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# Going Paperless is the Goal, Digital Signatures are the Solution



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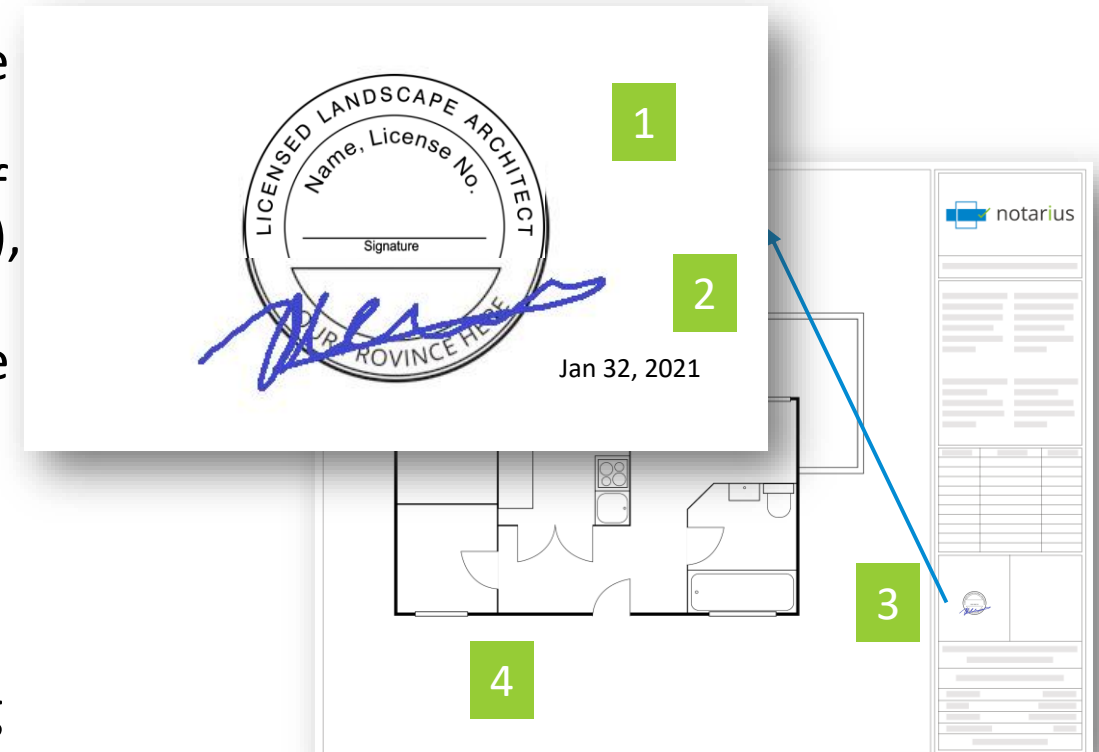
Why do professional use a seal to authenticate official documents / drawings?



# Sealing & Signing a Paper Document

Paper documents must meet 4 guiding principles to be considered official.

- 1) Identity & Authorization:** Seal confirms identity of trusted issuer, unique identifier (member number), professional designation, personal identity.
- 2) Authenticity:** Professional's signature confirms the authenticity that it is associated with the identity of seal.
- 3) Integrity:** By sealing and signing, the integrity of the document is confirmed and dated to a particular moment in time.
- 4) Longevity:** Paper selected for ease of use and long term archiving.





# It can't happen to me?

- **Fraudulent use of seal**
- **Identity theft**
- **Growing concerns for Professional Associations (landscape architects, architects, engineers, etc)**

What is a signature?



# What is a Signature?



## Signature

Permanent marks bonded to static documents that are traceable, exclusive and personal to individuals. They constitute evidence of implicit or explicit intent.

*Permanent – Binding –  
Static Traceable –  
Exclusive – Intent*

## Electronic Signature

Signatures in the electronic medium. They cover a vast array of use cases and are of varying reliability.

