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CERTIFICATION OF TRUST AND TRUST ACCOUNT OPENING

Trust account checklist

One per trust. Trust law is state law, so check the state's statute and the firm's rules. General information, not legal or tax advice.

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Client _____ Trust name and date signed _____ State of the trust / the firm _____

1. THE CERTIFICATION

- [ ] Firm says what it accepts: certification of trust, its own form or other trust pages
- [ ] States that the trust exists and the date it was signed
- [ ] Names the settlor and the current trustee(s)
- [ ] Lists the trustee's powers
- [ ] Says whether the trust is revocable and who can revoke it
- [ ] Says how co-trustees sign: all of them or fewer
- [ ] States the trust has not been revoked, modified or amended in a way that makes it incorrect
- [ ] Signed by the trustees the state calls for (California: all current trustees, acknowledged, in practice before a notary: confirm)
- [ ] Notary, if the firm or the state wants one

2. THE TAX ID

- [ ] Trust has its own EIN: number on file
- [ ] Or one living grantor reports under their name and SSN. Two or more grantors: the trust's own TIN. Spouses filing jointly count as one. Confirmed with the tax preparer or attorney
- [ ] Revocable trust became irrevocable: ask about a new EIN

3. THE TRUSTEES

- [ ] What the firm asks for from each current trustee: name, address, date of birth, photo ID
- [ ] Firm has said whose identity it verifies (the account opener, or those who control the account)
- [ ] Trusted contact person named, if the client wants one

4. TITLE AND APPLICATION

- [ ] Account title as the firm words it
- [ ] Trust name and date match the certification
- [ ] New account, or an existing account retitled into the trust
- [ ] Firm's trust account application completed and signed

5. CHANGES LATER

- [ ] Amendment, new trustee or changed powers: ask the client's attorney if a new certification is needed
- [ ] Successor trustee steps in: ask the firm and the attorney what it needs
- [ ] Firm asks for the full trust: ask an attorney before agreeing

QUESTIONS FOR THE CLIENT MEETING

- [ ] What is the trust called, and when was it signed?
- [ ] Who are the current trustees? Any co-trustee or successor?
- [ ] Revocable? Amended since it was signed?
- [ ] EIN, or the grantor's Social Security number?
- [ ] Does the attorney have a certification ready?
- [ ] New account, or retitling an existing one?
- [ ] Does the trust own real estate?
- [ ] Who is the trusted contact?

TRUSTEES

TRUSTEE NAME	DATE OF BIRTH	ID TYPE AND NUMBER	SIGNED

Marloo fills the forms you open, from the client's record. You review and submit. The full guide, with sources: marloo.com/us/guides/certification-of-trust. See Marloo: marloo.com/us/book

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