/agencies/dos/resources/notaries-resources-and-information/rulona-regulations |
| 7 | D | Section 321(d.2)(1).
Source: 57 Pa.C.S. § 321(d.2)(1), https://www.pa.gov/agencies/dos/resources/notaries-resources-and-information/rulona-regulations |
| 8 | B | Section 321(d)(4).
Source: 57 Pa.C.S. § 321(d)(4), https://www.pa.gov/agencies/dos/resources/notaries-resources-and-information/rulona-regulations |
| 9 | B | 57 Pa.C.S. 321(a)(1) requires an applicant to be at least 18.
Source: 57 Pa.C.S. § 321(a)(1), https://www.pa.gov/agencies/dos/resources/notaries-resources-and-information/rulona-regulations |
| 10 | B | 167.21(c).
Source: 4 Pa. Code § 167.21(c), https://www.pacodeandbulletin.gov/Display/pacode?file=/secure/pacode/data/004/chapter167/chap167toc.html&d=reduce |
| 11 | A | Section 306.1(b).
Source: 57 Pa.C.S. § 306.1(b), https://www.pa.gov/agencies/dos/resources/notaries-resources-and-information/rulona-regulations |
| 12 | A | 167.32(f).
Source: 4 Pa. Code § 167.32(f), https://www.pacodeandbulletin.gov/Display/pacode?file=/secure/pacode/data/004/chapter167/chap167toc.html&d=reduce |
| 13 | A | Listed in Chapter 167 prohibited acts.
Source: 4 Pa. Code Ch. 167 (prohibited acts), https://www.pacodeandbulletin.gov/Display/pacode?file=/secure/pacode/data/004/chapter167/chap167toc.html&d=reduce |
| 14 | D | Section 317(2).
Source: 57 Pa.C.S. § 317(2), https://www.pa.gov/agencies/dos/resources/notaries-resources-and-information/rulona-regulations |
| 15 | D | Section 321(a)(4).
Source: 57 Pa.C.S. § 321(a)(4), https://www.pa.gov/agencies/dos/resources/notaries-resources-and-information/rulona-regulations |

16	A	167.22(d). Source: 4 Pa. Code § 167.22(d), https://www.pacodeandbulletin.gov/Display/pacode?file=/secure/pacode/data/004/chapter167/chap167toc.html&d=reduce
17	A	Section 315(a)(3)(ii). Source: 57 Pa.C.S. § 315(a)(3), https://www.pa.gov/agencies/dos/resources/notaries-resources-and-information/rulona-regulations
18	C	167.15(c)(1). Source: 4 Pa. Code § 167.15(c)(1), https://www.pacodeandbulletin.gov/Display/pacode?file=/secure/pacode/data/004/chapter167/chap167toc.html&d=reduce
19	B	167.15(b). Source: 4 Pa. Code § 167.15(b), https://www.pacodeandbulletin.gov/Display/pacode?file=/secure/pacode/data/004/chapter167/chap167toc.html&d=reduce
20	C	167.3(a). Source: 4 Pa. Code § 167.3(a), https://www.pacodeandbulletin.gov/Display/pacode?file=/secure/pacode/data/004/chapter167/chap167toc.html&d=reduce
21	B	Section 325(c). Source: 57 Pa.C.S. § 325(c), https://www.pa.gov/agencies/dos/resources/notaries-resources-and-information/rulona-regulations
22	B	Section 321(d)(5). Source: 57 Pa.C.S. § 321(d)(5), https://www.pa.gov/agencies/dos/resources/notaries-resources-and-information/rulona-regulations
23	B	Section 325(e). Source: 57 Pa.C.S. § 325(e), https://www.pa.gov/agencies/dos/resources/notaries-resources-and-information/rulona-regulations
24	C	Section 318(a)(2.1) and 167.22(f). Source: 57 Pa.C.S. § 318(a)(2.1); 4 Pa. Code § 167.22(f), https://www.pacodeandbulletin.gov/Display/pacode?file=/secure/pacode/data/004/chapter167/chap167toc.html&d=reduce
25	B	Section 306.1(c); a short form may say “This notarial act involved the use of communication technology.” Source: 57 Pa.C.S. § 306.1(c)-(d), https://www.pa.gov/agencies/dos/resources/notaries-resources-and-information/rulona-regulations