

Due to the COVID-19 public health emergency, the US Department of Transportation (USDOT) has issued temporary guidance in regard to the notarizing of DBE certification documents as follows:

- Use of online notary public services if the recipient's State permits notarized digital signatures validated with an electronic notary seal.
- Use of a subscribing witness if the recipient's State permits such use permitting the document to be signed in the presence of a witness; the witness, not the signer, then appears before a notary if doing so does not compromise social distancing.
- Unsworn declarations executed under penalty of perjury rather than sworn affidavits, for DBE applications, Personal Financial Statements and No Change Affidavits.
Declaration example: I declare (or certify, verify, or state) under penalty of perjury that the foregoing is true and correct. Executed on (date).

If you choose to submit a signed, dated, unsworn declaration, you will be required to follow up with a sworn version at a to-be determined later date.