SCOTTISH STATUTORY INSTRUMENTS

2026 No. 51

DISPOSAL OF HUMAN REMAINS

The Hydrolysis (Scotland) (No. 2) Regulations 2026

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Coming into force - -	*2nd March 2026*

The Scottish Ministers make the following Regulations in exercise of the powers conferred by sections 47(1), 48(2), 56(1), 57(1) and (2) (as applied and modified by exercise of the power conferred by section 99(1)) and 106(1)(a) of the Burial and Cremation (Scotland) Act 2016(**a**) and all other powers enabling them to do so.

In accordance with section 104(4) of that Act the Scottish Ministers have consulted such persons they consider appropriate(**b**).

In accordance with section 106(2) of that Act a draft of this instrument has been laid before and approved by resolution of the Scottish Parliament(**c**).

Citation and commencement

1. These Regulations may be cited as the Hydrolysis (Scotland) (No. 2) Regulations 2026 and come into force on 2 March 2026.

Interpretation

2.—(1) In these Regulations—

"the Act" means the Burial and Cremation (Scotland) Act 2016,

"adult" means a person who is 16 years of age or over,

"child" means a person (other than a still-born child) who is under 16 years of age,

"electronic communication" has the meaning given in section 15(1) (general interpretation) of the Electronic Communications Act 2000(**d**) and similar expressions are to be construed accordingly,

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(**a**) 2016 asp 20 ("the Act"), as amended by S.S.I. 2026/50. The power in section 99(1) of the Act has been used in S.S.I. 2026/50 to provide that specified provisions of the Act apply, as if subject to the modifications specified in schedule 1 of that instrument, in relation to the disposal of human remains by hydrolysis, as defined in section 107(1) of the Act. These Regulations are made in exercise of the powers in sections 47(1), 48(2), 56(1) and 57(1) and (2) of the Act as applied in relation to hydrolysis and as if modified by regulation 2 and schedule 1 of S.S.I. 2026/50. For the purposes of section 57(1), "prescribed" means prescribed by the Scottish Ministers by regulations (see section 107(1)).

(**b**) The Scottish Ministers have not consulted hydrolysis authorities, as is required by section 104(4) as amended by S.S.I. 2026/50, because no hydrolysis authorities are yet in existence.

(**c**) The powers to make these Regulations are exercised together by virtue of section 33(2) of the Interpretation and Legislative Reform (Scotland) Act 2010 (asp 10). By virtue of section 33(3) of that Act, the Regulations are subject to the affirmative procedure.

(**d**) 2000 c. 7. Section 15 was amended by paragraph 158 of schedule 17 of the Communications Act 2003 (c. 21).

"joint hydrolysis" has the meaning given in regulation 7,

"shared hydrolysis" has the meaning given in regulation 8.

(2) A form set out in schedules 1 to 7 of these Regulations may be communicated electronically.

(3) A signature required as shown on a form set out in schedules 1 to 7 of these Regulations must, where—

(a) an electronic form is used or a form is an electronic communication, be—

(i) a signature in digital ink, or

(ii) an image of a signature,

(b) a paper form is used, be a signature in ink,

and must be the signatory's handwritten signature.

Management and operation of hydrolysis facilities

Management of hydrolysis facilities

3.—(1) Each hydrolysis authority must—

(a) prepare and maintain a hydrolysis facility management plan in accordance with paragraph (3) ("the Plan") in relation to each hydrolysis facility for which it is the hydrolysis authority,

(b) ensure that the hydrolysis facility is managed and operated in accordance with the Plan.

(2) A hydrolysis authority must make arrangements for the Plan to be available for inspection by—

(a) a person appointed under section 89(1)(ba) (inspectors of hydrolysis) of the Act(**a**),

(b) members of the public.

(3) For the purposes of this regulation a Plan is a document which is prepared and maintained by the hydrolysis authority with responsibility for the management of the hydrolysis facility and which contains provision about the matters specified in paragraph (4).

(4) The matters are—

(a) the name, address and business hours of the hydrolysis facility,

(b) procedures for—

(i) the carrying out of hydrolyses,

(ii) dealing with any unexpected increase in the number of hydrolyses,

(iii) the operation, and servicing, of all equipment used in the hydrolysis process,

(iv) the disposal of effluent from the hydrolysis process,

(v) the disposal of powder,

(vi) contingency arrangements for any unexpected disruption to, or loss of, services,

(c) the review of the Plan.

(5) The Plan must be—

(a) prepared prior to the first application (as defined in section 59 (new hydrolysis facility: notice) of the Act (**b**)) being determined,

(b) reviewed at least every 12 months thereafter.

(6) In paragraph (4)(a) "address" includes the email address (if any) of the hydrolysis facility.

(**a**) Section 89(1)(ba) is inserted by S.S.I. 2026/50.

(**b**) Section 59 is applied in relation to hydrolysis by regulation 2, as if modified in accordance with paragraph 15 of schedule 1, of S.S.I. 2026/50.

Records

4.—(1) For each hydrolysis it carries out, a hydrolysis authority must retain for a period of 50 years beginning with the date on which the hydrolysis is carried out, the hydrolysis application form submitted in accordance with regulation 9 and any accompanying documentation or certificates.

(2) All documentation retained under paragraph (1) must be treated by the hydrolysis authority as confidential.

(3) The hydrolysis authority must ensure that all documentation retained under paragraph (1) is at all times kept in an accessible form in secure conditions and that all appropriate measures are taken to prevent theft, unauthorised disclosure, damage, loss or destruction.

Maintenance and operation of hydrolysis facilities

5.—(1) The hydrolysis authority must, in respect of each hydrolysis facility for which it is the hydrolysis authority, ensure—

(a) the equipment installed at each hydrolysis facility is maintained—

(i) in efficient working order,

(ii) in good repair,

(iii) in a clean and orderly condition,

(b) staff are trained in the operation of the equipment installed at the hydrolysis facility,

(c) the equipment is regularly serviced.

(2) The hydrolysis authority must prepare and maintain a written record of—

(a) all training undertaken by staff operating at the hydrolysis facility,

(b) each service check carried out in accordance with paragraph (1)(c).

Operation of equipment

6.—(1) This regulation applies where a hydrolysis is carried out.

(2) A hydrolysis authority must ensure that—

(a) the remains of only one adult, child, still-born child or fetus are placed in the hydrolysis chamber,

(b) at the end of the hydrolysing process the remains are transferred to the drying tray before the remains of another adult, child, still born child or fetus are placed in the chamber for hydrolysis.

(3) Paragraph (2)(a) does not apply to—

(a) a joint hydrolysis,

(b) a shared hydrolysis.

