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NOTARY PUBLIC SIGNATURE REMOVAL FROM THE FIRE SPRINKLER FITTER APPLICATION FORMS

Following the passage of Assembly Bill 433 (Gordon) in 2013, regulations went into effect on July 1, 2017, requiring Automatic Fire Extinguishing Systems (AES) sprinkler fitters to be certified by the CAL FIRE - Office of the State Fire Marshal (OSFM).

Per regulations, certified Sprinkler Fitters and Multifamily Residential Sprinkler Fitters must submit a Form AES 1005 to the OSFM when applying for the certification. The AES 1005 requires the form to be signed before a notary public. Similarly, for Apprentice and Trainee registration, Form AES 1005A, requires a notary public signature.

The requirement for notarization is not explicitly listed in Title 19, California Code of Regulations. The notarization is only listed on the forms.

The OSFM reviewed other state agencies' business processes, and of the other agencies evaluated, none required their forms to be signed by a notary public. It was determined that requiring a notarized form is not the common practice and is not necessary.

The OSFM is removing the notary public signature requirement from the AES 1005 and AES 1005A forms. Effective immediately, a notary public signature is not required on the AES 1005 and AES 1005A forms, or upon digital submission to our database.