

Montana Prohibited Acts, Refusal & Ethics Guide

Refuse when

You are not satisfied that the principal:

- is competent/has capacity; or
- is signing knowingly or voluntarily.

Do not

- notarize your own signature;
- notarize a prohibited direct-interest transaction;
- certify prohibited copies of official public records;
- sign/stamp without a completed certificate unless law/rule directs otherwise;
- falsely advertise;
- give legal advice if you are not licensed to practice law;
- act as an unauthorized immigration consultant;
- use “notario” or “notario publico” unless permitted by law;
- alter, reproduce, destroy, deface, or conceal notarial records in violation of law.

Fees

- Generally no more than \$10 per listed notarial act under MCA § 1-5-626(1).
- Additional travel/technology fees are subject to statutory conditions.
- Display the notarial fee list in English when charging fees.