**Notary Public Changes – EFFECTIVE 1/1/2025**

Effective 1/1/2025, Georgia’s notaries public will be required to:

* Complete an educational training course as part of the application process
	+ The educational requirement applies to ALL notary applicants, whether an initial (new) application or renewal application
	+ The educational course is free-of-charge and is available at <https://eLearn.gsccca.org>
* Notaries public must maintain a journal of their notarial acts performed for real estate documents at the request of a self-filer. Journal entries shall include:
	+ - The name of the self-filer
		- The self-filer’s address
		- The self-filer’s telephone number
		- The date, time and location of notarization
		- The type of government-issued photo identification document presented by the self-filer, unless the self-filer was confirmed based on personal knowledge
		- Elements of such identification documents, if applicable, including any identifying number
		- The self-filer’s signature
		- The type of document presented for notarization

 **The new requirements become effective January 1, 2025.**