## Digital Signature

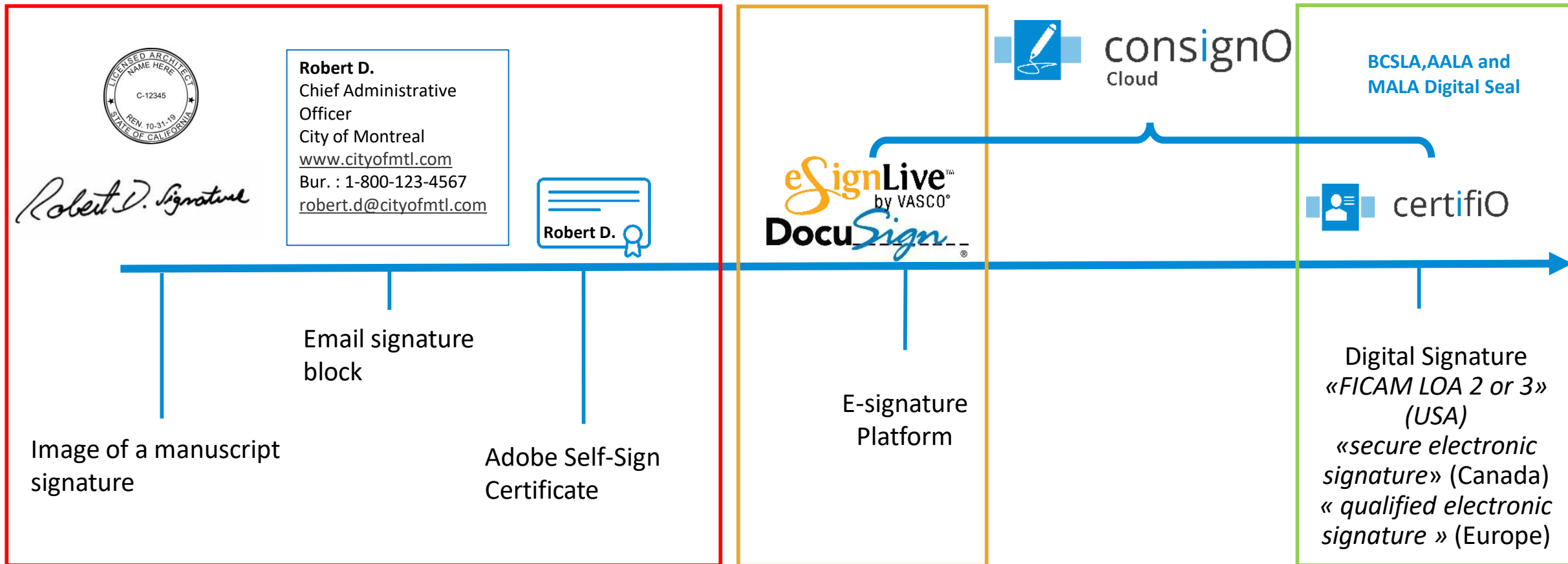
Electronic signatures in which reliability characteristics have been reinforced with cryptography to augment document reliability.

# Spectrum of Electronic & Digital Signatures





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“Are Digital Signatures  
legal in Canada?”



# Legal perspective

## **E-commerce legislation throughout Canada since 2000.**

- Principle of functional equivalence and technological neutrality
- Recognition of the legal validity of electronic documents

Both BC and Alberta *Electronic Transaction Act* states: “Information or a record to which this Act applies must not be denied legal effect or enforceability solely by reason that it is in electronic form.”\*

We can also read in both Acts : “If there is a requirement under law for the signature of a person, that requirement is satisfied by an electronic signature.”\*

Manitoba *Electronic Commerce and Information Act* has a similar wording for those 2 principles, see section 11 and 13;

**Electronic signatures are recognized as a valid means of expressing consent and signing documents, to the extent that the integrity of the signed document can be established.**

\* Subject to exceptions

# Document reliability



# 4 key attributes



## Identity

Identity + employer or professional status



## Integrity

Protects against unauthorized changes



## Authenticity

Proof of identity and integrity embedded in document



## Longevity

Readable and valid for decades

Documents produced by Landscape Architects require a high degree of reliability

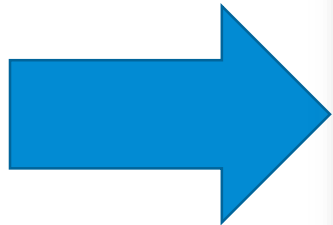
- even if the technologies used to sign, or its provider, no longer exists
- even if the audit log cannot be found

Never compromise reliability

What does a PDF look  
like, if digitally signed?



