

Streamline State Remote Online Notarization Standards With Federal Bridge Cross-Certified Certificates From IdenTrust

Adopting federal standards enables your state's notaries to perform remote online notarizations without having to re-invent the policy wheel.

In an era where security and efficiency are paramount, state governments face the challenge of implementing robust digital certification standards for notarization. Leveraging existing federally recognized standards offers states a seamless path to ensuring high trust, interoperability and compliance without the burden of developing new, state-specific standards.

KEY BENEFITS

1. Federal Bridge Cross-Certification

IdenTrust IGC certificates are already cross-certified with the Federal Bridge Certification Authority (FBCA), ensuring they meet the stringent X.509 security and interoperability standards recognized at the federal level. X.509 certificates contain the verifiable information of the certificate holder, the issuer's identity, and a digital signature from the certificate authority (CA) that issued it.

2. Trusted by Government Agencies

IdenTrust certificates are trusted by numerous federal and state agencies, offering proven reliability and security. By utilizing digital certificates that are already trusted by various government agencies, your state can embrace a consistent

approach to digital signing and sealing, ultimately streamlining digital notary processes, and ensuring that notarized documents are universally recognized and trusted beyond personal or private use cases.

3. Nationwide Availability

IdenTrust certificates are not limited by state boundaries or any specific vendor — they are valid and recognized across all U.S. states, legislation permitting. This national recognition simplifies the administrative process for notaries operating in multiple states, reducing the complexity of managing multiple certificates and ensuring consistent security standards for interstate notarizations.

By adopting IdenTrust IGC certificates, state governments can align with established federal standards, ensuring high levels of security and trust while minimizing the need for state-specific developments. This approach offers a clear path to enhancing the security and interoperability of digital notarization across the country.

For more information on how IdenTrust IGC certificates can benefit your state's digital notary program, visit us here, or contact IGCSale@IdenTrust.com.



CURRENT AND UPCOMING LEGISLATURE

SECURE Notarization Act of 2023:

Passed by the House in 2023, this bill allows a notary public commissioned under state law to remotely access notary electronic records and remotely perform notarizations for individuals. It provides technical requirements for the notarizations and impacts interstate commerce.

Securing and Enabling Commerce Using Remote and Electronic

Notarization Act of 2021: Introduced in 2021, this bill authorized notaries public to perform, and to establish minimum standards for, electronic notarizations and remote notarizations.

X.509 CERTIFICATES
AT-A-GLANCE

- **Security:** X.509 certificates offer strong cryptographic protection, ensuring the integrity and authenticity of documents
- **Interoperability:** This standard is widely adopted, allowing for seamless integration with various RON platforms and systems
- **Trust:** X.509 certificates are issued by trusted certificate authorities (CAs), providing a level of assurance to both notaries and signers

IdenTrust has already been an authorized provider of digital certificates for use with government and commercial eNotary applications for over a decade. The eNotary can use the identity-based digital certificate for digital signature and associate a digital notary seal to electronically notarize and validate documents, preserve data integrity and establish non-repudiation of the signed document.

In addition to being the trusted Certificate Authority of multiple states, cities, and counties, IdenTrust's certificates already integrate with over two dozen electronic notary platforms, and are compatible with standard applications such as Adobe and Microsoft products.

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

Software- or Browser-Based Certificates	• Personal business or individual • Supported browsers: • Microsoft Edge • Mozilla Firefox • Google Chrome • 1-,2- or 3-year validity periods
Hardware-Based Certificates	All the features of a software-based certificate and installed on a hardware device, providing portability and added security via: • US token • Smart card
Technical Specifications	• X.509 v3 digital certificate • 2048+ bit key length • SHA-256 hashing algorithm



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