

MyNotary News

Seasonal Newsletter from the MyNotary Network

MyNotary Notaries are worth going the extra mile for



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All in a Days Work

If you are entering into a legally binding contract effective overseas, you almost certainly will need the services of a notary public. Notaries are involved in very many different types of transactions such as getting married abroad to commercial contracts or business agreements.



The most frequent document notaries deal with is a Power of Attorney, closely followed by making certified copies of various certificates... but that is by no means the whole story...

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About MyNotary

The MyNotary Network is an informal collection of notaries public located throughout the UK providing Notarisation, Legalisation and Translation services.

Notaries work independently of each other and separately from solicitors. Many notaries are also solicitors and can provide a wide range of legal services.

Many notaries are happy to see you at a time convenient to you, be it an evening or weekend.

Contact your local MyNotary notary directly or look us up @ www.MyNotary.biz

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Are your children travelling abroad without you?

In recent years, concern about parental abductions - where one divorced parent steals the child away from the other one - has prompted border officials to be more cautious when they encounter a child travelling with just one birth parent.

If you're travelling as a solo parent with your child - or if the child is travelling with a grandparent or guardian - at a minimum, the travelling parent should carry a letter of authorisation from the absent parent, giving permission for the travel.

It's quite likely that, for most countries, you won't be asked to show any travel consent letter - but better safe than sorry, right?

Currency Zone

MyNotary Co UK have teamed up with Moneycorp to provide up-to-date currency exchange rates online. View: www.mynotary.biz/money.html for top tips to protect your spending power overseas, how to automate your regular overseas payments and to find out more about the benefits of using a foreign exchange broker.

Alive & Kicking?

A seemingly unusual request is for the notary to tell you that you are alive! You probably already know that but the organisation paying your overseas pension may not believe you.

They need to prove you are alive - presumably they have been caught out by fraudulent claims where relatives continue to claim long after the pensioner has died.



Going to work in the UAE or Gulf Region?

The most common document a notary deals with, particularly in relation to business in the United Arab Emirates (UAE) and Qatar, is a Power of Attorney (PoA). A PoA is what is usually needed in order for you to authorise a third party to act on your behalf in your absence. For this to take effect you will need to appoint someone to represent you; that person(s) is normally referred to as an "attorney". This does not mean that the attorney(s) you appoint is a lawyer- it could be a trusted friend or a relative. The process of validating a power of attorney differs from one country to the next – we deal with all countries – however documents for the UAE are amongst the most complex.

To validate a Power of attorney for use within the UAE you need to sign the document in front of the Notary Public. The PoA then has to be "legalised" at HM Foreign and Commonwealth Office (FCO) - that is to say the FCO will further stamp the document with an endorsement called an "Apostille"; this verifies that the notary's signature is genuine. The Power of Attorney will then need to be stamped at the UAE Embassy before it can be sent to off your agents.

Fees vary according to what needs to be done, FCO fees are charged per document: £28.80 for a 5-6 working days turnaround service or £71 for the express service. As for UAE embassy fees, they vary from £20.00 to £410.00 depending upon the urgency and whether your documents are personal or for a Company.



The UAE authorities are extremely particular about the documents necessary, and in the absence of even one, can result in your application being refused. Hence, you should be extremely careful that you have all these documents with you:

1. Passport, which should have at least six months' validity.
2. If you are accompanied by your spouse and children each one of them should have a separate passport.
3. There should not be any Israel visa entry on the passport.
4. Marriage certificate if your spouse is accompanying you.
5. If you are a female employee and will have your children staying with you, you will need a letter of consent from the father of the children which is certified, notarised and attested.
6. Notarised copies of your academic certificates.

If you are going to work or conducting business in the UAE or Gulf region you probably will need to produce certified copies of various certificates, we can make and certify copies of academic certificates.

Your MyNotary notary can make and certify copies of academic certificates for you. For a full break down of costs contact your local MyNotary notary or send an email to: admin@mynotary.co.uk



There's More...

Don't forget your MyNotary notary can offer some very constructive advice about making a will and inheritance tax liability. If you don't

have a Will, or divorce or remarry before making a new Will, the government decides who gets what.

For example, if you die without making a Will, i.e.

"intestate" and if there are children, your husband or wife would inherit only up to a certain value of your share in the matrimonial home and only a certain amount on your other property. The rules governing what happens to the estate of a person dying intestate are complicated and, at the very least, will cause unnecessary anxiety and expense to the person dealing with your affairs when you die.

Well he seems to have left every penny to the Daisy Valley Elephant Sanctuary.



Here's a Novel Idea

Amongst the many interesting people notaries meet are authors. You may well ask - why do they need a notary? When you write a novel and get it published it could come to the attention of Hollywood. It may be that movie moguls will beat a path to your door to buy the film rights. If so the agreement has to be notarised.

Writing can be a lucrative business: you could receive up to \$250,000 as a down payment and hundreds of thousands of dollars if they decide to make a film out of your book. Perhaps it's time to think again if you have a good book in you? A number of authors who have come to see us to notarise licence agreements think so.