# What Does a Digitally Sealed/Signed PDF Look Like?



**Signatures** Validate All

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Signature is valid:

- Document has not been modified since this signature was applied
- Signed by the current user
- The signature includes an embedded timestamp.
- Signature is LTV enabled

Signature Details

- Reason: I approve
- Certificate Details...
- Last Checked: 2017.08.23 17:34:22 -04'00'
- Field: Marc Seal on page 1
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Show all certification paths found

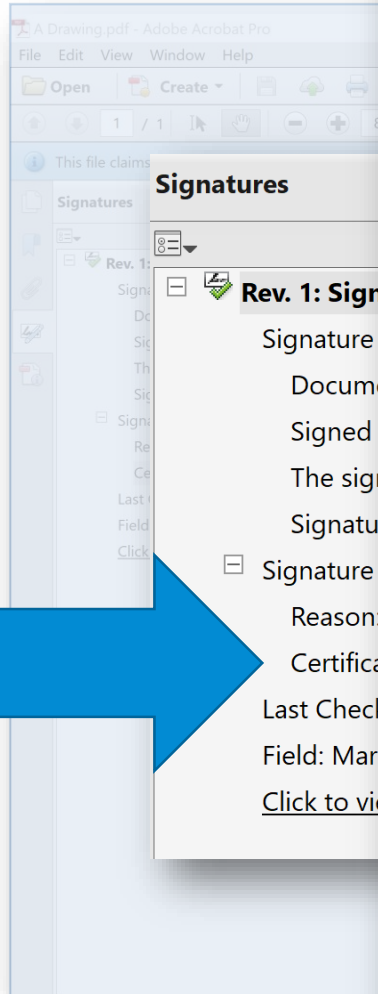
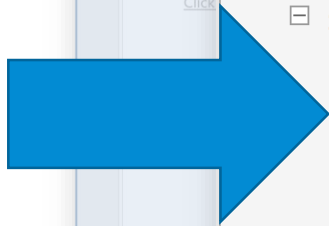
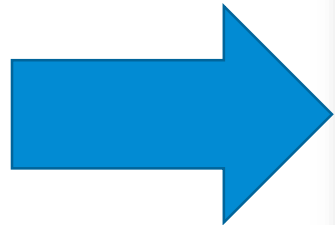
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Summary Details Revocation Trust Policies Legal Notice

Certificate data:

Name	Value
Version	3
Signature algorithm	SHA256 RSA
Subject	0.9.2342.19200300.100.1.1=marc.stjacqu...
Issuer	cn=Notarius Certificate Authority, o=Not...
Serial number	37 DE AB 8A 00 00 00 00 54 92 53 01
Validity starts	2017/02/02 14:43:16 -04'00'
Validity ends	2019/02/02 15:13:16 -04'00'
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cn=Marc St-Jacques -- Notarius  
ou=Solutions Notarius  
o=CertifiO - Empl. - AATL  
c=CA







# Trust and Validation

Certificate details	In the example	AALA/BCSLA/MALA Digital Seal
UID ( User ID)	1234 + Marc St-Jacques + marc.stjacques@notarius.com	<b>Landscape Architect's Member number + email</b>
CN (common Name)	Marc St-Jacques	<b>Landscape Architect's Name</b>
OU (Issuer)	Notarius	<b>AALA/BCSLA/MALA</b>
O (product name)	CertifiO for Employee	<b>CertifiO for professional</b>
C (roots)	Certificate Authority	<b>Certificate Authority</b>



# Digitally signing a portfolio??

## PDF/A-3 ISO standard

The PDF/A-3 standards allow for embedding of files of any type, within a PDF. Our Software *ConsignO Desktop* allow for the creation of a PDF/A-3.

It is done by converting a document to a PDF/A-3 and then adding the attachments to the document. The whole can be digitally signed.

**...BIM MODELS , AUTOCAD, AUTODESK REVIT, EXCEL SPREADSHEETS, IMAGES, VIDEOS, etc...**

What does a modified  
PDF look like, if digitally  
signed?



