



Coronavirus Act 2020

2020 CHAPTER 7

PART 1

MAIN PROVISIONS

Registration of deaths and still-births etc

19 Confirmatory medical certificate not required for cremations: England and Wales

- (1) Regulation 16 of the Cremation (England and Wales) Regulations 2008 (S.I. 2008/2841) (which sets out preconditions for the cremation of the remains of a deceased person) has effect as if paragraph (1)(c)(i) did not require a confirmatory medical certificate to be given in accordance with regulation 17(2) of the Regulations.
- (2) In relation to a case where regulation 16 has effect as mentioned in subsection (1), the Cremation (England and Wales) Regulations 2008 have effect with the following modifications.
- (3) Regulation 2(1) (interpretation) has effect as if for the definition of “medical certificate” and “confirmatory medical certificate” there were substituted—

““medical certificate” is a reference to the certificate so named given in accordance with regulation 17(1);”.
- (4) Regulation 12 (supplementary powers of medical referee) has effect as if subparagraph (a) were omitted.
- (5) Regulation 14(2)(b)(i) (forms) has effect as if the words “the confirmatory medical certificate,” were omitted.
- (6) Regulation 17 (medical certificate and confirmatory medical certificate) has effect as if—
 - (a) in the heading the words “and confirmatory medical certificate” were omitted, and

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- (b) paragraphs (2) to (4) were omitted.
- (7) Regulation 22 (right to inspect medical certificate and confirmatory medical certificate) has effect as if—
- (a) in the heading the words “and confirmatory medical certificate” were omitted,
 - (b) in paragraph (1)(a)(i) the words “and confirmatory medical certificate” were omitted,
 - (c) in paragraph (1)(a)(ii) for “those certificates” there were substituted “ that certificate ”,
 - (d) in paragraph (2) the words “and confirmatory medical certificate” were omitted and for “those certificates” there were substituted “ that certificate ”,
 - (e) in paragraph (3)(a) the words “and confirmatory medical certificate” were omitted, and
 - (f) in paragraph (3)(b) for “such a” there were substituted “ the ”.
- (8) Regulation 23 (authorisation of cremation of the remains of a deceased person by medical referee) has effect as if—
- (a) in paragraph (1)(d)(ii) for “certificates have” there were substituted “ a certificate has ”,
 - (b) in paragraph (2) the words “and confirmatory medical certificate” were omitted.
- (9) Regulation 24(4)(b) (medical referee not satisfied about the cause of death of the deceased person) has effect as if the words “or confirmatory medical certificate” were omitted.
- (10) Regulation 33(2)(k) (register kept by registrar) has effect as if the words “and confirmatory medical certificate” were omitted.
- (11) At the end of a period for which this section has effect, it continues to apply in relation to the cremation of the remains of a person who died during that period but whose remains have not been cremated unless, at the end of that period, a medical certificate has not been completed in relation to the deceased person for the purposes of regulation 16(1)(c)(i) of the Cremation (England and Wales) Regulations 2008.

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