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How to Complete Your Illinois Certification of Trust

Certification of Trust (Illinois Trust Code, 760 ILCS 3/1013)

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

About this form. A certification of trust is a short summary of a living trust that proves the trust exists and who may act for it, without revealing private details such as beneficiaries and shares.

1. **Who signs**
   Every currently acting trustee. Banks, brokers, and title companies use this instead of reading the whole trust.
2. **Fill in the trust facts (Page 1)**
   Copy the trust name, date, settlor, trustees, and powers exactly from the trust document.
3. **Sign before a notary (Page 2)**
   Each trustee signs before the notary with a current, government-issued photo ID.

After It's Signed

- Under Illinois law, a person who relies on the certification in good faith is protected and generally may not demand the whole trust instrument.
- For use in another country, the notarized document may need an apostille from the Illinois Secretary of State. We can handle this for you.

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CERTIFICATION OF TRUST

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The undersigned, being all of the currently acting trustees of the trust described below, certify as follows:

1. **Existence.** The trust exists and the trust instrument was executed on the date below:

Name of trust

Date executed

2. **Settlor(s):**

Name(s)

3. **Currently acting trustee(s)** (name and address):

Trustee

Address

Trustee

Address

4. **Powers of the trustee** (describe, or refer to the trust article, e.g., "all powers under the Illinois Trust Code and the trust instrument"):

5. **Revocability:**

☐ The trust is **revocable**, and the following person(s) hold the power to revoke it:

Name(s)

☐ The trust is **irrevocable**.

6. **Co-trustee signing authority:**

☐ Any one trustee may sign for the trust.

☐ All trustees must sign.

☐ The following number of trustees must sign:

Number

7. **Title** to trust property shall be taken in the name of:

e.g., "Jane Doe, Trustee of the Doe Family Trust dated ____"

Trustee's initials: _____

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8. The trust has not been revoked, modified, or amended in any manner that would cause the representations in this certification to be incorrect.
9. This certification is signed by all currently acting trustees. Any person may rely on it as provided in Section 1013 of the Illinois Trust Code.

Dated

X
Trustee

Printed name

X
Trustee

Printed name

NOTARY ACKNOWLEDGMENT

STATE OF ILLINOIS)
COUNTY OF) SS.

This instrument was acknowledged before me on

(date)

by (name of trustee(s))

X
Notary Public

(Notary seal)

Notary's printed name

My commission expires

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