

THE PROBLEM

Currently a notary that is commissioned can reapply for a new commission without having to attend notary training. Due to changes that often occur, some notaries would not be updated because they don't have to take training. We want to require the training every time that they apply for a new commission.

This issue is the number of problems we are seeing in notarizations. We want to reduce errors and in turn better prepare notaries regarding statute and rule.

PROPOSED SOLUTION

Change to ORS 194.325 to require notary training every 4 years.

194.325 Examination of notary public. (1) An applicant for a commission as a notary public must pass an examination administered by the Secretary of State or an entity approved by the secretary. The examination must be based on the course of study described in subsection (3) of this section.

(2) Before taking the examination required under subsection (1) of this section, an applicant for a commission as a notary public ~~who does not hold a commission in this state~~ must complete a course of study offered by the Secretary of State or an entity approved by the secretary.

(3) The Secretary of State or an entity approved by the secretary shall offer regularly a course of study to applicants ~~who do not hold commissions as notaries public in this state~~. The course must cover the laws, rules, procedures and ethics relevant to notarial acts. [2013 c.219 §21]

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