§ 1200.4 How does NARA use its official seals?

NARA uses its three official seals to authenticate various copies of documents and for informational purposes as follows:

(a) The National Archives and Records Administration seal, dated 1985, is used:
   (1) For official business;
   (2) To authenticate copies of Federal records in NARA’s temporary custody and copies of NARA operational records; and
   (3) For informational purposes with NARA’s prior approval (includes use by NARA employees, the public, and other Federal agencies).

(b) The National Archives seal, dated 1934, is used to authenticate copies of documents in NARA’s permanent legal custody.

(c) The National Archives Trust Fund Board seal, dated 1941, is used for Trust Fund documents and publications.


§ 1200.6 Who is authorized to apply the official seals on documents or other materials?

The Archivist of the United States (and the Archivist’s designee) is the only individual authorized to apply NARA official seals, embossing seals, and replicas and reproductions of seals to appropriate documents, authentications, and other material. NARA accepts requests to use the official seals and approves or denies them based on the criteria identified in §1200.10.

§ 1200.7 What are NARA logos and how are they used?

(a) Agency logo. NARA has one official agency logo, which is illustrated as follows:

Figure 3 – National Archives Trust Fund Board Seal

(c) The National Archives Trust Fund Board seal, dated 1941, is used for Trust Fund documents and publications.