



GLP Info Notes 20.0 – Notarius Digital Seal

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PEO is now using the service of Notarius to provide its licence holders with a **PEO Digital Signature**.

A digital signature is data attached to a PDF/A file that proves the person sending the file is who they claim to be and that the file has not been altered since it was digitally signed.

In the past, PEO licence holders occasionally ran into issues with having their seal used for **fraudulent activities**.

In October 2020, a PEO licence holder had their signature being used to **confirm the safety of sites** they had never worked on.

Documents that PEO licence holders produce must have **signatures that comply** with the Use of Professional Engineer's Seal.

The digital signature:

- Guarantees the **identity** of the document, which includes proof of the signer's identity.

- Ensures **integrity** of the document and that it will not and cannot be altered since its completion.
- Establishes **authenticity** of the document.

The use of the digital seal will help in the regulatory role of PEO, which is to ensure that engineering is done in **the interest of the public**.

For more information on the digital seal and how to use it, click [here](#)

Key Talking Points:

- The use of the digital seal creates more **security** for PEO licence holders.
- It ensures **authenticity** of all documents and allows PEO as a regulator to have a better control over unlawful **handlings of documentation**.
- In a new environment where everything is now virtual, digital signatures allow for an **easier and more efficient process** – a testament to the fact that PEO is moving with the times.