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How to Complete Your Texas Certification of Trust

Certification of Trust (Texas Property Code Section 114.086)

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 signs. 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, trustee, and powers exactly from the trust document. If unsure, speak with an attorney.
3. **Sign before a notary (Page 2)**
   Each trustee signs before the notary with a current, government-issued photo ID. A notarized certification can also be recorded with the county clerk for real estate.

After It's Signed

- Give the original or a copy to the bank, title company, or other institution. Under Texas law, they may rely on it without asking for the full trust.
- Sign a new certification if the trustees, powers, or terms change.
- For foreign use, we can obtain an apostille from the Texas Secretary of State.

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CERTIFICATION OF TRUST

(Texas Property Code Section 114.086)

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

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

Name of trust

Date executed

2. **Settlor(s).**

Name(s) of settlor(s)

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

Trustee

Address

Trustee

Address

4. **Powers of the trustee.** The trustee has the following powers (describe, or refer to the trust article, such as “all powers under the Texas 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** (if more than one trustee):

Any one trustee may sign or otherwise authenticate on behalf of the trust.

All trustees must sign.

The following number of trustees must sign:

Number

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

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

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8. The trust has not been revoked, modified, or amended in any manner that would cause the representations contained in this certification to be incorrect.
9. This certification is signed by all of the currently acting trustees of the trust. Any person may rely on this certification as provided in Section 114.086, Texas Property Code.

Date

X
Trustee

Printed name

X
Trustee

Printed name

NOTARY ACKNOWLEDGMENT

STATE OF TEXAS §

**COUNTY OF § **

This instrument was acknowledged before me on

Date

by (name of trustee(s))

X
Notary Public, State of Texas

(Notary seal)

Notary's printed name

Notary ID number

My commission expires

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