



Presumption of Death Act 2013

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Declaration of presumed death

2 Making declaration

- (1) On an application under section 1, the court must make the declaration if it is satisfied that the missing person—
 - (a) has died, or
 - (b) has not been known to be alive for a period of at least 7 years.
- (2) It must include in the declaration a finding as to the date and time of the missing person's death.
- (3) Where the court—
 - (a) is satisfied that the missing person has died, but
 - (b) is uncertain at which moment during a period the missing person died,the finding must be that the missing person is presumed to have died at the end of that period.
- (4) Where the court—
 - (a) is satisfied that the missing person has not been known to be alive for a period of at least 7 years, but
 - (b) is not satisfied that the missing person has died,the finding must be that the missing person is presumed to have died at the end of the period of 7 years beginning with the day after the day on which he or she was last known to be alive.