# Report on the Status of the State of New Jersey's Notary Education

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#### Introduction

This annual report outlines the status of New Jersey's notary public education program, which is administered by the Department of the Treasury, Division of Revenue and Enterprise Services (herein referred to as "The Division").

Under State law (P.L. 2021, c. 179), the State Treasurer is tasked with publishing on the Department of the Treasury's website a report on the state of notary education in New Jersey, on or before September 30 each year. The required reporting elements are as follows:

- 1. Summary of commissioning activity
- 2. An assessment regarding the need for new or changed educational content
- 3. The estimated timelines for delivering the new or changed content

#### **Historical Background**

P.L. 2021, c. 179 established the foundations for an updated notarial program.

The Division implemented the general provisions of P.L. 2021, c. 179 on October 21, 2021, and implemented the educational/testing requirements on July 22, 2022.

The Division adopted administrative rules for the Notary Public program on January 11, 2022 (N.J.A.C.17.50 et seq.) and continues to operate under those rules. The rules are set to expire on January 11, 2029.

## **Summary of Commissioning Activity**

The following is a summary of commissioning activity for the period 7/1/2023 - 6/30/2024 (State Fiscal Year 2024):

Notary Public Commissioning Activity, 7/1/2023 – 6/30/2024		
Number of new commissions granted	9,002	
Number of renewed commissions granted	16,314	
Total Commissions:	25,316	

### Assessment on the Need for New or Changed Educational Content

As noted in last year's report, the Division opted to create an online video-based class that will guide applicants through the various sections of the manual. The Division is now in compliance with the requirement to provide training content.

#### Conclusion

The Division continues to successfully implement and operate the general provisions of P.L. 2021, c. 179.

The Division completed the in-house production project to develop an online video-based class, thereby further improving the program.