

Commissioner for Taking Affidavits General Application Instructions

Requests for appointment as commissioners for taking affidavits will be evaluated against Ministry criteria. These criteria include, but are not limited to: the nature of the business, the basis of need, the intended usage and frequency of use, and the availability of alternative resources.

Appointments as commissioners for taking affidavits are typically granted to persons employed by a business or service provider that is required by federal, provincial or municipal law to produce sworn affidavits as part of its regular business.

Instructions:

Please Enclose:

- All pages of the accompanying application form, fully completed, signed and dated by the applicant.
- A letter of authorization on letterhead, signed or co-signed by an officer or senior official of your business or organization. (In a law office, the letter should be signed by a supervising lawyer or a senior partner; if a company or business, by an officer of the company or business. If you are self-employed you may sign the letter). The letter should nominate the applicant as a commissioner for taking affidavits on behalf of the business or organization and must provide:
 - the applicant's full legal name
 - the applicant's job title in the company, business or organization
 - the type and number of documents the applicant will commission in a typical month
 - the nature of the business of the company, business or organization.
- A cheque or money order for the appointment fee of \$75.00 payable to "Minister of Finance." HST is not applicable. Do not send cash or credit card information. No fee is required if the applicant is an employee of the federal, provincial or municipal government, a First Nations band, or a Children's Aid Society and if the appointment is for purposes related to his or her employment.

Send payment and the originals of all documents together to:

Ministry of the Attorney General
Legal Appointments Office
c/o Ministry of Government Services
77 Wellesley St W, BOX 720
Toronto ON M7A 1N3

Please allow four to six weeks for processing.

Additional Requirements

Accountants and financial planners: Enclose a copy of your licence to practise in Ontario.

Reporters providing out-of-court reporting services: Enclose a copy of your certificate of qualification or a letter from a current or former employer stating that you have at least one year of reporting experience.

Employees of independent social service agencies: Please provide proof that your agency receives funding from the federal or provincial government, or from one or more municipalities. We accept copies of acknowledgement letters from funding sources or copies of statements of revenue from your organization's or agency's annual audited financial statements.

Process servers: Enclose a copy of the firm's Master Business Licence or the first page of the articles of incorporation (as appropriate). Process servers must have been registered for at least six months before an appointment can be granted.

Insurance brokers and adjusters: Enclose a letter from at least one insurance company confirming your entitlement to settle claims on that company's behalf.

Pour obtenir le formulaire en français, visitez ontario.ca/procureurgeneral ou composez le 416 326-4064.



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The completion and filing of this application form with the Ministry of the Attorney General does not guarantee that an appointment as a commissioner for taking affidavits will be approved.

Note: Only completed applications will be considered. Incomplete applications will be returned. Before you begin, please read the following application instructions carefully.

- If you are filling out a paper copy, complete all entries in pen using block characters. Use capital and lower case letters as applicable in names.
- Do not use initials in names.
- Post office box numbers are not sufficient for business address.
- Do NOT leave blank spaces. Draw a line or write "NA" (Not Applicable) in a section if it does not apply to you.
- Attach additional sheets of paper if you require more room.

Fields marked with an asterisk (*) are mandatory.

Applicant Information

Last Name *		First Name *	
Middle Name(s) *		Date of Birth (yyyy/mm/dd) *	
Name of Business or Organization with whom you are currently employed *			
Year of Registration of Business or Organization, if applicable *			
Date Employed by Business or Organization *		Business Telephone *	Ext.

Business Address

Unit/Suite No. *	Street No. *	Street Name *	PO Box
Department		Contact Person	
Municipality/City/Town *		Province *	Postal Code *

Nature of Business or Services *

Nature of Documents to be Sworn *

Have you previously held an appointment as a commissioner for taking affidavits in Ontario? *

No Yes

If Yes, please provide your last name and year the appointment expired as they appeared on your previous stamp:

Last Name	Year
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Anticipated frequency of use (number of documents per month) *

If your appointment will replace that of an existing or former commissioner, state that commissioner's full name, termination date of the appointment, or the last date appointment will be required, and return the certificate for cancellation (if available).

Explain in detail below why this appointment is required, and provide additional information that will substantiate the need for such an appointment. Provide details on an attached page if space provided is not sufficient. *

Completion and Enclosures Checklist

I have enclosed (check all that apply):

- All pages of this application form, fully completed, signed and dated by the applicant.
- A letter of authorization nominating the applicant as described in the application instructions.
- A cheque or money order for the appointment fee of \$75.00, payable to the "Minister of Finance." HST is not applicable. Do not send cash or credit card information. No fee is required if the applicant is an employee of the federal, provincial or municipal government, a First Nations band, or a Children's Aid Society and if the appointment is for purposes related to his or her employment.
- Any additional documents required for my line of work, as described in the application instructions.

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I understand the purpose for which this information will be used and certify that the information given in the application is correct and complete.

Name *	Signature	Date (yyyy/mm/dd)

Pursuant to subsection 39(2) of the *Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act*, this information is collected pursuant to subsections 4(1) and 4(1.1) of the *Commissioners for Taking Affidavits Act* for the purpose of determining the suitability of applicants for appointment as commissioners for taking affidavits. Questions about the information collected should be directed to: Manager, Office of Judicial Support Services, c/o Ministry of Government Services, 77 Wellesley St. W, BOX 720, Toronto ON M7A 1N3, 416 326-4064.
