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CHAPTER 129**

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CHAPTER 129

NOTARIES PUBLIC

Ch. 19,  
R.L., 1958.  
CAP. 79,  
R.E. 1980-1990.  
40 of 1963.

[3<sup>rd</sup> June, 1867]

Short title.

**1.** This Act may be cited as the Notaries Public Act.

Commission, how  
to be obtained.  
40 of 1963.

**2.** The Prime Minister may grant to any fit and proper person whose legal qualification to be appointed and enrolled as a notary public is certified to him in writing by the Chief Justice, a commission or licence under his hand, authorising that person to practise as a notary public within Belize, and upon every such commission there shall be paid to the Accountant General a fee of one hundred dollars.

Penalty, unauthor-  
ized practitioner.

**3.**-(1) Every person who, not being a person appointed under this Act and sworn as a notary public in the manner provided by section 4 (3) of this Act, practises as a notary public, or does any notarial act is guilty of an offence and is liable on summary conviction to a fine not exceeding two hundred and fifty dollars.

(2) If the Supreme Court is satisfied that any notary public has permitted his name to be used for or on account of any person not being a notary public, on complaint thereof made in a summary way, then and in such case the said court shall order the notary public to be struck off from the roll of notaries public and he shall be for ever disabled from practising as a notary public, or doing any notarial act in Belize.

Commission to be  
enrolled.

**4.**-(1) Before practising as a notary public or doing any notarial act, every person already appointed or hereafter to be appointed a notary public shall cause his commission, licence or faculty to be enrolled in the office of the Registrar General.

(2) The Registrar General is hereby required to enrol such commission, licence or faculty upon the payment of a fee of three dollars.

(3) The notary public shall before practising as aforesaid make and subscribe in a book to be kept in the office of the Registrar General the oath set out in the First Schedule, or when the circumstances allow thereof, an affirmation or declaration to the like effect, which the Chief Justice or any judge of the Supreme Court or any Commissioner appointed to take affidavits to be used in the Supreme Court is hereby authorised to administer or receive.

(4) The Registrar General shall keep an alphabetical list of all persons so appointed and sworn as notaries public, which shall be called and be the Roll of Notaries Public.

**5.**—(1) No notary public appointed and sworn as aforesaid shall be deprived of his commission, licence or faculty or be suspended from the performance of any act whatever appertaining or belonging to his office, unless he is guilty of some crime, misdemeanour, gross misconduct, negligence or unskillfulness, complaint in respect of which shall be made to and heard and determined by the Supreme Court in a summary way.

May be struck off roll.

(2) If any notary public is found guilty upon any such complaint his name shall be struck off the Roll by Order of the Supreme Court, and such person shall be for ever disabled from performing any notarial act whatever.

**6.** The fees in the Second Schedule shall be payable to and recoverable by notaries public to their own use for and in respect of the services therein enumerated.

Fees which may be demanded by a notary public for his own use.  
Second Schedule.

## FIRST SCHEDULE

## NOTARIES PUBLIC

Oath to be Subscribed by  
a Notary Public  
*[Section 4 (3)]*

“I, A.B., do swear that I will faithfully make contracts or instruments for or between any party or parties requiring the same, and I will not add or diminish anything without the knowledge and consent of such party or parties, that may alter the substance of the fact. I will not make or attest any act, contract or instrument in which I shall know there is violence or fraud; and in all things I will act uprightly and justly in the business of a notary public, according to the best of my skill and knowledge. So help me God.”

SECOND SCHEDULE

NOTARIES PUBLIC

Fees to be paid to Notary Public

[Section 6]

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Noting a protest	
.....	3.00
Extending a protest, with one affidavit if not exceeding three folios.....	9.00
Exceeding three folios, or with more than one affidavit .....	12.00
Other notarial papers or accounts, per folio, each figure counting as a word .....	2.00
Notarial certificates to any papers, with seal of office .....	8.00
And for recording documents per folio .....	0.37 ½

Note. – A folio shall contain 160 words.