

ACCEPTABLE FORMS OF IDENTIFICATION

New York law requires that a notary public must not take an acknowledgment unless the signer is personally known or identified through satisfactory evidence.

This means the notary must be able to reasonably confirm that the person appearing is the same person described in and who executed the document.

Primary Acceptable Identification:

- State-issued Driver's License
- State-issued Non-Driver Identification Card
- U.S. Passport or Passport Card
- Foreign Passport (valid and unexpired)
- U.S. Military Identification
- Permanent Resident Card (Green Card)

Identification Must:

- ✓ Be government-issued
- ✓ Contain a photograph
- ✓ Include a signature
- ✓ Be current or reasonably valid
- ✓ Match the name on the document

Generally Not Acceptable: X X X X X X

- Social Security cards
- Birth certificates
- Credit or debit cards
- IDs without a photo
- IDs without a signature
- Expired IDs without confirmation from receiving agency

Important: The name on the ID must match the name on the document. Nicknames or variations should be confirmed with the document preparer before proceeding.