



Statutory Document No. 142/97

THE CREMATION ACT 1957

THE CREMATION (FEES) REGULATIONS 1997

Approved by Tynwald: 20th May, 1997

Coming into operation 1st June, 1997

In exercise of the powers conferred on the Department of Local Government and the Environment by Section 6(1) of the Cremation Act 1957 (a), and of all other enabling powers, the following Regulations are hereby made:-

Citation, commencement and interpretation

1. (1) These Regulations may be cited as the Cremation (Fees) Regulations 1997 and, subject to Section 6 (2) of the Cremation Act 1957, shall come into operation on 1st June, 1997.

(2) In these Regulations 'doctor' means a fully registered person within the meaning of the Medical Act 1983 (b) (an Act of Parliament).

Fees for Medical Certificates

2. The fee which may be charged by a doctor for the issue of a certificate in form B or C in the Schedule to the Cremation Regulations 1985 (c) shall be as follows

Form B £36.00
Form C £36.00

Revocation

3. The Cremation (Fees) Regulations 1996 (d) are revoked.

MADE 22nd April, 1997.

Minister for Local Government and the Environment

(a) XVIII p. 789; (b) 1983 c. 54; (c) G.C 185/85; (d) SD 170/96

Price: 20p

EXPLANATORY NOTE

(This note is not part of the Regulations)

These Regulations replace the Cremation (Fees) Regulations 1996 and increase the fees that may be charged for completing various certificates required under the Cremation Regulations. The fees for Forms B and C, Certificates of Medical Attendant, and Confirmatory Medical Certificates, respectively, are increased to £36.00 in line with the fees currently recommended by the British Medical Association.



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EXPLANATORY NOTE TO MEMBERS
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The Cremation Regulations 1985 provide that before a Cremation may take place a certificate Form B must be given by the Registered Medical Practitioner who used to treat the deceased and who has since identified the body. The Medical Practitioner certifies that there are no circumstances about the death which would make an inquest necessary and therefore that the body may be released for Cremation. A confirmatory medical certificate Form C must be completed by another independent Medical Practitioner to prevent any danger of the first Doctor (unwittingly) assisting in the covering up of an unnatural death by allowing the cremation of the body.

Under the terms of Section 6 of the Cremation Act 1957 fees are payable to the Doctors for the issue of these various certificates. The fees payable are prescribed by regulations made by the Department and approved by Tynwald.

The present fees, which were approved by Tynwald in May 1996, are:-

Form B - £34.50
Form C - £34.50

The proposed fees are:-

Form B - £36.00
Form C - £36.00

These fees are based on the equivalent UK fees and the percentage increase over the 1996 fee is 4.3%. The fees are separate from the fees due in respect of the actual cremations at the Borough Crematorium. They are purely the fees payable to the Doctors for the required certificate.

Since the fees are payable by the Funeral Director to the Doctor, no Government expenditure is involved.