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How to Complete the Georgia Agent's Certification

Agent's Certification as to the Validity of Power of Attorney and Agent's Authority (O.C.G.A. § 10-6B-71)

INSTRUCTIONS — KEEP FOR YOUR RECORDS. DO NOT ATTACH THIS PAGE TO YOUR DOCUMENT.

About this form. Banks, title companies and other businesses may ask an agent to **certify under oath** that the power of attorney is still valid before they accept it. This is Georgia's official optional form for that certification. Once a business requests it, Georgia law gives the business a short deadline to accept a statutory form power of attorney after receiving the certification (O.C.G.A. § 10-6B-20).

1. **Fill in the names and date**
   Enter your name as agent, the principal's name and the date of the power of attorney exactly as shown on it.
2. **Read statements (1)–(3)**
   Sign only if every statement is true: the principal is alive and has not revoked it, any start condition has occurred, and, if you are a successor agent, the prior agent cannot serve.
3. **Add statements — optional (4)**
   Add anything the business asked you to confirm, for example that the power of attorney has not been amended.
4. **Sign before a notary**
   You are signing under penalty of perjury. Do **not** sign ahead of time. Bring a current government-issued photo ID and a copy of the power of attorney.

Signing requirements: Signed by the agent before a notary public.

After It's Signed

- Give the original to the bank or business that requested it, together with a copy of the power of attorney. Keep a copy for yourself.

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Have questions about your Agent's Certification? To consult with an attorney, contact **Gavrilov & Brooks Law Firm** at **(916) 504-0529** or **www.gavrilovlaw.com**.

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AGENT'S CERTIFICATION AS TO THE VALIDITY OF POWER OF ATTORNEY AND AGENT'S AUTHORITY

Optional statutory form • O.C.G.A. § 10-6B-71

State of Georgia

County of

I (name of agent),

Name of agent

certify under penalty of perjury that

Name of principal

granted me authority as an agent or successor agent in a power of attorney dated

Date of power of attorney

I further certify that to my knowledge:

(1) The principal is alive and has not revoked the power of attorney or my authority to act under the power of attorney and the power of attorney and my authority to act under the power of attorney have not terminated;

(2) If the power of attorney was drafted to become effective upon the happening of an event or contingency, the event or contingency has occurred;

(3) If I were named as a successor agent, the prior agent is no longer able or willing to serve; and

(4) (Insert other relevant statements)

SIGNATURE AND ACKNOWLEDGMENT

Sign only in front of the notary.

X _____ _____

Agent's signature | Date

Agent's name printed | Agent's telephone number

Agent's address | Agent's email address

Agent's initials: _____

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State of Georgia
County of _____

This document was signed in my presence on _____ (date) by _____ (name of agent).

_____ (Seal)
Signature of notary public

_____
Printed name of notary public

Notary Public, _____ County, Georgia
My commission expires: _____

Notary seal

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