Joint hydrolysis

7.—(1) Where paragraph (2) applies a hydrolysis authority may—

(a) hydrolyse together the remains of two adults,

(b) hydrolyse the remains of one adult together with one, or more than one, child, still-born child or fetus,

(c) hydrolyse together the remains of more than one child, still-born child or fetus.

(2) This paragraph applies where, in the circumstances described in—

(a) paragraph (1)(a), written permission has been given by the authorised person for the hydrolysis together of each adult,

(b) paragraph (1)(b), written permission has been given by the authorised person for the hydrolysis together of the adult and each child, still-born child or fetus, or

(c) paragraph (1)(c), written permission has been given by the authorised person for the hydrolysis together of each child, still-born child or fetus.

(3) A hydrolysis carried out in accordance with this regulation is to be known as a joint hydrolysis.

(4) In paragraph (2) "the authorised person" is—

(a) for an adult, a person who may submit an application for hydrolysis in respect of the adult by virtue of regulation 9(2)(a),

(b) for a child, a person who may submit an application for hydrolysis in respect of the child by virtue of regulation 9(2)(b),

(c) for a still-born child or fetus, a person who may submit an application for hydrolysis in respect of the still-born child or fetus by virtue of regulation 9(2)(c).

Shared hydrolysis

8.—(1) Where paragraph (2) applies a hydrolysis authority may hydrolyse together the remains of more than one fetus.

(2) This paragraph applies where—

(a) an application is made under regulation 9(3)(d) in the form set out in schedule 4 for the hydrolysis together of the remains of more than one fetus, and

(b) the application is made by the health body or authority which is authorised to make arrangements for the hydrolysis of each fetus by virtue of section 77(2)(c) (duty of health body where pregnancy loss likely to occur), 79(2)(c) (arrangements on pregnancy loss on or before 24 weeks), 80(2) (change in arrangements), 81(2) (individual authorised to make arrangements)(**a**) or 84(2) (duty of appropriate health authority)(**b**) of the Act.

(3) A hydrolysis carried out in accordance with this regulation is to be known as a shared hydrolysis.

Hydrolysis: applications

Application for hydrolysis

9.—(1) An application under section 48(1) (application for hydrolysis) of the Act(**c**) is to be made in accordance with this regulation.

(2) An application for hydrolysis may be submitted where—

(a) the deceased is an adult by—

(i) the person specified by the adult in an arrangements on death declaration(**d**) made by the adult,

(ii) any person who may make arrangements on the death of the adult by virtue of section 65(2) (arrangements on death of adult)(**e**), 68 (sections 65 and 66: application to sheriff)(**f**) or 87 (burial, cremation or hydrolysis: duty of local authority)(**g**) of the Act,

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(**a**) Section 81(2) is amended by S.S.I. 2026/50.
(**b**) Section 84(2) is amended by S.S.I. 2026/50.
(**c**) Section 48 is applied in relation to hydrolysis by regulation 2, as if modified in accordance with paragraph 5 of schedule 1, of S.S.I. 2026/50.
(**d**) An "arrangements on death declaration" is defined in section 65(8) of the Burial and Cremation (Scotland) Act 2016 (asp 20) as amended by S.S.I. 2026/50.
(**e**) Section 65(2) is amended by S.S.I. 2026/50.
(**f**) Section 68 is amended by S.S.I. 2026/50.
(**g**) Section 87 is amended by S.S.I. 2026/50.

(iii) a person employed in the provision of, or managing the provision of, a care home service at which the deceased was living at the time of his or her death,

(iv) the managers of the hospital in which the deceased died or any officer or person designated for that purpose by the managers,

(b) the deceased is a child, by a person who may make arrangements on the death of the child by virtue of section 66(2) (arrangements on death of child)(**a**), 68 or 87 of the Act,

(c) the remains to be hydrolysed are those of a still-born child or fetus, by the mother, or the person with authority to make arrangements in relation to the remains of that still-born child or fetus by virtue of Part 3 of the Act(**b**),

(d) the body or any body part or body parts of the deceased have undergone anatomical examination, by a person licensed under section 3(2) (licences) of the Anatomy Act 1984(**c**).

(3) An application for—

(a) the hydrolysis of an adult or child (other than an application made by a local authority) must—

(i) be in the form set out in schedule 1,

(ii) contain the information specified in sections 1 to 5 of that form,

(iii) be accompanied by the relevant documentation specified in that form,

(b) the hydrolysis of a still-born child must—

(i) be in the form set out in schedule 2,

(ii) contain the information specified in sections 1 to 5 of that form,

(iii) be accompanied by the relevant documentation specified in that form,

(c) the hydrolysis of a fetus, where an individual is making arrangements for the hydrolysis of the fetus, must—

(i) be in the form set out in schedule 3,

(ii) contain the information specified in sections 1 to 5 of that form,

(iii) be accompanied by the relevant documentation specified in that form,

(d) the hydrolysis of a fetus, where a person other than an individual is making arrangements for the hydrolysis under Part 3 of the Act, must—

(i) be in the form set out in schedule 4,

(ii) contain the information specified in sections 1 to 3 of that form,

(iii) be accompanied by the relevant documentation specified in that form,

(e) the hydrolysis of an adult or child made by a local authority by virtue of section 87 (burial, cremation or hydrolysis: duty of local authority) of the Act must—

(i) be in the form set out in schedule 5,

(ii) contain the information specified in sections 1 to 6 of that form,

(iii) be accompanied by the relevant documentation specified in that form,

(f) the hydrolysis of a body part or parts following a post-mortem examination (other than a post-mortem examination carried out for the purposes of the functions, or under the authority, of the procurator fiscal) must—

(i) be in the form set out in schedule 6,

(ii) contain the information specified in sections 3 and 4 of that form,

(iii) be accompanied by the relevant documentation specified in that form,

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(**a**) Section 66(2) is amended by S.S.I. 2026/50.
(**b**) Part 3 is amended by S.S.I. 2026/50.
(**c**) 1984 c. 14.

(g) the hydrolysis of a body, body part or body parts following anatomical examination where authority was given under section 4(2) (lawful examinations) or section 4A(1) (lawful examinations: imported bodies) of the Anatomy Act 1984(**a**) for the person's body to be used for anatomical examination must—

(i) be in the form set out in schedule 6,

(ii) contain the information specified—

(aa) for the hydrolysis of a whole body, in sections 1 and 4 of that form, or

(bb) for the hydrolysis of a body part or body parts, in sections 2 and 4 of that form, and

(iii) be accompanied by the relevant documentation specified in that form,

(h) the hydrolysis of a body part or parts following anatomical examination where the deceased died before 14 February 1988 must—

(i) be in the form set out in schedule 7,

(ii) contain the information specified in sections 1 and 2 of that form.

(4) In paragraph (2)(a)(iii) "care home service" means a care home service within the meaning of paragraph 2 of schedule 12 of the Public Services Reform (Scotland) Act 2010(**b**).

