



# Certification of Death (Scotland) Act 2011

## 2011 asp 11

### *General*

#### **31 Interpretation**

(1) In this Act (unless the context otherwise requires)—

“the 1965 Act” means the Registration of Births, Deaths and Marriages (Scotland) Act 1965 (c. 49);

“the 1978 Act” means the National Health Service (Scotland) Act 1978 (c. 29);

“funeral director” means a person whose business consists of or includes the arrangement and conduct of funerals;

“Health Board” means a Health Board constituted under section 2 of the 1978 Act;

“health record” means a record which—

(a) consists of information relating to the physical or mental health of an individual, and

(b) has been made by or on behalf of a health professional in connection with the care of that individual;

“medical certificate of cause of death” means a certificate mentioned in section 24 of the 1965 Act;

“medical reviewer” means a person appointed under paragraph 7A(1) of Schedule 5A to the 1978 Act;

[<sup>F1</sup>“Public Health Scotland” means the Special Health Board of that name constituted by the Public Health Scotland Order 2019;]

“registration district” has the meaning given in section 5 of the 1965 Act;

“Registrar General” has the meaning given in section 1(2) of the 1965 Act;

“relevant registrar” means—

(a) the district registrar for a registration district—

(i) to whom a medical certificate of cause of death was transmitted under section 24 of the 1965 Act,

(ii) in the presence of whom a death registration form (within the meaning of section 23(1A) of the 1965 Act) was attested under section 23(1A)(a)(ii) of that Act, or

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(iii) to whom a death registration form was submitted under section 23(1A)(b) of that Act, or

(b) where the information mentioned in paragraph (a) is not known to the medical reviewer (or, as the case may, the senior medical reviewer), the Registrar General;

“relevant medical practitioner” means the registered medical practitioner who attested the certificate of cause of death under section 24 of the 1965 Act;

“senior medical reviewer” means the person appointed under paragraph 7A(2) of Schedule 5A to the 1978 Act;

“Special Health Board” means a Special Health Board constituted under section 2 of the 1978 Act.

(2) Unless the context otherwise requires, any undefined expression used in this Act but defined in section 56 of the 1965 Act is to be construed in accordance with section 56 of the 1965 Act.

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#### Textual Amendments

**F1** Words in s. 31 inserted (1.4.2020) by [The Public Health Scotland Order 2019 \(S.S.I. 2019/336\)](#), art. 1(3)(b), [sch. 2 para. 7\(3\)](#) (with art. 4(4)(5))

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#### Commencement Information

**II** S. 31 in force at 8.6.2013 by [S.S.I. 2013/159](#), art. 2, [Sch.](#)

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