



Coroners and Justice Act 2009

2009 CHAPTER 25

PART 1

CORONERS ETC

CHAPTER 2

NOTIFICATION, CERTIFICATION AND REGISTRATION OF DEATHS

19 Medical examiners [F¹: supplementary]

F²(1)

F³(2)

(3) A person may be appointed as a medical examiner only if, at the time of the appointment, he or she—

- (a) is a registered medical practitioner and has been throughout the previous 5 years, and
- (b) practises as such or has done within the previous 5 years.

(4) The appropriate Minister may by regulations make—

- (a) provision about the terms of appointment of medical examiners and about termination of appointment;
- (b) provision for the payment to medical examiners of remuneration, expenses, fees, compensation for termination of appointment, pensions, allowances or gratuities;
- (c) provision as to training—
 - (i) to be undertaken as a precondition for appointment as a medical examiner;
 - (ii) to be undertaken by medical examiners;
- (d) provision about the procedure to be followed in connection with the exercise of functions by medical examiners;

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- (e) provision conferring functions on medical examiners;
 - (f) provision for functions of medical examiners to be exercised, during a period of emergency, by persons not meeting the criteria in subsection (3).
- (5) Nothing in [^{F4}section 18A or 18B or] this section, or in regulations under this section, gives [^{F5}an English NHS body (as defined by section 18A) or a Welsh NHS body (as defined by section 18B)] any role in relation to the way in which medical examiners exercise their professional judgment as medical practitioners.
- (6) In this section “the appropriate Minister” means—
- (a) in relation to England, the Secretary of State;
 - (b) in relation to Wales, the Welsh Ministers.
- (7) For the purposes of this section a “period of emergency” is a period certified as such by the Secretary of State on the basis that there is or has been, or is about to be, an event or situation involving or causing, or having the potential to cause, a substantial loss of human life throughout, or in any part of, England and Wales.
- (8) A certification under subsection (7) must specify—
- (a) the date when the period of emergency begins, and
 - (b) the date when it is to end.
- (9) Subsection (8)(b) does not prevent the Secretary of State certifying a new period of emergency in respect of the same event or situation.

Textual Amendments

- F1** Words in s. 19 heading inserted (1.10.2023) by [Health and Care Act 2022 \(c. 31\)](#), **ss. 169(2)(a)**, 186(6); S.I. 2023/1035, reg. 2(b)
- F2** S. 19(1) omitted (1.10.2023) by virtue of [Health and Care Act 2022 \(c. 31\)](#), **ss. 169(2)(b)**, 186(6); S.I. 2023/1035, reg. 2(b)
- F3** S. 19(2) omitted (1.10.2023) by virtue of [Health and Care Act 2022 \(c. 31\)](#), **ss. 169(2)(b)**, 186(6); S.I. 2023/1035, reg. 2(b)
- F4** Words in s. 19(5) inserted (1.10.2023) by [Health and Care Act 2022 \(c. 31\)](#), **ss. 169(2)(c)(i)**, 186(6); S.I. 2023/1035, reg. 2(b)
- F5** Words in s. 19(5) substituted (1.10.2023) by [Health and Care Act 2022 \(c. 31\)](#), **ss. 169(2)(c)(ii)**, 186(6); S.I. 2023/1035, reg. 2(b)

Commencement Information

- I1** S. 19 in force at 1.10.2023 by [S.I. 2023/1036](#), **art. 2(a)**

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Changes and effects yet to be applied to the whole Act associated Parts and Chapters:

Whole provisions yet to be inserted into this Act (including any effects on those provisions):

- s. 11A and cross-heading inserted by [2023 c. 41 Sch. 11 para. 1\(1\)](#)
- Sch. 1A inserted by [2023 c. 41 Sch. 11 para. 1\(2\)](#)