(5) In paragraph (2)(a)(iv) "managers" in relation to a hospital means—

(a) in relation to a hospital vested in the Scottish Ministers under the National Health Service (Scotland) Act 1978(**c**) ("the 1978 Act") the Health Board, or Special Health Board, responsible for the administration of that hospital,

(b) in the case of a hospital vested in a National Health Service trust established under section 12A (NHS trusts) of the 1978 Act(**d**) the directors of the trust,

(c) in the case of an independent health care service which is registered under section 10Q(1) (grant or refusal of registration) of the 1978 Act the person identified under section 10P(2)(b) (registration of independent health care services) of that Act(**e**) in the application for registration,

(d) in the case of a state hospital—

(i) where the Scottish Ministers have delegated the management of the hospital to a Health Board, Special Health Board, National Health Service or the Common Services Agency for the Scottish Health Service, that Board, trust or agency,

(ii) where the management of the hospital has not been so delegated, the Scottish Ministers.

Hydrolysis following exhumation

10.—(1) This regulation applies where—

(a) a hydrolysis authority receives an application for hydrolysis under regulation 9, and

(b) the person who submits the application referred to in sub-paragraph (a) informs the hydrolysis authority that a warrant to disinter has been granted by the sheriff in respect of the remains of the deceased specified on the application form.

(2) The hydrolysis authority may only carry out the hydrolysis after it has received the warrant to disinter.

(**a**) There are amendments to section 4 that are not relevant to this instrument. Section 4A was inserted by section 53(6) of the Human Tissue (Scotland) Act 2006 (asp 4).

(**b**) 2010 asp 8.

(**c**) 1978 c. 29.

(**d**) Section 12A was inserted by section 31 of the National Health Service and Community Care Act 1990 (c. 19) and amended by paragraph 34 of schedule 2 of the National Health Service (Primary Care) Act 1997 (c. 46) and sections 46(1) and 48 and paragraph 45 of schedule 4 of the Health Act 1999 (c. 8).

(**e**) Sections 10P and 10Q were inserted by section 108 of the Public Services Reform (Scotland) Act 2010 (asp 8). Section 10P was amended by S.S.I. 2024/172.

Hydrolysis applications: further inquiry

11. A hydrolysis authority may make any inquiry in respect of an application made under regulation 9 and any accompanying documentation, evidence or certificates.

Handling of powder

Handling of powder: notices

12.—(1) Where, by virtue of section 52(3) (duty of hydrolysis authority following hydrolysis) of the Act(**a**), a funeral director has collected powder from a hydrolysis authority, the funeral director must, as soon as reasonably practicable after collecting the powder from the hydrolysis authority, give written notice to the applicant that the powder is available for collection by the applicant from the funeral director.

(2) Paragraph (3) applies where, by virtue of section 54(5) (power of funeral director in relation to powder) of the Act(**b**), a funeral director returns powder to a hydrolysis authority.

(3) For the purpose of section 55(2) (duties of hydrolysis authority where powder returned) of the Act(**c**) the hydrolysis authority must, as soon as reasonably practicable after the powder is returned to the hydrolysis authority by the funeral director, give written notice to the applicant to ascertain whether the applicant wishes—

(a) the powder to be retained by the hydrolysis authority during the specified period (see regulation 13) and made available for collection during that period by the applicant, or

(b) the powder to be disposed of by the hydrolysis authority in the specified manner (see regulation 14).

(4) In this regulation—

"applicant" has the meaning given by section 52(5) (duty of hydrolysis authority following hydrolysis) of the Act,

"specified" means specified in regulations under section 56(1) (handling of powder: regulations) of the Act(**d**) (see regulations 13 and 14).

(5) In this regulation, reference to a written notice includes an electronic communication.

Handling of powder: time periods for collection of powder (specified period)

13.—(1) For the purposes of sections 51(3)(a) and (b) (duty of hydrolysis authority before carrying out hydrolysis)(**e**) and 52(2) and (3) (duty of hydrolysis authority following hydrolysis) of the Act, the specified period during which powder is to be retained by the hydrolysis authority and made available for collection is 4 weeks beginning with the day after the day on which the hydrolysis took place.

(2) For the purposes of section 53(2)(a) and (b) (failure to collect powder) of the Act(**f**) the further period is 4 weeks beginning with the day after the end of the specified period mentioned in paragraph (1).

(3) For the purposes of section 54(1)(b) (power of funeral director in relation to powder) of the Act the specified period for the applicant to collect the powder from the funeral director is 4 weeks

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(**a**) Section 52 is applied in relation to hydrolysis by regulation 2, as if modified in accordance with paragraph 8 of schedule 1, of S.S.I. 2026/50.

(**b**) Section 54 is applied in relation to hydrolysis by regulation 2, as if modified in accordance with paragraph 10 of schedule 1, of S.S.I. 2026/50.

(**c**) Section 55 is applied in relation to hydrolysis by regulation 2, as if modified in accordance with paragraph 11 of schedule 1, of S.S.I. 2026/50.

(**d**) Section 56 is applied in relation to hydrolysis by regulation 2, as if modified in accordance with paragraph 12 of schedule 1, of S.S.I. 2026/50.

(**e**) Section 51 is applied in relation to hydrolysis by regulation 2, as if modified in accordance with paragraph 7 of schedule 1, of S.S.I. 2026/50.

(**f**) Section 53 is applied in relation to hydrolysis by regulation 2, as if modified in accordance with paragraph 9 of schedule 1, of S.S.I. 2026/50.

beginning with the day written notice is given to the applicant by the funeral director under regulation 12(1).

(4) For the purposes of section 55(2)(a) and (3) (duties of hydrolysis authority where powder returned) of the Act the specified period during which powder is to be retained by the hydrolysis authority and made available for collection is 4 weeks beginning with the day written notice is given to the applicant by the hydrolysis authority under regulation 12(3).

(5) In this regulation "applicant" has the meaning given by section 52(5) of the Act.

Disposal of powder by hydrolysis authority (specified manner)

14. For the purposes of—

(a) section 51(3)(c) (disposal of powder by hydrolysis authority) of the Act,

(b) section 53(6)(b) (failure to collect powder) of the Act, and

(c) section 55(2)(b), (4) and (5)(b) (duties of hydrolysis authorities where powder returned) of the Act,

the specified manner for the disposal of powder by the hydrolysis authority is the burial or scattering of the powder by the hydrolysis authority.

Hydrolysis register

Hydrolysis register

15.—(1) For the purpose of section 57(1) (hydrolysis register) of the Act(**a**), the information that a hydrolysis register must contain, if known, is—

(a) for the hydrolysis of an adult or child, the information specified in schedule 8,

(b) for the hydrolysis of a body part or body parts, the information specified in schedule 9,

(c) for the hydrolysis of a fetus or still-born child, the information specified in schedule 10.

