



**Federation of Burial and Cremation Authorities  
Institute of Cemetery and Crematorium Management  
National Association of Funeral Directors**

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Dear Colleagues,

This correspondence provides some information relating to the General Medical Council's (GMC) revalidation process in respect of crematoria medical referees in Scotland. You may wish to share this information with your members who may wish, in turn, to share this with crematoria and / or their medical referee employees.

Initially, we can confirm that the role of crematoria medical referee in Scotland does continue to require a licence to practise, as per the Cremation (Scotland) Regulations 1935 in conjunction with the General Medical Council (Licence to Practise and Revalidation) Regulations Order of Council 2012.

All crematoria medical referees, as licensed practitioners, are therefore required by the GMC to engage with the revalidation arrangements. Initially, this will be through identifying and attaching themselves to their Responsible Officer (RO). Subsequently, this will involve discussing and agreeing revalidation requirements, including any required timescales for commencing and completing the process. These discussions and agreements will also take into account any other roles and functions undertaken by this particular group of licensed practitioners.

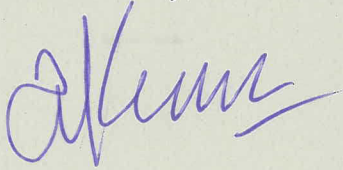
The GMC website holds a great deal of information relevant to the revalidation process and the options that can be discussed at the appropriate time between individual practitioner and RO. This can be accessed via the following link:

<http://www.gmc-uk.org/doctors/revalidation.asp>

All queries with regard to the GMC revalidation exercise should be directed to the GMC itself. This should ideally be between individual practitioner and their RO, in recognition that revalidation requirements will vary depending on the particular circumstances of each individual.

I hope this clarification is helpful,

Yours sincerely,



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