



## 2010 CHAPTER 2

### *Determination of applications*

#### **Duration of operators' licences**

**15.—**(1) The date on which an operator's licence is to come into force shall be specified in the licence.

(2) Subject to its revocation or other termination under any provision of this Act or any other statutory provision, an operator's licence (other than an interim licence issued under section 21) shall continue in force indefinitely.

(3) If the holder of an operator's licence requests the Department to terminate it at any time, the Department shall, subject to subsection (4), comply with the request.

(4) The Department may refuse to comply with the request if it is considering giving a direction in respect of the licence under section 23 or 24.

(5) An operator's licence held by an individual terminates if—

- (a) the individual dies, or
- (b) the individual becomes a patient within the meaning of Article 2(2) of the [Mental Health \(Northern Ireland\) Order 1986 \(NI 4\)](#).