(2) The information specified in paragraph (1) must be entered on the register as soon as practicable after the hydrolysis to which it relates takes place.

(3) The hydrolysis authority must—

(a) review the register from time to time,

(b) ensure that the information in the register is accurate and up to date.

JENNI MINTO
Authorised to sign by the Scottish Ministers

St Andrew's House,
Edinburgh
3rd February 2026

(**a**) Section 57 is applied in relation to hydrolysis by regulation 2, as if modified in accordance with paragraph 13 of schedule 1, of S.S.I. 2026/50.

SCHEDULE 1 Regulation 9(3)(a)(i)

APPLICATION FORM: HYDROLYSIS OF ADULT OR CHILD

Form H1: Application for hydrolysis of an adult or a child

Hydrolysis facility / Hydrolysis authority:	Hydrolysis number:
	Hydrolysis authority registration number:
Name of deceased	
Time of hydrolysis	
Date of hydrolysis	

This is a statutory form, prescribed by the Hydrolysis (Scotland) (No. 2) Regulations 2026. The information and questions contained in this form must not be changed.
This form must be used to apply for the hydrolysis of an adult or a child. An adult is someone who is 16 years old or older at the time of death. A child is someone under 16 at the time of death.
The application is made to the hydrolysis authority you want to carry out the hydrolysis. The hydrolysis authority is the organisation responsible for running the hydrolysis facility where the hydrolysis is to take place. As the person who is applying for the hydrolysis, you are 'the applicant'. You must have the legal right to apply for the hydrolysis.
The hydrolysis authority will need to check the form to make sure it contains all of the necessary information. Missing information or information that is not accurate may result in the hydrolysis being delayed or refused. If you are unsure about what information is required, or what any part of the form means, you can speak to the funeral director who is making the arrangements, staff at the hydrolysis facility, or any other person who is arranging the funeral. You do not have to use the services of a funeral director to arrange a hydrolysis but where one is being used the funeral director must sign the relevant part of section 5 of this form.
If it is necessary to change the hydrolysis facility, a new Form H1 should be completed.
Personal data The information provided on this form is a legal requirement under the Burial and Cremation (Scotland) Act 2016 and will be processed in line with data protection legislation. The data will be held by the hydrolysis authority that is carrying out the hydrolysis. It will be held securely, in confidence and processed solely for purposes set out by or under the Burial and Cremation (Scotland) Act 2016. It will not be shared with any third party other than an inspector of hydrolysis if requested. You have the right to know what data is held about you and you can, by contacting the hydrolysis authority in writing, receive a copy of that data. The hydrolysis authority is obliged to include in their privacy notice how the information will be held, for how long and how you may make a complaint to the Information Commissioner's Office.
Required Documents You should ensure that you have attached all required documents to this application form. The hydrolysis authority must have them for the hydrolysis to take place. Different documents are required depending on whether the death occurred in Scotland, England or Wales, Northern Ireland or abroad. A Form E1 is required if the procurator fiscal investigated the death. See the Guidance Notes(**a**) for more information.

(**a**) [hyperlink to be added once guidance notes available]

Section 1: Your information ('the applicant')

This section is used to record your details. By completing this form you are the applicant for the hydrolysis. If you are completing the form on behalf of a care facility or health body or organisation, please use the business address and contact details.

Applicants must be 16 years of age or older on the date the deceased died to apply for hydrolysis, except if the applicant is the parent of the child who has died. If you are the parent and are under 16, you may wish to seek the support of a parent or guardian if you feel it would be helpful.

Title

First name

Surname

Address

Postcode

Telephone

Email address

This question is only to be completed for an adult who has died

What is your relationship to the adult who has died?

This question is only to be completed for a child who has died (Please tick the relevant box below)

- I am the parent of the child who has died ☐
- I am authorised to make the application in respect of the child who has died ☐

What is your relationship to the child (if you are not the parent)?

Section 2: Information about the adult or child who has died

Details of the adult / child who has died

Title	Sex (*please delete as applicable*)
	Male/Female

First name(s) (*including any middle names*)

Surname

Name as shown on coffin plate (*if applicable*)

Date of birth (DD/MM/YYYY) ☐☐☐☐ ☐☐☐☐ _____Age (at death)

Address

Postcode ☐☐☐☐ ☐☐☐

Date on which they died (or were found dead) (DD/MM/YYYY)

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Place of death

Death abroad

If the death occurred outside the UK, you will need to produce a copy of that country's equivalent of a certificate of death and the authorisation to remove the body from that country. Healthcare Improvement Scotland (HIS) must check all papers and will authorise the hydrolysis.

Procurator fiscal

If the procurator fiscal has investigated the death, the hydrolysis cannot take place until the procurator fiscal has given approval. Please tick boxes below as applicable.

Has the death been investigated by the procurator fiscal? Yes ☐ No ☐

If 'yes', Form E1 has been provided by the procurator fiscal. Yes ☐ No ☐

Section 3: Hazards

This section is used to record details of anything which might be a hazard during hydrolysis – for example, certain implants or the presence of particular diseases. Certain hazards may need to be removed from the body before hydrolysis can take place. Implants or devices may damage hydrolysis equipment if not removed before hydrolysis. Some radioactive treatments may endanger the health of hydrolysis facility staff.

The presence of some hazards may delay or prevent hydrolysis taking place. If you are in any doubt about this, you must discuss it with the funeral director or hydrolysis facility staff.

Are you aware if any of the following apply:

	Yes	No
Does the body pose a risk to public health: for example did the deceased have a notifiable infectious disease or was their body contaminated immediately before death?		
Is there a cardiac pacemaker or any other potentially explosive device currently present in or on the body?		
Is there radioactive material or any other hazardous implant currently present in or on the body?		

If you answered 'yes' to the questions about a cardiac pacemaker and/or radioactive material, please give details and state whether the device has been removed.

Section 4: Disposal of powder

This section is used to record what is to happen to the powder after hydrolysis.

The term "powder" means the solid material (other than any metal) to which human remains are reduced by hydrolysis.

All necessary steps will be used in order to fully recover powder, but in the event that powder is not recovered, the inspector of hydrolysis will investigate the reasons.

Metals may be recycled by the hydrolysis authority to help reduce the impact on the environment. Each hydrolysis authority will have their own practices. Should you wish to dispose of the metals in any other way then please indicate by ticking the box and metals will be returned to you within the hydrolysed remains or separately from them - ☐

You must choose only one of the following options (A, B or C). Please tick the box and then initial beside the option you have chosen.

Options will vary at each hydrolysis facility. For more information you can discuss with the funeral director or hydrolysis authority the options available for powder at your chosen hydrolysis facility or visit the hydrolysis facility's website. Some hydrolysis authorities may offer to split the powder but you should confirm with them first if they are able to do so. If so, please add details of how the powder is to be split in the Special Instructions section below.

