§ 203. Oaths and acknowledgments. The commissioner of motor vehicles, a deputy commissioner, an assistant deputy commissioner or a motor vehicle referee shall have power to administer oaths and take affidavits and acknowledgments in relation to any matter or proceeding in the exercise of the powers or the performance of the duties of the commissioner under this chapter. Any officer or employee of the department of motor vehicles, designated for that purpose by the commissioner of motor vehicles, or any assistant to a county clerk as may be designated by such county clerk, shall have power to take any affidavit or acknowledgment which any person is required to file with the department of motor vehicles.