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**EXPLANATORY NOTE**

*(This note is not part of the Regulations)*

These Regulations provide for a fee of £XX to be payable to a Local Health Board in respect of a medical examiner's confirmation of the cause of death stated on an attending practitioner's certificate or in respect of the issue of a medical examiner's certificate (regulation 2(1)). The fee must be paid within a 3 month period from the date the medical examiner confirmed the cause of death or from the date of signature of the medical examiner's certificate, whichever is applicable. The fee is payable by the person who gives the registrar for births and deaths for the sub-district in which the death occurred, or another prescribed officer, the confirmed attending practitioner's certificate or the medical examiner's certificate unless another person has paid the fee. The Regulations also provide for the registrar of births and deaths for the sub-district in which the death occurred to provide information to a Local Health Board for the purposes of enabling the health board to collect the prescribed fee (regulation 3).

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*Made* \*\*\*

*Laid before the National Assembly for Wales*  
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*Coming into force* \*\*\*

The Welsh Ministers, in exercise of the powers conferred by sections 20(5) and 176(3) of the Coroners and Justice Act 2009(1), make the following Regulations:

In accordance with section 176(5) of that Act, a draft of this instrument was laid before and approved by resolution of the National Assembly for Wales.

**Title, commencement and application**

**1.**—(1) The title of these Regulations is the Death Certification (Medical Examiners) (Fees) (Wales) Regulations 2018 and they come into force on XX.

(2) These Regulations apply in relation to Wales.

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(1) 2009 c.25; “the appropriate Minister” means in relation to Wales, the Welsh Ministers, see sections 20(7) and 19(6).

## Fee

2.—(1) A fee of £ X will be payable to a Local Health Board in respect of—

- (a) a medical examiner's confirmation of the cause of death stated on an attending practitioner's certificate; or
- (b) the issue of a medical examiner's certificate.

(2) The fee prescribed under paragraph (1) must be paid within the relevant period by the person who gives to the registrar of births and deaths for the sub-district in which the death occurred under section 22 (registration of cause of death on receipt of medical certificate) of the 1953 Act<sup>(1)</sup>—

- (a) the confirmed attending practitioner's certificate in respect of which a medical examiner has confirmed the cause of death stated on an attending practitioner's certificate; or
- (b) the medical examiner's certificate.

(3) The relevant period—

- (a) in relation to a fee payable under paragraph 1(a) is three months beginning with the date of the medical examiner's notification of confirmed cause of death form prepared in accordance with regulation 12(2) of the Death Certification Regulations 2014; or
- (b) in relation to a fee payable under paragraph 1(b) is three months beginning with the date of signature of the medical examiner's certificate prepared in accordance with regulation 22(2) of the Death Certification Regulations 2014.

(4) No fee will be payable by the person specified in paragraph (2) where another person pays the fee prescribed under paragraph (1) within the relevant period specified in paragraph (3).

## Information to be provided by a registrar

3. For the purposes of enabling the fee prescribed under regulation 2 to be collected, the registrar of births and deaths for the sub-district in which the death occurred or the body was found will provide to a Local Health Board that requests the information the name and address of the person who provided to the registrar or their officer a confirmed attending practitioner's certificate or a medical examiner's certificate.

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(1) The Births and Deaths Registration Act 1953 (c.20). Section 22 was substituted by the Coroners and Justice Act 2009, section 177(1) and Schedule 1, paragraphs 6 and 14.

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one of the Welsh Ministers

Date