☐ **A. I or my representative will collect the powder from the hydrolysis facility.**

Initials	

I understand that the powder must be collected from the hydrolysis facility within **4 weeks of the hydrolysis.**

Identification will be needed when the powder is collected.

(Name of representative _____)

☐ **B. I authorise the funeral director who arranged the hydrolysis to collect the powder on my behalf.**
I understand that the powder must be collected from the funeral director within **4 weeks of them being made available.**

Initials	

Identification will be needed when the powder is collected.

☐ **C. I instruct the hydrolysis facility to disperse the powder using their usual method.**

Initials	

I understand that the hydrolysis facility may offer only burial **or** only scattering. ☐

I wish to be present when the powder is buried or scattered (if this is possible). ☐

If you would like to be present, please contact the hydrolysis facility to arrange a date.

C.1. I would like the powder to be scattered/buried in the same location as a previously deceased person. ☐

Name of deceased:_____

Date of death: _____

Please state location below (must be in a location agreed with the hydrolysis authority):

_____

Special Instructions
(e.g. splitting powder, no reduction of bones to powder, what you want done with any metal remaining after hydrolysis).

Section 5: Declaration

This section requires you to declare that the information you have provided in sections 1 to 3 is, to the best of your knowledge, true, and that you are entitled to apply for this hydrolysis. **It is an offence to knowingly provide false information and if you do so you may be liable to a fine of up to Level 3 on the standard scale on conviction.**

You must declare that you understand the choice you have made about what is to happen to the powder following the hydrolysis.

Applicant's declaration

I declare that I have the legal right to apply for this hydrolysis. To the best of my knowledge, the information I have provided is true and accurate. I confirm that the options for what can happen with the powder have been explained to me and that I fully understand the option that I have chosen.

Signature of applicant	
Date (DD/MM/YYYY)	☐☐☐☐ ☐☐☐☐
Weight and height of deceased (complete if no funeral director involved)	Weight: Height:

Funeral Director's declaration (to be completed by the funeral director if services are used)

I declare that I have discussed the options with the applicant and know no reason why the hydrolysis cannot take place. I understand that if I become aware of anything that may mean the hydrolysis should be delayed between the paperwork being completed and the hydrolysis taking place, I must inform the hydrolysis authority and the applicant.

Name of funeral director's representative

Funeral director's registration number

Business name and address of funeral director

Postcode

Height and weight of the deceased	
Signature of funeral director's representative	
Date (DD/MM/YYYY)	

Section 6: Authorisation for hydrolysis (to be completed by the hydrolysis authority)

This section is used by the hydrolysis authority to confirm that the application is in order and that the hydrolysis can take place (please tick).

☐ I confirm that I have received the necessary documentation to allow the hydrolysis to take place.

☐ I confirm that all relevant sections of this form have been completed.

☐ I confirm that I approve this application for hydrolysis.

Name of hydrolysis facility staff member	
Signature of hydrolysis facility staff member	
Position	
Date (DD/MM/YYYY)	

SCHEDULE 2 Regulation 9(3)(b)(i)

APPLICATION FORM: HYDROLYSIS OF A STILLBORN BABY

Form H2: Application for hydrolysis of a stillborn baby

Hydrolysis facility / Hydrolysis authority:	Hydrolysis number:
	Hydrolysis authority registration number:
Name of baby (if given)	
Time of hydrolysis	
Date of hydrolysis	

This is a statutory form, prescribed by the Hydrolysis (Scotland) (No. 2) Regulations 2026. The information and questions contained in this form must not be changed.
This form must be used to apply for the hydrolysis of a stillborn baby. A stillborn baby is a baby delivered after 24 weeks gestation without showing any signs of life.
The application is made to the hydrolysis authority you want to carry out the hydrolysis. The hydrolysis authority is the organisation responsible for running the hydrolysis facility where the hydrolysis is to take place. As the person who is applying for the hydrolysis, you are 'the applicant'. You must have the legal right to apply for the hydrolysis.
The hydrolysis authority will need to check the form to make sure it contains all of the necessary information. Missing information or information that is not accurate may result in the hydrolysis being delayed or refused. If you are unsure about what information is required, or what any part of the form means, you can speak to the funeral director who is making the arrangements, staff at the hydrolysis facility, or any other person who is arranging the funeral. You do not have to use the services of a funeral director to arrange a hydrolysis but where one is being used the funeral director must sign the relevant part of section 5 of this form.
If it is necessary to change the hydrolysis facility, a new Form H2 should be completed.
Personal data The information provided on this form is a legal requirement under the Burial and Cremation (Scotland) Act 2016 and will be processed in line with data protection legislation. The data will be held by the hydrolysis authority that is carrying out the hydrolysis. It will be held securely, in confidence and processed solely for purposes set out by or under the Burial and Cremation (Scotland) Act 2016. It will not be shared with any third party other than an inspector of hydrolysis if requested. You have the right to know what data is held about you and you can, by contacting the hydrolysis authority in writing, receive a copy of that data. The hydrolysis authority is obliged to include in their privacy notice how the information will be held, for how long and how you may make a complaint to the Information Commissioner's Office.
Required Documents You should ensure that you have attached to this application form the certificate of registration of stillbirth and, if the procurator fiscal has been involved, you may also need to attach a Form E1. The hydrolysis authority must have these documents for the hydrolysis to take place. See the Guidance Notes(**a**) for more information.

(**a**) [hyperlink to be added once guidance notes available]

Section 1: Your information ('the applicant')

This section is used to record your details. By completing this form you are the applicant for the hydrolysis. If you are completing the form on behalf of a care facility or health body or organisation, please use the business address and contact details.

Applicants MUST be 16 years of age or older to apply for a hydrolysis, unless they are the parent of the baby who was stillborn. If you are the parent and are under 16, you may wish to seek the support of a parent or guardian if you feel it would be helpful.

Title

First name

Surname

Address

Postcode

Telephone

Email address

Section 2: Details of the stillborn baby

This section is used to record the details of the stillborn baby (please tick only one option below).

I am the parent of the baby who was stillborn ☐ (please complete sections 2a and 2c)

I have been authorised to make the application ☐ (please complete sections 2a, 2b and 2c)

What is your relationship to the baby (if you are not the parent)?

Section 2a: Name of stillborn baby

First Name(s) (if given)

Surname

Date when baby was delivered (DD/MM/YYYY)

Sex of baby (delete as appropriate)

Male / Female / Unknown

Section 2b: Parents' details

Name of the baby's mother

Name of baby's father/parent

Address of the baby's mother

Postcode

Section 2c: Deaths investigated by the procurator fiscal

If the procurator fiscal has investigated the stillbirth, the hydrolysis cannot take place until the procurator fiscal has given approval. Please tick boxes below as applicable.

