



NORTH CAROLINA COURT REPORTERS ASSOCIATION

Member Advisory: Emergency Video Notarization (EVN) and Remote Electronic Notarization (REN)

Guidance for North Carolina Court Reporters – 2026

Current Status of EVN

Emergency Video Notarization (EVN) remains authorized in North Carolina **until June 30, 2026**, or until the NC Secretary of State approves the first Remote Electronic Notarization (REN) platform, whichever occurs first.

As of this notice, **no REN platforms have been approved**, and EVN continues to be valid for administering remote oaths.

What EVN Permits

Under EVN, court reporters may continue to:

- Administer oaths and affirmations remotely
- Use two-way, real-time audiovisual communication
- Perform remote oaths **without** an eNotary commission
- Perform remote oaths **without** a REN platform
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EVN has been the authorized method for remote swearing-in since 2020.

Transition to REN

When EVN expires, **all remote oaths must be performed through REN.**

To conduct REN, a notary must:

- Hold an active North Carolina Notary Public commission
- Hold an active North Carolina Electronic Notary (eNotary) commission
- Complete the **2-hour eNotary Bridge Course** (required for all eNotaries commissioned before January 1, 2026)
- Use a **state-approved REN platform**

Remote oaths will not be permitted outside of REN once EVN ends.

Recommended Actions for Court Reporters

1. Verify your eNotary status

Reporters who wish to continue administering remote oaths after EVN ends must hold an active eNotary commission.

2. Prepare to complete the Bridge Course

The 2-hour eNotary Bridge Course will be required for all eNotaries commissioned prior to January 1, 2026.

3. Monitor REN platform approvals

The NC Secretary of State will publish a list of approved REN platforms once certification is complete. NCCRA will notify members as soon as the first platform is approved.

EVN and REN: Comparison Overview

Feature	EVN (Current)	REN (Future)
Remote oaths permitted	Yes	Yes
eNotary commission required	No	Yes
REN platform required	No	Yes
End date	June 30, 2026 or first REN approval	Ongoing
Use for depositions	Yes	Yes (via REN)

Summary

- EVN remains active at this time.
- EVN will end no later than **June 30, 2026**.
- After EVN ends, **REN will be the only authorized method** for administering remote oaths.
- Reporters who wish to continue remote swearing-in must be **REN-ready**.
- NCCRA will continue to provide updates as new information becomes available from the NC Secretary of State.