

# Certification of Death (Scotland) Act 2011

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#### Medical reviewers

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Referral of medical certificates of cause of death for review

- 2 Referral of certain medical certificates of cause of death for review
- 3 Medical reviewer requests
- 4 Application for review of certificate by interested person
- 5 Stay of registration of death pending review
- 6 Request for review not to stay registration
- 7 Medical reviewer to determine whether review to stay registration

## Review of medical certificates of cause of death

- 8 Review of medical certificates of cause of death
- 9 Action following satisfactory review
- 10 Action following unsatisfactory review: medical reviewer
- 11 Action following unsatisfactory review: senior medical reviewer
- 12 Action where relevant medical practitioner is unavailable or incapacitated
- 13 Duty to inform following review

# Powers of medical reviewers

- 14 Power to require documents
- 15 Documents: offences

# Duty to report suspicions of criminality

16 Involvement of procurator fiscal

#### Deaths outwith Scotland

17 Verification of foreign death certificates

- 18 Medical reviewers to authorise cremation
- 19 Post-mortem examination of person who died outwith United Kingdom

## Other functions of medical reviewers

- 20 Training and information functions
- 21 Duty to co-operate
- 22 Guidance
- 23 Annual report

#### Fees

24 Fees in respect of medical reviewer functions

### Disposal of bodies

- 25 Prohibition on disposal of body without authorisation
- 26 Certifying medical practitioner to provide additional information
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#### General

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#### SCHEDULE 1 — STATUS AND APPOINTMENT OF MEDICAL REVIEWERS

- 1 Schedule 5A to the 1978 Act (Healthcare Improvement Scotland) is...
- 2 After paragraph 7 insert— Medical reviewers (1) HIS must appoint persons employed under paragraph 7(5) to...
- 3 In paragraph 11 (delegation of functions)— (a) in sub-paragraph (1),...

# SCHEDULE 2 — MINOR AND CONSEQUENTIAL MODIFICATIONS

- 1 Cremation Act 1902 (c. 8)
- 2 Cremation Act 1952 (c. 31)
- Registration of Births, Deaths and Marriages (Scotland) Act 1965 (c. 49)
- 4 In section 24 of the 1965 Act (certificate of cause...
- 5 Section 27(2) and (3) of the 1965 Act (transmission of...
- 6 In section 56(1) of the 1965 Act (interpretation)—