

ACCEPTABLE IDENTIFICATION

Michigan Notary Signings

1. Identify the Signer

When performing a notarial act, a notary must identify the individual using personal knowledge or satisfactory evidence. Even if personally known, it is recommended to request a government-issued photo ID.

- ✓ Notary personally knows the individual requesting the notarization
- ✓ Signer provides a valid driver's license, passport, or other pictured state/federal ID
- ✓ Credible witness personally known to the notary, who knows the signer and provides an oath or affirmation

2. Sign in the Notary's Presence

The signer must sign the document in the presence of the notary when performing a notarial act.

- ✓ Required for witnessing or attesting a signature
- ✓ Required when administering an oath or affirmation
- ✓ Do not proceed if the signer is not physically present