

# Certificate of Medical Practitioner



Form B Cremation Regulations 1973 Reg 7(1)(a)

Consecutive cremation number: \_\_\_\_\_

**The medical practitioner completing this certificate must place it in a sealed envelope and hand or send it to a medical referee.**

I am informed that application is about to be made for the cremation of the body of:

Full name of deceased: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Occupation: \_\_\_\_\_

As a medical practitioner who is required or permitted by section 46B or section 46C(1) of the Burial and Cremation Act 1964 to give a doctor's certificate (as defined in section 2(1) of that Act) for the death, and who has seen and identified the body after death, I give the following answers to the questions set out below:

1. On what date and at what hour did he (or she) die? \_\_\_\_\_

2. Where did the deceased die? (Give address and say whether own residence, lodgings, hotel, hospital, nursing home, etc.)  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

3. Are you related to the deceased?  Yes  No If yes, what is the relationship: \_\_\_\_\_

4. Have you, so far as you are aware, any pecuniary interest in the deceased's death?  Yes  No

5. Were you the deceased's ordinary medical attendant?  Yes  No  
If yes, for how long? (How many weeks, months or years.) \_\_\_\_\_

6. Did you attend the deceased during his (or her) last illness?  Yes  No  
If yes, for how long? (state how many hours, days, weeks, or months):

7. If you attended the deceased during his (or her) last illness, when did you last see the deceased alive? (Say how many hours or days before death.)  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

8. a) How soon after death did you see the body? \_\_\_\_\_

b) What steps did you take to satisfy yourself as to the fact of death? \_\_\_\_\_

c) How did you establish the identity of the deceased person? (specify) \_\_\_\_\_

9. What were the causes of death? Period elapsing between onset of each condition and death? (years, months or days)

a) Immediate cause - the disease, injury or complication which caused death: \_\_\_\_\_

b) Morbid conditions (if any) giving rise to the immediate cause (place in chronological order, beginning with the **most** recent):  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

c) Other conditions (if any) contributing to death - pregnancy, parturition, over-exertion, dangerous occupation:  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
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9. (cont.) State how far your answers as to the causes of death and the duration of such causes are founded on your own observations or on statements made by others. If on statements by others, give their names and their relationship to the deceased.

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10. What was the mode of death? (say whether syncope, coma, exhaustion, convulsions etc) \_\_\_\_\_  
What was its duration? (State the number of days, hours or minutes; and state how far your answer as to the mode of death is founded on your own observations or on statements made by others. If on statements made by others, give their names and their relationship to the deceased.)

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11. Did the deceased undergo any operation during the final illness or within a year before death; if so, what was its nature, and who performed it?

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12. Who nursed the deceased during his (or her) last illness? (If death occurred in a hospital, this question may be answered by referring generally to the nursing staff in a specified ward, but otherwise give the names and say whether professional nurse, relative etc. If the illness was long, this question should be answered with reference to the period of four weeks before death):

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13. By what medical attendants (besides yourself, if applicable) was the deceased attended during his (or her) last illness?

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14. In view of the knowledge of the deceased's habits and constitution, do you feel any doubt whatever as to the character of the disease or the cause of death?  Yes  No

15. Do you know any reason to suspect that the death of the deceased was due, directly or indirectly to -

a) Violence  Yes  No                      b) Poison  Yes  No  
c) Privation or neglect  Yes  No                      d) Illegal operation  Yes  No

16. Have you any reason whatever to suppose a further examination of the body to be desirable?  Yes  No

17. Have you given the doctor's certificate (as defined in section 2(1) of the Burial and Cremation Act 1964) for the death  Yes  No

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#### FORM AB Cremation Regulations 1973 Reg 7(1)

### CERTIFICATE IN RELATION TO PACEMAKERS AND OTHER BIOMECHANICAL AIDS

I hereby certify that I have examined the body of the above-named deceased.

\* I am satisfied that the body does not contain a cardiac pacemaker or any other biomechanical aid.

\* I have removed from the body a cardiac pacemaker or other biomechanical aid, namely \_\_\_\_\_

\* Delete whichever is inapplicable

I hereby certify that the answers given above are true and accurate to the best of my knowledge and belief, and that there is no circumstance known to me which can give rise to any suspicion that the death was due wholly or in part to any other cause than disease (or accident) or which makes it desirable that the body should not be cremated.

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Full name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Registered qualifications: \_\_\_\_\_

#### PRIVACY STATEMENT:

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