

Powers of Attorney - Certifying

A notary public can certify copies of powers of attorney. A certified copy of a power of attorney that has been certified by a notary public has the same force and effect as the original power of attorney. (Probate Code section 4307)

A suggested format for the certification is shown below. Other formats with similar wording may also be acceptable.

State of California	}
County of _____	
I <u> (name of notary public) </u> , Notary Public, certify that on <u> (date) </u> , I examined the original power of attorney and the copy of the power of attorney. I further certify that the copy is a true and correct copy of the original power of attorney.	
<u>Notary Public Signature</u>	Notary Public Seal

Note: A notary public seal and signature cannot be affixed to a document without the correct notarial wording.