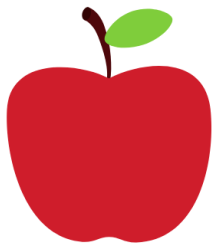


## What is (and isn't) RON?

With current efforts to minimize in-person interactions, there has been a push across the country to implement emergency measures to allow notarizations to be conducted remotely. However, what processes are permissible under these emergency measures and how they stack up to other closing methods, including remote online notarization, can be confusing.

A **remote online notarization** (RON) is a process of notarizing a document in a digital, online platform while the notary and the signer are in different physical locations. RON involves electronic documents executed by the signer using electronic signatures and notarized electronically using an electronic version of any required stamp or seal. The electronically notarized document should then be sealed in a tamper-evident manner to prevent any unauthorized changes to the document.

In contrast, a **remote ink notarization** (RIN), permissible under many states' emergency executive orders, rules, legislation, and other guidance, would allow a notary in a different physical location from a signer to observe the signer executing the document over a video conference. The signer would execute the document with wet-ink signatures and transfer the document by mail or other delivery service. Upon receipt, the notary would apply a wet notarization and any required ink stamp or seal to the original document.



### Remote Online Notarization (RON)

- **Electronic documents**
- **Electronic signatures**
- **Electronic notarization**
- **Signing process done in online platform**



### Remote Ink Notarization

- **Paper documents**
- **Wet-ink signatures**
- **Wet-ink notarization**
- **Signing process done on paper and observed over video conference**

To see a chart comparing your state's authority to conduct a remote ink-signed notarization to the elements of a remote online notarization, [click here](#).

Should you have any questions about the difference between RON and remote notarizations as permissible under your state's laws, please contact [Ashley Fischer](#), CATIC's Compliance Counsel.