# Digitally Signed PDF That Was Tampered

A Drawing - Modified.pdf - Adobe Acrobat Pro


File Edit View Window Help


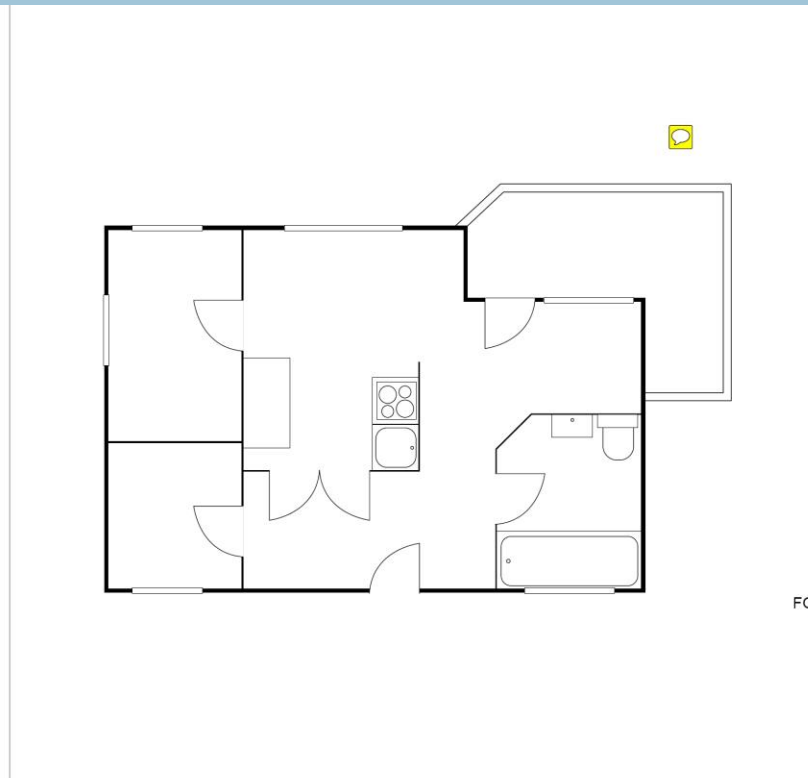
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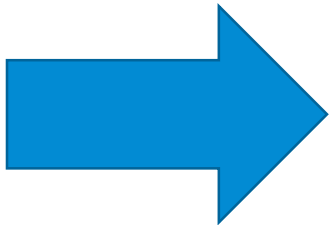
Signature Panel

 Signed and all signatures are valid, but with unsigned changes after the last signature.




FOR CONSTRUCTION

The image shows a screenshot of Adobe Acrobat Pro displaying a PDF document titled 'A Drawing - Modified.pdf'. The document contains a floor plan diagram of a building with a kitchen, bathroom, and living area. A yellow warning icon is visible in the top right corner of the drawing area. A blue arrow points from the left towards the drawing area. The right sidebar shows the 'Sign' and 'Comment' panels, with the 'Signature Panel' active. The text 'FOR CONSTRUCTION' is visible at the bottom right of the drawing area.



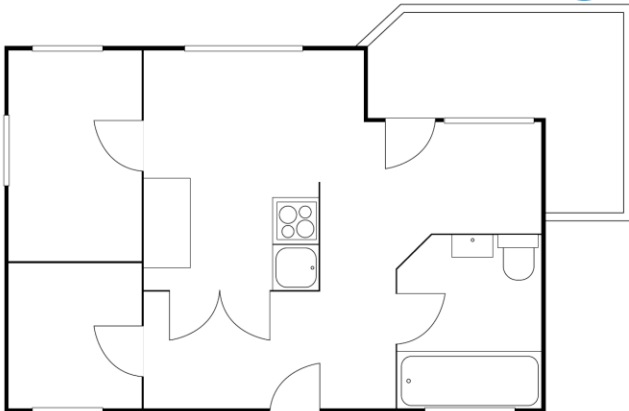




# Digitally Signed PDF That Was Tampered


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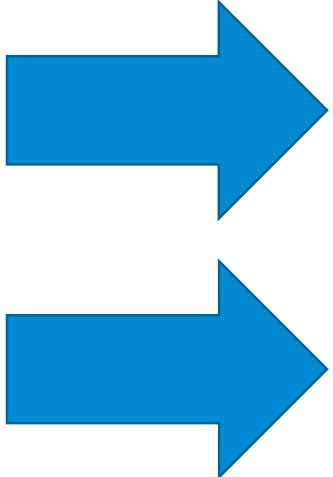
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    - Signed by the current user
    - The signature includes an embedded timestamp.
    - Signature is LTV enabled
  - Signature Details
    - Last Checked: 2017.11.12 12:11:54 -05'00'
    - Field: Signature1 on page 1
    - [Click to view this version](#)
  - Annotations Created
    - FreeText annot on page 1
    - Text annot on page 1**
    - Stamp annot on page 1









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**Signed and**

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**Signature Details**

- Reason: August 23, 2029
- Certificate Details...
- Last Checked: 2017.11.12 12:20:02 -05'00'
- Field: Signature1 on page 1

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Why Notarius?



