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1. In California, the notary commission is granted by:

- a. The California Department of Justice.
- b. The Cooperative Personnel Services.
- c. The California Secretary of State.
- d. The office of the County Clerk.

2. Which of the following statements is true about the California notary exam?

- a. The examination may be taken on-line.
- b. The examination may be taken and mailed in to the Secretary of State.
- c. The examination must be taken in-person and the examination is supervised by examination proctors contracted by the Secretary of State.
- d. The examination must be taken in-person and the examination is supervised by examination proctors employed by the Secretary of State.

3. What is true of the notary examination proctors?

- a. They are employees of the Business Division of the California State Notary Department.
- b. They are not employees of the Secretary of State and may not answer specific questions regarding notary law during the examination.
- c. They will be available to answer notary questions prior to the examination.
- d. None of the above.

4. The minimum age requirement to become a notary public in California is:

- a. 18
- b. 17 1/2
- c. 21
- d. 17

5. What are the state residency requirements for a California notary public?

- a. State residency requirements are waived for United States citizens.
- b. A California notary public may be a resident of California or any state that borders California, but only those states that border California.
- c. A California notary applicant must be a resident of California and also must be a United States citizen.
- d. A California notary applicant must be a California resident unless they are appointed to a military reservation.

6. What is true for first-time notary applicants in California?

- a. The notary applicant must take an approved 6-hour course and a closed-book notary examination.
- b. The notary applicant may choose to take either an approved 3-hour course or a 6-hour course and a closed-book examination.

- c. The notary applicant may request a waiver of the notary course as long as he or she is willing to take the notary examination.
- d. The notary applicant may not take an approved 6-hour course unless he or she also agrees to take the notary examination.

7. A notary applicant may qualify for the 3-hour notary refresher course if:

- a. The applicant successfully completes the 3-hour course within three years of an expired commission.
- b. The applicant does not plan on taking the notary examination before the expiration of their current commission.
- c. The applicant's commission will expire before the course and examination are successfully completed.
- d. The applicant's current commission is valid and does not expire prior to submitting the notary application, takes the approved 3-hour course and passes the notary examination.

8. A notary applicant who submits an application for recommission prior to the expiration of a current commission may:

- a. Satisfy the 3-hour notary course requirement if he or she has taken an approved 3-hour notary course within three years.
- b. Satisfy the 3-hour notary course requirement if he or she has taken an approved 6-hour notary course within four years.
- c. Satisfy the 3-hour notary course requirement if he or she has taken an approved 6-hour notary course within two years.
- d. Satisfy the 3-hour notary course requirement if he or she has taken an approved 6-hour notary course within three years.

9. The results of the notary exam results are valid for one year and the notary educational course Proof of Completion is valid for:

- a. 4 years.
- b. 6 months.
- c. 2 years.
- d. For only 1 year.

10. Which statement is true about the submission of fingerprints via live-scan?

- a. The applicant is not required to submit a new set of fingerprints for a new commission term if he or she has already submitted them for any previous commission term.
- b. The applicant has one year from the date of the examination to submit fingerprints.
- c. The applicant may not have to submit fingerprints if he or she has already submitted fingerprints via live scan for another current professional license.
- d. All of the above.

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- 2. c See Slide
- 3. b See Slide
- 4. a See Slide
- 5. d See Slide
- 6. a See Slide
- 7. d See Slide
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