

# What Is Remote Online Notarization (RON)?

## A simple guide to notarizing documents online

Remote online notarization (RON) allows you to sign and notarize documents digitally instead of meeting a notary in person. It gives you the flexibility to close on your schedule, from a location that works for you, without coordinating travel or in-person appointments.

During a RON session, you connect with a commissioned notary through a secure online platform using live audio and video. Your identity is verified, documents are reviewed, and notarizations are completed in real time.

For many borrowers, this means fewer scheduling constraints, less time away from work or family, and a more streamlined path to closing day.



## Why Sign Online?

Remote online notarization offers several advantages over traditional in-person signing:

### Convenience

Sign from home or another private location without traveling.

### Flexibility

Multiple signers can join from different locations.

### Speed

Closings can be completed without coordinating in-person meetings.

### Security

Identity verification, session recordings, and audit trails create a detailed record of the notarization.

## How Remote Online Notarization Works

While each transaction may vary slightly, the experience typically follows a consistent flow:

- Access your documents through a secure signing link
- Complete identity verification
- Join a live video session with a notary
- Review and sign notarized documents
- Receive completed copies after signing

The notary witnesses signatures in real time and applies an electronic seal with the same legal standing as an in-person notarization.

## Is Remote Online Notarization Legally Valid?

Yes. Remote online notarization is [legally authorized across most of the United States](#), with legislation continuing to expand adoption.

When performed in accordance with applicable state regulations, remote notarizations carry the same legal validity as in-person notarizations, and are acceptable even across the border in states that have not yet passed their own RON laws.

State laws govern how identity verification, audio-video recording, and notarial recordkeeping must be conducted to ensure compliance.

The image displays a multi-step process for remote online notarization. It starts with a 'Notarize' web interface where a user can select signing restrictions (No restrictions, Date window, Scheduled date) and send a transaction. This leads to a mobile app interface where a user is prompted to verify their identity. The main part of the process is a desktop view of a 'General Power of Attorney' document. The document shows a video feed of the customer, Chelsea Larson, and the notary, Michael Nguyen. The document is signed by Chelsea Larson, and the notary's signature and seal are visible. A 'Proof' notification indicates that the completed document is available for review. Finally, a document review page is shown, displaying the document details and a 'Schedule' section for signing activation and expiration.

## About Proof

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