



# Coroners Act (Northern Ireland) 1959

## 1959 CHAPTER 15

### 31 Verdicts. **N.I.**

- (1) Where all members of the jury at an inquest are agreed they shall give, in the form prescribed by rules under section thirty-six, their verdict setting forth, so far as such particulars have been proved to them, who the deceased person was and how, when and where he came to his death.
- (2) Where all members of the jury at an inquest fail, within such reasonable time as the coroner may determine, to agree upon a verdict as aforesaid, the coroner may discharge the jury and instruct<sup>F1</sup> Juries Officer for the <sup>F2</sup>... division where the inquest is held to summon another jury in accordance with the Juries (Northern Ireland) Order 1996], and thereupon the inquest shall proceed in all respects as if the proceedings which terminated in the disagreement had not taken place (save that none of the former jurors shall be eligible to serve on it) [<sup>F3</sup>; and in this subsection “Juries Officer” and “division” have the same meanings as in the Juries (Northern Ireland) Order 1996.] .

**F1** 1996 NI 6

**F2** Words in s. 31(2) repealed (31.10.2016) by [Justice Act \(Northern Ireland\) 2015 \(c. 9\)](#), s. 106(2), [Sch. 1 para. 50\(2\)\(a\)](#), [Sch. 9 Pt. 1](#) (with [Sch. 8 para. 1](#)); S.R. 2016/387, art. 2(k)(m) (with art. 3)

**F3** Words in s. 31(2) added (31.10.2016) by [Justice Act \(Northern Ireland\) 2015 \(c. 9\)](#), s. 106(2), [Sch. 1 para. 50\(2\)\(b\)](#) (with [Sch. 8 para. 1](#)); S.R. 2016/387, art. 2(k) (with art. 3)

**Changes to legislation:**

Coroners Act (Northern Ireland) 1959, Section 31 is up to date with all changes known to be in force on or before 24 April 2024. There are changes that may be brought into force at a future date. Changes that have been made appear in the content and are referenced with annotations.

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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. 16A-16C inserted by [2023 c. 41 s. 44\(1\)](#)