# The Big Picture

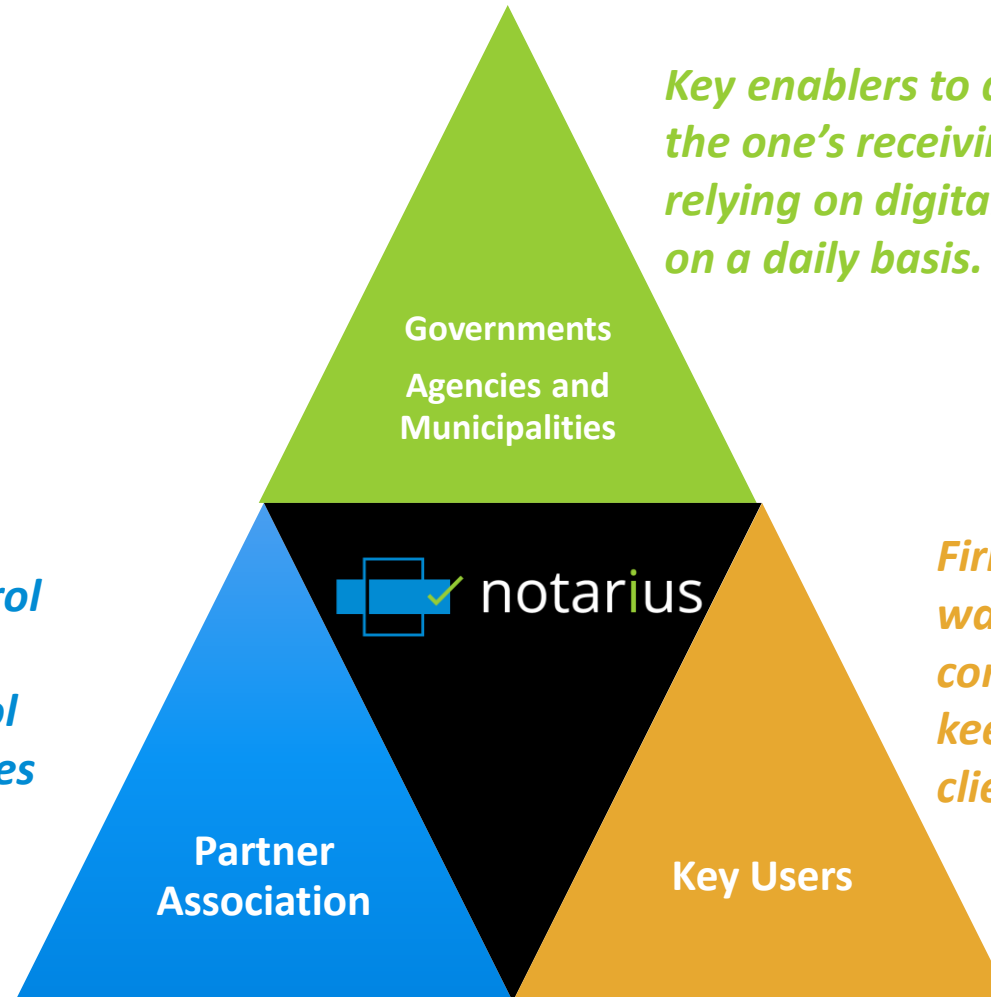
**A sustainable digital professional ecosystem consists of 3 key participants:**

1. Trusted issuer: Association
2. Users: Professionals
3. Recognition: Client acceptance and reliance

*They establish competency profiles, control admission to the profession and ensures members remain competent. They control the issuance of digital seals and signatures needed by professionals.*



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LANDSCAPE ARCHITECTS



*Key enablers to digital transformation, they are the one's receiving / consuming / approving / relying on digitally signed and sealed documents on a daily basis.*

