



NUI Galway Anatomical Donor Programme – Cremation Information

The following is some useful information regarding cremations and also attached is a leaflet about cremations in Ireland plus a sample application form similar to that used by all of the crematoria in Ireland, their contact details are on the leaflet.

Only a nearest surviving relative (NSR) can make a request for a cremation in conjunction with a funeral director /undertaker. There are a series of forms to be completed and NUI Galway can assist with this process.

Each crematorium has its own forms so it is important that you fill in the correct forms.

There are four main forms (A,B,C,D) associated with applications for a cremation.

The family of the person to be cremated is primarily concerned with form B because form B needs to be completed by the nearest surviving relative (NSR) or Executor.

Form B is sent back to us to be forwarded to the university's undertakers, and they then formally request the cremation, on your behalf, on a form A.

While that is being done, we at NUI Galway arrange for the local coroner to sign form D.

Form C is not required when the deceased is a donor from an Anatomical Donor Programme.

Following the cremation, usually a few days later, the nearest surviving relative (NSR) or Executor must collect the ashes in person or if unable to do so then, they must provide a letter of authorisation to another person to make the collection on their behalf.

Alternatively, the ashes can be sent by courier from the crematorium to a funeral director / undertaker by prior arrangement, usually to the one closest to the final resting place.

A minimum period of 3 weeks is required by NUI Galway when making arrangements for a cremation. We always wait for confirmation to proceed, plus receipt of form B for the chosen crematorium, before requesting the Coroner to sign form D.

There is a fee of €120 to be paid to the Coroner and NUI Galway will pay that fee plus, at present, NUI Galway also covers the expense of the coffin and removal from NUI Galway to the crematorium.

All other expenses are borne by the estate of the deceased and paid to the crematorium either directly or via the undertaker / funeral director.

Usually, the only other costs that may be incurred are the container for the ashes and the opening of the grave for burial. If the ashes are not collected in person, then there would be a further cost in arranging for a courier to deliver them from the crematorium to an undertaking firm.

Enquiries should be sent by letter or email or by phoning Anatomy.

Contact details are as follows -

Phone - 091-492712

Write – Anatomy, School of Medicine, NUI Galway, University Road, Galway

Email - bodydonation@nuigalway.ie