Has the stillbirth been investigated by the procurator fiscal?	Yes	☐	No	☐
If 'yes', Form E1 has been provided by the procurator fiscal.	Yes	☐	No	☐

Section 3: Hazards

The presence of some hazards may delay or prevent hydrolysis taking place. If you are in any doubt about this, you must discuss it with the funeral director or hydrolysis facility staff.

Are you aware if any of the following apply:

	Yes	No
Does the body of the baby pose a risk to public health: for example did the mother have a notifiable infectious disease or was she contaminated immediately before delivery?		
Is there a cardiac pacemaker or any other potentially explosive device currently present in or on the body of the baby?		
Is there radioactive material or any other hazardous implant currently present in or on the body of the baby?		

If you answered 'yes' to the questions about a cardiac pacemaker and/or radioactive material, please give details and state whether the device has been removed.

Section 4: Disposal of powder

This section is used to record what is to happen to the powder after hydrolysis.

The term "powder" means the solid material (other than any metal) to which human remains are reduced by hydrolysis.

All necessary steps will be used in order to fully recover powder, but in the event that powder is not recovered, the inspector of hydrolysis will investigate the reasons.

Metals may be recycled by the hydrolysis authority to help reduce the impact on the environment. Each hydrolysis authority will have their own practices. Should you wish to dispose of the metals in any other way then please indicate by ticking the box and metals will be returned to you within the hydrolysed remains or separately from them - ☐

You must choose only one of the following options (A, B or C). Please tick the box and then initial beside the option you have chosen.

Options will vary at each hydrolysis facility. For more information you can discuss with the funeral director or hydrolysis authority the options available for powder at your chosen hydrolysis facility or visit the hydrolysis facility's website. Some hydrolysis authorities may offer to split the powder but you should confirm with them first if they are able to do so. If so, please add details of how the powder is to be split in the Special Instructions section below.

☐ **A. I or my representative will collect the powder from the hydrolysis facility.**

Initials	

I understand that the powder must be collected from the hydrolysis facility within **4 weeks of the hydrolysis.**

Identification will be needed when the powder is collected.

(Name of representative: _____)

☐ **B. I authorise the funeral director who arranged the hydrolysis to collect the powder on my behalf.**
I understand that the powder must be collected from the funeral director within **4 weeks of them being made available.**

Initials	

Identification will be needed when the powder is collected.

☐ **C. I instruct the hydrolysis facility to disperse the powder using their usual method.**

Initials	

I understand that the hydrolysis facility may offer only burial **or** only scattering. ☐

I wish to be present when the powder is buried or scattered (if this is possible). ☐

If you would like to be present, please contact the hydrolysis facility to arrange a date.

C.1. I would like the powder to be scattered/buried in the same location as a previously deceased person. ☐

Name of deceased	
Date of death	
Location (must be agreed with the hydrolysis authority)	

Special Instructions
(e.g. no reduction of bones to powder)

Section 5: Declaration

This section requires you to declare that the information you have provided in sections 1 to 3 is, to the best of your knowledge, true, and that you are entitled to apply for this hydrolysis. **It is an offence to knowingly provide false information and if you do so you may be liable to a fine of up to Level 3 on the standard scale on conviction.**

You must declare that you understand the choice you have made about what is to happen to the powder following the hydrolysis.

Applicant's declaration

I declare that I have the legal right to apply for this hydrolysis. To the best of my knowledge, the information I have provided is true and accurate. I confirm that the options for what can happen with the powder have been explained to me and that I understand the option that I have chosen.

Signature of applicant

Date (DD/MM/YYYY)

Funeral Director's declaration (to be completed by the funeral director if services are used)

I declare that I have discussed the options with the applicant and know no reason why the hydrolysis cannot take place. I understand that if I become aware of anything which may mean the hydrolysis should be delayed between the paperwork being completed and the hydrolysis taking place, I must inform the hydrolysis authority and the applicant.

Name of funeral director's representative

Funeral director's registration number

Business name and address of funeral director

Postcode

Signature of funeral director's representative

Date (DD/MM/YYYY)

Section 6: Authorisation for hydrolysis (to be completed by the hydrolysis authority)

This section is used by the hydrolysis authority to confirm that the application is in order and that the hydrolysis can take place (please tick).

☐ I confirm that I have received the necessary documentation to allow the hydrolysis to take place.

☐ I confirm that all relevant sections of this form have been completed.

☐ I confirm that I approve this application for hydrolysis.

Name of hydrolysis facility staff member	
Signature of hydrolysis facility staff member	
Position	

Date (DD/MM/YYYY) ☐☐ ☐☐ ☐☐☐☐

SCHEDULE 3

Regulation 9(3)(c)(i)

APPLICATION FORM: HYDROLYSIS OF A PREGNANCY LOSS ON OR BEFORE 24 WEEKS

Form H3: Application for hydrolysis of pregnancy loss

Hydrolysis facility / Hydrolysis authority:	Hydrolysis number: Hydrolysis authority registration number:
Name of baby (if given)	
Time of hydrolysis	
Date of hydrolysis	

This is a statutory form, prescribed by the Hydrolysis (Scotland) (No. 2) Regulations 2026. The information and questions contained in this form must not be changed.
This form must be used to apply for the hydrolysis of a pregnancy loss, where the loss occurred on or before the end of the 24th week of gestation and showed no signs of life. This application form should be completed by the woman who has experienced the pregnancy loss, unless the woman authorises another person to complete the form on her behalf or if she is unable to due to exceptional circumstances.
The application is made to the hydrolysis authority you want to carry out the hydrolysis. The hydrolysis authority is the organisation responsible for running the hydrolysis facility where the hydrolysis is to take place. As the person who is applying for the hydrolysis, you are 'the applicant'. You must have the legal right to apply for the hydrolysis.
The hydrolysis authority will need to check the form to make sure it contains all of the necessary information. Missing information or information that is not accurate may result in the hydrolysis being delayed or refused. If you are unsure about what information is required, or what any part of the form means, you can speak to the funeral director who is making the arrangements, staff at the hydrolysis facility, or any other person who is arranging the funeral. You do not have to use the services of a funeral director to arrange a hydrolysis but where one is being used the funeral director must sign the relevant part of section 5 of this form.
If it is necessary to change hydrolysis facility for any reason a new Form H3 should be completed.
Personal data The information provided on this form is a legal requirement under the Burial and Cremation (Scotland) Act 2016 and will be processed in line with data protection legislation. The data will be held by the hydrolysis authority that is carrying out the hydrolysis. It will be held securely, in confidence and processed solely for purposes set out by or under the Burial and Cremation (Scotland) Act 2016. It will not be shared with any third party other than an inspector of hydrolysis if requested. You have the right to know what data is held about you and you can, by contacting the hydrolysis authority in writing, receive a copy of that data. The hydrolysis authority is obliged to include in their privacy notice how the information will be held, for how long and how you may make a complaint to the Information Commissioner's Office.
Required Documents You should ensure that you have attached to this application form the medical certificate of pregnancy loss or health authority/medical practitioner confirmation that the pregnancy has ended. If the procurator fiscal has been involved, you may also need to attach a Form E1. The hydrolysis authority must have these documents for the hydrolysis to take place. See the Guidance Notes(**a**) for more information.