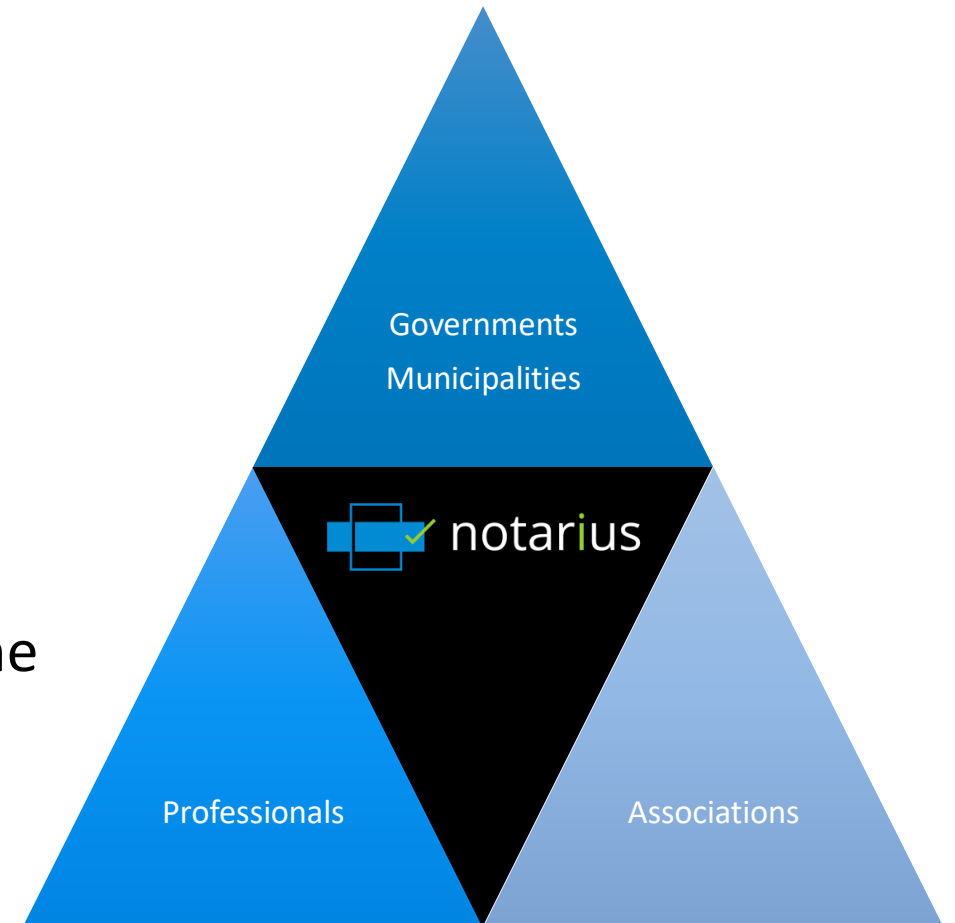
*Firms that thrive in finding new ways to be efficient. precursors of a constantly evolving practice, keeping pace with technology and client's needs.*





