

FORMAT STANDARDS

Pursuant to SDCL 43-28-23 any real estate document recorded with the Register of Deeds, except for plats, shall:

- Consists of one or more individual sheets measuring no larger than 8.5 inches by 14 inches and no smaller than 8.5 inches by 11 inches. No sheet may be attached or affixed to a page that covers up any information or printed material on the document;
- Be printed, typewritten, or computer generated in black ink and the print type of the document may not be smaller than 10 point type;
- Be on white paper of not less than twenty pound weight;
- Contain a blank space at the top measuring no less than three inches as measured from the top of the first page. The right half shall be used by the Register of Deeds for recording information and the left half shall be used by the document preparer as required pursuant to 7-9-4 and may include a return designation and address. All other margins shall be a minimum of one inch;
- Have a title prominently displayed at the top of the first page below the blank space referred to in the previous paragraph;
- Be sufficiently legible to reproduce a readable copy using the Register of Deed's current method of reproduction.

The provisions of this section do not apply to any real estate document prepared and executed prior to July 1, 2002.