(**a**) [hyperlink to be added once guidance notes available]

Section 1: Your information ('the applicant')

This section is used to record your details. In completing this form you are the applicant for the hydrolysis. If you are completing the form on behalf of a care facility or health body or organisation, please use the business address and contact details.

Applicants MUST be 16 years of age or older to apply for a hydrolysis, unless they are the woman who experienced the loss. If you are under 16 and experienced the loss, you may wish to seek the support of a parent or guardian if you feel it would be helpful.

Title

First name

Surname

Address

Postcode

Telephone

Email address

Section 2: Application for the hydrolysis of a pregnancy loss

This section is used to record the details of a pregnancy loss (please tick the relevant box below).

I am the woman who has experienced the loss ☐ (please complete sections 2a and 2c)

I have been authorised to make the application ☐ (please complete sections 2a, 2b and 2c)

Section 2a: Details of pregnancy loss

Date on which pregnancy loss occurred (DD/MM/YYYY)

Name of baby/ family name

☐ (The midwife, registered nurse or medical professional has issued a letter or certificate to confirm that a pregnancy loss has taken place).

Section 2b: Details of woman who experienced the loss

Please state your relationship to the woman who experienced the loss

Name of woman who experienced the loss

Address of woman who experienced the loss

Postcode

Section 2c: Investigation by procurator fiscal

If the procurator fiscal has investigated the pregnancy loss, the hydrolysis cannot take place until the procurator fiscal has given approval. Please tick boxes below as applicable.

Has the pregnancy loss been investigated by the procurator fiscal?	Yes ☐	No ☐
If 'yes', Form E1 has been provided by the procurator fiscal.	Yes ☐	No ☐

Section 3: Hazards

This section is used to record details of anything which might be a hazard during hydrolysis – for example, the presence of particular diseases. **The presence of some hazards may delay or prevent hydrolysis taking place.** If you are in any doubt about this, you must discuss it with a funeral director or hydrolysis facility staff.

Are you aware if any of the following apply:

	Yes	No
Is there a risk to public health: for example did the woman have a notifiable infectious disease or was she contaminated immediately before delivery?		
Is there a cardiac pacemaker or any other potentially explosive device currently present?		
Is there radioactive material or other hazardous implant currently present?		

If you answered 'yes' to the questions about a cardiac pacemaker and/or radioactive material, please give details and state whether the device was removed.

Section 4: Disposal of powder

This section is used to record what is to happen to the powder after hydrolysis.

The term "powder" means the solid material (other than any metal) to which human remains are reduced by hydrolysis.

All necessary steps will be used in order to fully recover powder, but in the event that powder is not recovered, the inspector of hydrolysis will investigate the reasons.

Metals may be recycled by the hydrolysis authority to help reduce the impact on the environment. Each hydrolysis authority will have their own practices. Should you wish to dispose of the metals in any other way then please indicate by ticking the box and metals will be returned to you within the hydrolysed remains or separately from them - ☐

You must choose only one of the following options (A, B or C). Please tick the box and then initial beside the option you have chosen.

Options will vary at each hydrolysis facility. For more information you can discuss with the funeral director or hydrolysis authority the options available for powder at your chosen hydrolysis facility or visit the hydrolysis facility's website. Some hydrolysis authorities may offer to split the powder but you should confirm with them first if they are able to do so. If so, please add details of how the powder is to be split to the Special Instructions section below.

☐ **A. I or my representative will collect the powder from the hydrolysis facility.**

Initials	

I understand that the powder must be collected from the hydrolysis facility within **4 weeks of the hydrolysis.**

Identification will be needed when the powder is collected.

(Name of representative _____)

☐ **B. I authorise the funeral director who arranged the hydrolysis to collect the powder on my behalf.**

Initials	

I understand that the powder must be collected from the funeral director within **4 weeks of them being made available.**

Identification will be needed when the powder is collected.

☐ **C. I instruct the hydrolysis facility to disperse the powder using their usual method.**

Initials	

I understand that the hydrolysis facility may offer only burial or only scattering. ☐

I wish to be present when the powder is buried or scattered (if this is possible) ☐

If you would like to be present, please contact the hydrolysis facility to arrange a date.

C.1. I would like the powder to be scattered/buried in the same location as a previously deceased person ☐

Name of deceased _____

Date of death _____

Please state location below (must be in a location agreed with the hydrolysis authority):

_____

Special Instructions

Section 5: Declaration

This section requires you to declare that the information you have provided in sections 1 to 3 is, to the best of your knowledge, true, and that you are entitled to apply for this hydrolysis. **It is an offence to knowingly provide false information and if you do so you may be liable to a fine of up to Level 3 on the standard scale on conviction.**

You must declare that you understand the choice you have made about what is to happen to the powder following the hydrolysis.

Applicant's declaration

I declare that I have the legal right to apply for this hydrolysis. To the best of my knowledge, the information I have provided is true and accurate. I confirm that the options for what can happen with the powder have been explained to me and that I understand the option that I have chosen.

Signature of applicant

Date (DD/MM/YYYY)

Funeral Director's declaration (to be completed by the funeral director if services are used)

I declare that I have discussed the options with the applicant and know no reason why the hydrolysis cannot take place. I understand that if I become aware of anything which may mean the hydrolysis should be delayed between the paperwork being completed and the hydrolysis taking place, I must inform the hydrolysis authority and the applicant.

Name of funeral director's representative

Funeral director's registration number

Business name and address of funeral director

Postcode

Signature of funeral director's representative

Date (DD/MM/YYYY)

Section 6: Authorisation for hydrolysis (to be completed by the hydrolysis authority)

This section is used by the hydrolysis facility to confirm that the application is in order and that the hydrolysis can take place.

☐ I confirm that I have seen the appropriate documentation.

☐ I confirm that all relevant sections of this form have been completed.

☐ I confirm that I approve this application for hydrolysis.