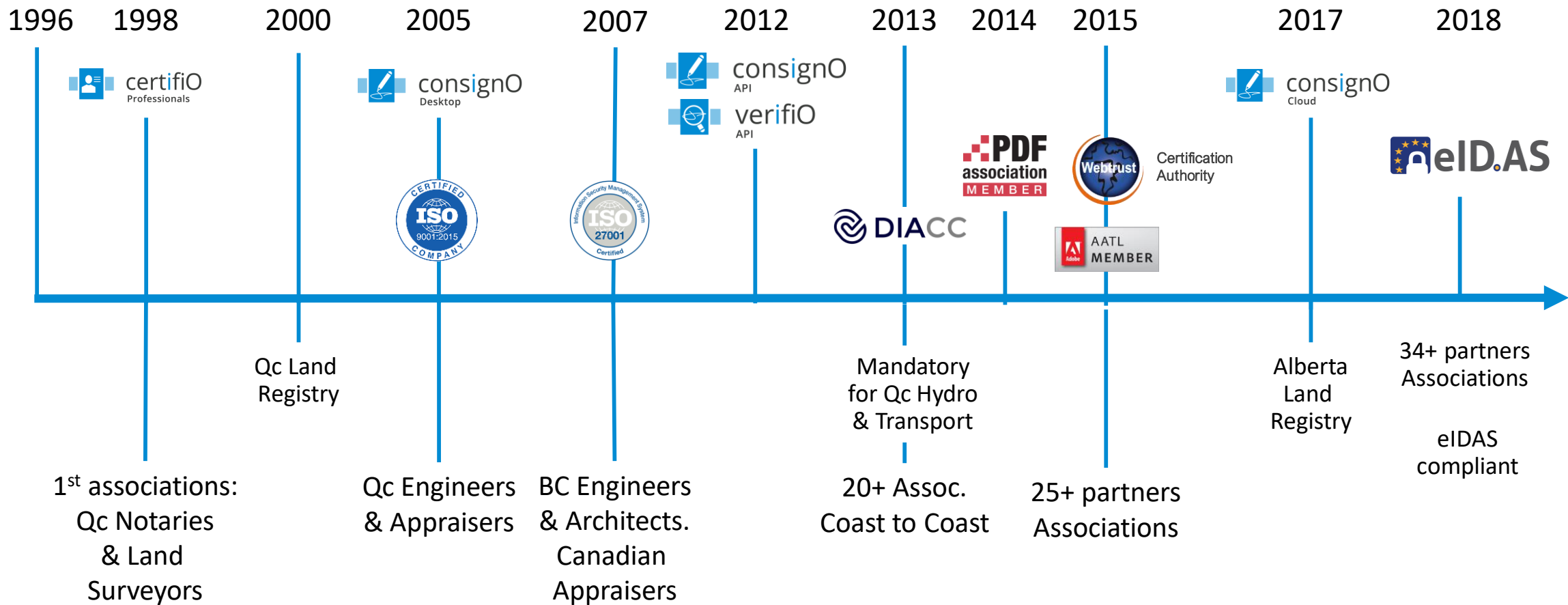
# Founded in 1996

- Non-profit, turned corporate in 1998
- Certified ISO 9001 & 27001
- PDF Association & AATL Member
- Using PDF/A – ISO standard 19005
- 34 partnerships within 12 professions
- Recognized by government entities throughout the country





# Our Journey





# Our Partners



ASSOCIATION DES ARCHITECTES PAYSAGISTES DU QUÉBEC

British Columbia Society of LANDSCAPE ARCHITECTS

MALA MANITOBA ASSOCIATION OF LANDSCAPE ARCHITECTS

AIBC ARCHITECTURAL INSTITUTE OF BRITISH COLUMBIA

ORDRE DES ARCHITECTES DU QUÉBEC

The Alberta Association of Architects Architects and Licensed Interior Designers

ENGINEERS GEOSCIENTISTS New Brunswick

ASET

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Engineers Yukon

Engineers NOVA SCOTIA

ASSOCIATION OF BC FOREST PROFESSIONALS

Engineers PEI

Ordre des ARPENTEURS-GÉOMÈTRES du Québec

ORDRE DES ÉVALUATEURS AGRÉÉS DU QUÉBEC

Ordre des géologues du Québec

APEGA The Association of Professional Engineers and Geoscientists of Alberta

Chambre des notaires

ORDRE DES CHIMISTES DU QUÉBEC

Ordre des ingénieurs du Québec

Alberta Land Surveyors' Association

APEGS Saskatchewan's Professional Engineers and Geoscientists

ENGINEERS & GEOSCIENTISTS BRITISH COLUMBIA

LAW SOCIETY of ALBERTA

ENGINEERS GEOSCIENTISTS MANITOBA

ASSOCIATION DES ARCHIVIS DU QUÉBEC

Ordre des Urbanistes du Québec

ORDRE DES TECHNOLOGUES PROFESSIONNELS DU QUÉBEC

Ordre des AGRONOMES du Québec

Appraisal Institute of Canada Institut canadien des évaluateurs

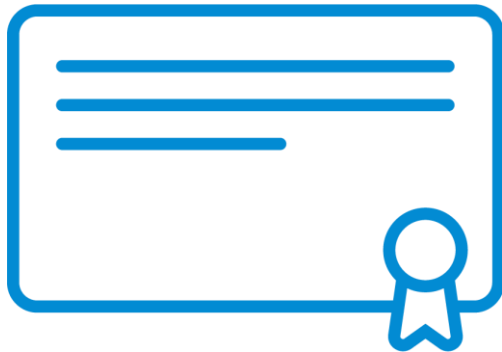


# Our Solutions



certifiO

**Identity**



consignO

**Productivity**



verifiO

**Validity**



How much does it save?



# Cost of Status Quo

**Printing – Signing – Scanning is an outdated approach to document management.**

- **Expensive to print**
- **Extensive manipulation to complete sealing workflow**
- **Time consuming to scan**
- **Loss of quality if scanned multiple times**
- **Gigantic file sizes rendered by scanning paper**



# ROI Of Digital Transformation

Task	Paper authentication	Digital authentication
Create	\$\$\$	\$
Sign	\$	\$
Scan	\$\$\$	
Shipping	\$\$\$	\$
Archive	\$\$\$	\$
Quality		
Cost	\$\$\$	\$
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On average, a signer can save over \$1000 per year/per person



On average, a signer can expect to save 16 hours of work per year/per person

How much does it cost?





