

LIST OF DISQUALIFICATIONS

California has Disciplinary Guidelines to maintain consistency in reviewing applications, investigating alleged violations and implementing administrative actions against a Notary.

California State law requires that YOU disclose ALL CONVICTIONS and ARRESTS for offenses for which trials are pending on your application. Convictions dismissed under Penal Code 1203.4 or 1203.4a must be disclosed.

If you do not recall the specifics about an arrest and/or a conviction, contact the California Department of Justice at (916) 227-3849.

The Secretary of State will recommend the DENIAL of an application for:

- Failure to disclose and applicable arrest or any conviction.
- Conviction of a felony.
- Convictions of a disqualifying misdemeanor where not more than 10 years have passed since the completion of probation

In the event of a DENIAL, the applicant has the right to an appeal through an administrative hearing.

(G.C. Sec § 8214.3)

These are the most common disqualifying convictions, although not all-inclusive:

- Accessory
- Arson-related offenses
- Assault
- Auto Theft
- Battery
- Burglary
- Carrying a concealed weapon
- Carrying a loaded firearm in a public place
- Child molestation
- Child pornography
- Conspiracy
- Discharge of a firearm in a public place or into an inhabited dwelling
- Drugs, possession for sale and sale
- Embezzlement
- Escape without force
- Failure to comply with a court order
- Failure to pay child support
- Failure to return to confinement
- False imprisonment
- Fraud involving, but not limited to:
 - Bank cards & credit card fraud,
 - Insufficient funds/check fraud,
 - Insurance fraud, mail fraud,
 - Medi-Cal or Medicare fraud,
 - Real estate fraud, tax or welfare fraud
- Fraudulent impersonation of a peace officer
- Hit and run
- Kidnapping-related offenses
- Manslaughter
- Pimping and pandering
- Possession of an unregistered firearm
- Practice without a license when a license is required
- Prostitution
- Rape
- Receipt of stolen property
- Resisting or threatening a peace officer
- Robbery
- Solicitation
- Statutory rape
- Tax evasion
- Terrorist threats
- Theft, grand and petty, including burglary or robbery
- Threats to commit a crime involving death or great bodily injury