

ŽIG: stamp vs. seal

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Authorities use seals and stamps to characterize documents as legitimate. The use of a seal, a stamp or both depends on document type and state law.

Seals may leave an embossed or raised impression on the paper, be imbedded as a **watermark** to deter forgery or be computer-generated. Government agencies use **seals** to certify vital records such as birth certificates, marriage licenses and death certificates as legal documents, while university registrars put the **school seal** on official transcripts. Engineers, architects, land surveyors and landscape architects must **seal and sign** the plans and drawings they prepare to acknowledge authorship and compliance with regulations.

Stamps validate a document's originality and signatures with an inked emblem or identification.

Stamps are more prevalent. Notarized documents usually carry the notary public's personalized **ink stamp** so they photocopy well. States dictate the information on **notary stamps** and **professional stamps**. Most give engineers and other licensed professionals the option of using a stamp or a digital version of their seals.