

## Health Services

Cap. 44.

HEALTH SERVICES (ANATOMY)  
REGULATIONS, 1984S.I.  
1984/96.

**Authority:** These regulations were made on 20th June, 1984 by the Minister under section 10(1)(u) of the *Health Services Act*.

**Commencement:** 21st June, 1984.

1. These Regulations may be cited as the *Health Services (Anatomy) Regulations, 1984*.

2. In these regulations,

“anatomy” means human anatomy;

“body” means a dead human body;

“Inspector” means an Inspector appointed by the Minister under these regulations;

“licensee” means a person granted a licence under regulation 4;

“teacher of medicine” means any person who is employed or engaged as a professor or teacher of anatomy, pathology, medicine, surgery or obstetrics in any school of anatomy.

3. (1) Any teacher of medicine who wishes to practise anatomy shall make application to the Minister for a licence for the purpose.

(2) The application referred to in paragraph (1)

(a) must be in such form as the Minister approves, and

(b) must contain such information as the Minister requires.

4. (1) The Minister may, subject to the payment of a fee of \$500 by the applicant, grant to the applicant a licence to practise anatomy.

(2) No person shall receive or have in his possession for anatomical examination, or for examination anatomically,

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any body, unless he is the holder of a licence granted under paragraph (1).

(3) A licence shall state the school at which the licensee will practise anatomy.

(4) A licence granted under this regulation:

- (a) must be in the form set out in the Schedule;
- (b) expires on 31st December in the year in which it was granted;
- (c) is not transferable;
- (d) is subject to the terms and conditions contained therein; and
- (e) is renewable in the month of January of each year on payment of a fee of \$500.

(5) A licensee who makes an application to renew his licence after 31st January in any year shall pay, for late renewal, a fee that is twice as much as the fee specified in paragraph (4)(e).

(6) Any person who continues to practise anatomy after the expiry or revocation of his licence is guilty of an offence and is liable on summary conviction to a fine not exceeding the fee payable on the grant of a licence or to imprisonment for 1 year or both.

(7) A licensee who contravenes any term or condition contained in a licence is guilty of an offence and liable on summary conviction to a fine of \$5000 or imprisonment for 2 years or both.

(8) The Minister may revoke a licence

- (a) in the interest of public health;
- (b) for a contravention of a term or condition contained in a licence; or
- (c) in addition to any penalty imposed by these regulations, for contravention of these regulations.

5. (1) The Minister may appoint Inspectors for a school, and direct in what manner an Inspector shall carry out the duties of his office.

(2) An Inspector may visit and inspect at any time the school of anatomy for which he is appointed.

6. Every Inspector shall make a quarterly return to the Minister of every body that, during the preceding quarter, has been taken to the school for anatomical examination.

7. (1) If any person, either in writing at any time during his life or verbally in the presence of 2 or more witnesses during his last illness, directs that his body after death be examined anatomically, and if before the burial of the body the direction is made known to the person having lawful possession thereof, then the last-mentioned person may, unless he has reason to believe that the direction was subsequently withdrawn, authorise that the body be examined in accordance with the direction.

(2) Where a body is imported for anatomical examination the person importing the body must satisfy the Chief Medical Officer that paragraph (1) has been complied with.

(3) An undertaker having possession of a body for the purposes of burial only does not have possession of the body for the purposes of paragraph (1).

8. (1) The Chief Medical Officer shall not permit the dissection or anatomical examination of any body unless death was due to natural causes and the body has been appropriately embalmed.

(2) For the purposes of these regulations, where a deceased at the time of his death was suffering from an infectious disease his body shall not be permitted to be brought into Barbados.

9. (1) Any body mentioned in regulation 7 shall, before it is removed for anatomical examination, be placed in a decent coffin or shell.

(2) In no case shall any body be examined anatomically until after 1 week from the time of death, nor until after 24 hours' notice has been given to an Inspector of a school of anatomy of the intention to examine the body.

(3) Nothing in this regulation shall be construed to prevent or delay the embalming of any body with a view to its subsequent anatomical examination.

(4) All human remains resulting from the anatomical examination of any body shall be

(a) buried or cremated in accordance with the written instructions of an Inspector; or

(b) returned to the person from whom it was obtained for final disposal.

(5) A register shall be maintained in every school of anatomy, by or under the supervision of the senior teacher thereof, wherein shall be recorded in respect of every body received for anatomical examination

(a) the date of reception;

(b) the place from which the body was received;

(c) the sex, and, as far as is known at the time, the name and age; and

(d) the date and place of burial or cremation.

(6) In the month of November in each year the senior teacher of every school of anatomy shall send to the Inspector of the school a return specifying the information recorded pursuant to paragraph (5).

10. No person shall

(a) carry on or teach anatomy by means of the dissection of, or demonstration upon, any body;

(b) receive or possess any body for anatomical examination; or

(c) examine anatomically any body,  
at any place except a school of anatomy.

11. All persons who practise anatomy shall do so in such a way as to avoid unnecessary mutilation of any body that they may be examining anatomically, and shall conduct the examination in an orderly, quiet and decent manner.

12. Nothing in these regulations shall be construed to extend to or to prohibit any *post mortem* examination of any

body required or directed to be made by any competent legal authority.

13. Without limiting regulation 12, these regulations do not apply to any *post mortem* examination carried out for the purpose of establishing or confirming the cause of death or of investigating the existence or nature of abnormal conditions.

14. No room shall be used for anatomical purposes unless it has been inspected and approved for those purposes by the Chief Medical Officer.

15. Any person who sells or buys the body of any person who dies in Barbados for purposes of anatomical examination is guilty of an offence.

16. The *Health Services (Transportation of Human Remains) Regulations, 1969*, apply to any body imported into Barbados for the purposes of these regulations. S.I.  
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17. Any person who contravenes these regulations is guilty of an offence and liable on summary conviction to a fine of \$5 000 or to imprisonment for 12 months or both.

SCHEDULE

(Regulation 4(4))

MINISTRY OF HEALTH

Health Services (Anatomy) Regulations, 1984

LICENCE

This is to certify that .....  
(name of licensee)

of.....  
(address of licensee)

is hereby licensed to practise anatomy at .....  
(name and address of School)

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This Licence expires on the 31st day of December, 19.....

Granted this.....day of.....19.....

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Minister responsible for Health

Entered in Register .....