# How to Subscribe & Pricing



	Sign Up (One-Time)	Subscription (Yearly)
certifiO Professionals	\$140**	\$185
consignO Desktop	\$0	\$75 *
	<b>FREE W/SUBSCRIPTION</b>	<b>FREE W/SUBSCRIPTION</b>

\* Landscape Architects who have already subscribed to a Digital Signature which was approved in another jurisdiction or by another Professional association in the same jurisdiction  
 \*\* 90 days promo at launch :40\$



<https://notarius.com/AALA>



<https://notarius.com/BCSLA>

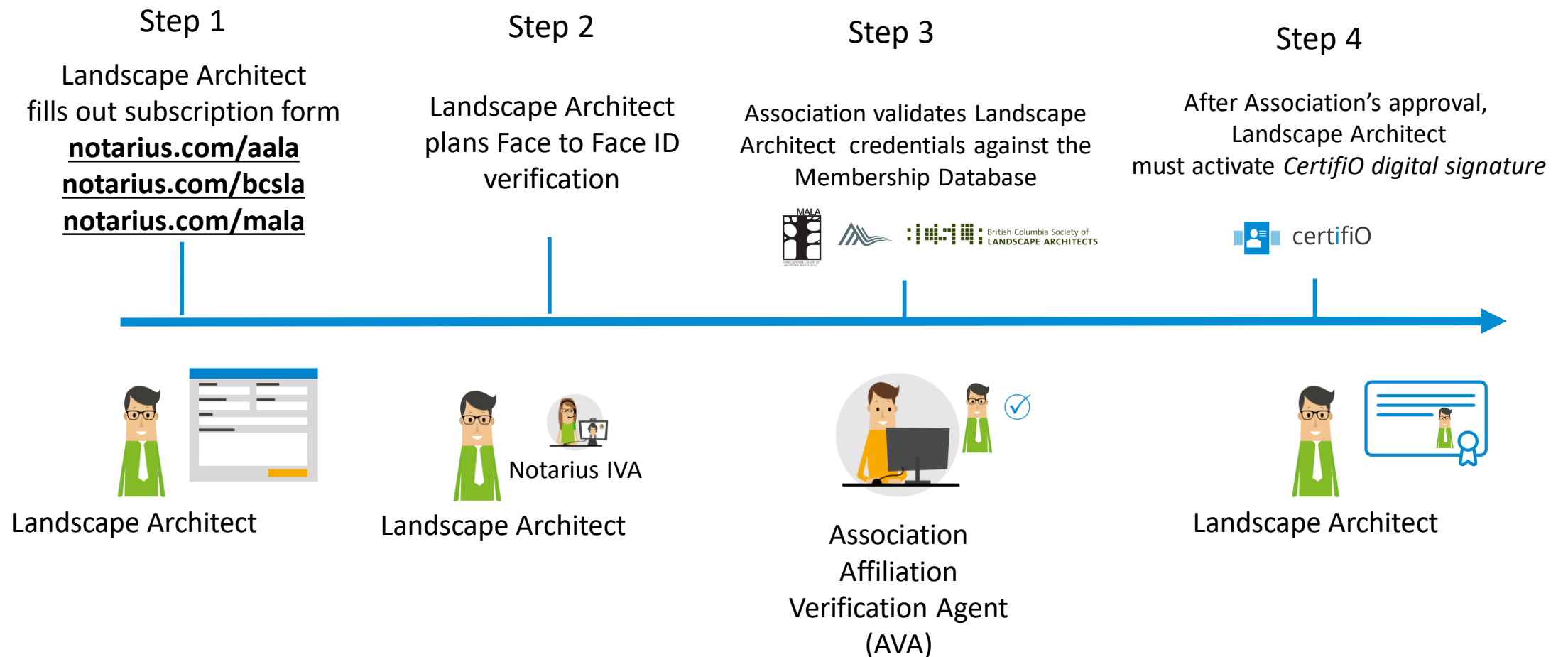


<https://notarius.com/MALA> (soon to be launched)

What's next?



# Digital Signature Subscription process





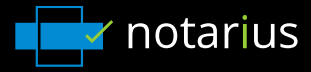
# Need Help?



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Customer Care

Notarius presently services a large community of users from coast to coast. As such, our digital signature services include a variety of training tools and assistance, free of charge.

- **Documentation:** <https://notarius.com/en/resources>
- **Help/FAQ Section:** <https://notarius.com/help>
- **ConsignO Desktop Training Videos:** <https://notarius.com/videos>
- **ConsignO Desktop User Guide:** <https://notarius.com/guide>
- **Live Webinar every week:** <https://notarius.com/webinars>
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