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## **Notary Certificates, Apostilles/Authentications**

The Oregon Revised Statutes (ORS), the codified laws of the State of Oregon, prohibit the Secretary of State from authenticating certain types of documents.

Specifically, according to ORS 177.065:

1. The Secretary of State may attest to the authenticity of the official acts of public officials in the State of Oregon that are described in ORS 7.130 (Search and examination of records and files), 194.255 (Notarial act in this state) (1)(b) and (c), 205.110 (General powers and duties of county clerk), 205.140 (Transcript or copy of record), 205.220 (Recording copies of estate records) and 432.295 (Preservation program).
2. The Secretary of State may not certify a signature of a notary public on a document:
  - a. Regarding allegiance to a government or jurisdiction;
  - b. Relating to the relinquishment or renunciation of citizenship, sovereignty, *in itinere* status or world service authority; or
  - c. Setting forth or implying for the bearer a claim of immunity from the law of this state or federal law. [2011 c.359 §6; 2013 c.219 §56]

Notary Apostilles/Authentications:

- Are not for use anywhere within the United States of America, its territories, or possessions.
- Does not certify the content of the document for which it was issued.

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