Name of hydrolysis facility staff member	
Signature of hydrolysis facility staff member	
Position	

Date (DD/MM/YYYY) ☐☐ ☐☐ ☐☐☐☐

SCHEDULE 4

Regulation 9(3)(d)(i)

APPLICATION FORM FOR THE HYDROLYSIS OF A PREGNANCY LOSS ON OR BEFORE 24 WEEKS: ARRANGED BY HEALTH AUTHORITY OR BODY

Form H4: Application for hydrolysis of pregnancy loss by health authority or body (shared or individual hydrolysis)

Hydrolysis facility / Hydrolysis authority:	Hydrolysis number: Hydrolysis authority registration number:
Time of hydrolysis	
Date of hydrolysis	

This is a statutory form, prescribed by the Hydrolysis (Scotland) (No. 2) Regulations 2026. The information and questions contained in this form must not be changed.

This application form must be used to apply for:

- individual hydrolysis of a pregnancy loss, or
- shared hydrolysis of more than one pregnancy loss,

where the loss occurred on or before the end of the 24th week gestation and the loss was for any reason (i.e. termination or miscarriage).

The application is made to the hydrolysis authority which is to carry out the hydrolysis. The hydrolysis authority will need to examine the form to make sure that it contains all of the necessary information. Missing information or information that is not accurate may result in the hydrolysis being delayed or refused. If you are unsure about any of the information that is required, or are not sure what any part of the form means, you should speak to staff at the hydrolysis facility where the hydrolysis is to take place.

This application must be signed by the person authorised to make the application for hydrolysis.

Each pregnancy loss must be identified by the hospital or clinic ID number.

Personal data

The information provided on this form is a legal requirement under the Burial and Cremation (Scotland) Act 2016 and will be processed in line with data protection legislation. The data will be held by the hydrolysis authority that is carrying out the hydrolysis. It will be held securely, in confidence and processed solely for purposes set out by or under the Burial and Cremation (Scotland) Act 2016. It will not be shared with any third party other than an inspector of hydrolysis if requested. You have the right to know what data is held about you and you can, by contacting the hydrolysis authority in writing, receive a copy of that data. The hydrolysis authority is obliged to include in their privacy notice how the information will be held, for how long and how you may make a complaint to the Information Commissioner's Office.

Section 1: Authority to apply for hydrolysis

The person applying for the hydrolysis is 'the applicant' and must have the legal right to apply for the hydrolysis, under section 78 of the Burial and Cremation (Scotland) Act 2016.

I _____ (*print name of applicant*) on behalf of

_____ (*organisation*) as the authorised and designated person, declare that I hold paperwork relating to each of the pregnancy losses listed below, signed by the medical practitioner/ registered nurse/ registered midwife, and that the paperwork includes a declaration that each pregnancy ended before or on completion of its 24th week and that each pregnancy loss showed no signs of life.

Section 2: Type of hydrolysis

Individual hydrolysis	☐ (please complete section 2a)
Shared hydrolysis	☐ (please complete section 2b)

Section 2a: details of individual hydrolysis

When a pregnancy loss is to be hydrolysed individually, no other pregnancy loss(es) are to be included on this form.

Container number:	
Pregnancy loss unique identifier:	

Is powder to be returned to the next of kin Yes ☐ No ☐

If yes – provide contact details of who will collect the powder (individual or funeral director)

Name	
Contact details (phone number / email)	

Section 2b: details of shared hydrolysis	
Container number:	

	Pregnancy Loss Unique Identifier		Pregnancy Loss Unique Identifier		Pregnancy Loss Unique Identifier		Pregnancy Loss Unique Identifier
1		**13**		**25**		**38**	
2		**14**		**26**		**39**	
3		**15**		**27**		**40**	
4		**16**		**28**		**41**	
5		**17**		**29**		**42**	
6		**18**		**30**		**43**	
7		**19**		**31**		**44**	
8		**20**		**32**		**45**	
9		**21**		**33**		**46**	
10		**22**		**34**		**47**	
11		**23**		**35**		**48**	
12		**24**		**36**		**49**	
				37		**50**	

Section 3: Declaration	
I DECLARE that all the information given in this application is correct, that no information has been omitted and that authorisation for the disposal has been obtained, in accordance with Part 3 of the Burial and Cremation (Scotland) Act 2016.	
Signature of applicant	
Date (DD/MM/YYYY)	☐☐ ☐☐ ☐☐☐☐

Organisation

Organisation address

Postcode

Telephone number:

Section 4: Authorisation for hydrolysis (to be completed by the hydrolysis authority)

This section is used by the hydrolysis authority to confirm that the application is in order and that the hydrolysis can take place.

☐ I confirm that all relevant sections of Form H4 have been completed.

☐ I confirm that I approve this application for hydrolysis.

Name of hydrolysis facility staff member	
Signature of hydrolysis facility staff member	
Position	

Date (DD/MM/YYYY)

SCHEDULE 5

Regulation 9(3)(e)(i)

APPLICATION FORM FOR HYDROLYSIS OF AN ADULT OR CHILD: LOCAL AUTHORITY APPLICATION

Form H5: Application for hydrolysis (by local authority)

Hydrolysis facility / Hydrolysis authority:	Hydrolysis number:
	Hydrolysis authority registration number:
Name of deceased	
Time of hydrolysis	
Date of hydrolysis	

This is a statutory form, prescribed by the Hydrolysis (Scotland) (No. 2) Regulations 2026. The information and questions contained in this form must not be changed.

This application form is to be used by a local authority to apply for the hydrolysis of an adult or child where a person dies or is found dead within the area of the local authority and it appears that no arrangements have been or are being made for the remains to be buried, cremated or hydrolysed.

The application is made to the hydrolysis authority which is to carry out the hydrolysis. The hydrolysis authority will need to examine the form to make sure that it contains all of the necessary information. Missing information or information that is not accurate may result in the hydrolysis being delayed or refused. If you are unsure about any of the information that is required, or are not sure what any part of the form means, you should speak to staff at the hydrolysis facility where the hydrolysis is to take place or to the funeral director who is making the arrangements.

The local authority applying for the hydrolysis is 'the applicant' and must have the legal right to apply for the hydrolysis under section 87 of the Burial and Cremation (Scotland) Act 2016.

If it is necessary to change the hydrolysis facility a new Form H5 should be completed.

Personal data

The information provided on this form is a legal requirement under the Burial and Cremation (Scotland) Act 2016 and will be processed in line with data protection legislation. The data will be held by the hydrolysis authority that is carrying out the hydrolysis. It will be held securely, in confidence and processed solely for purposes set out by or under the Burial and Cremation (Scotland) Act 2016. It will not be shared with any third party other than an inspector of hydrolysis if requested. You have the right to know what data is held about you and you can, by contacting the hydrolysis authority in writing, receive a copy of that data. The hydrolysis authority is obliged to include in their privacy notice how the information will be held, for how long and how you may make a complaint to the Information Commissioner's Office.

Required Documents

You should ensure that you have attached the certificate of registration of death to this application form. A Form E1 may also be required, if the procurator fiscal has been involved. The hydrolysis authority must have these documents for the hydrolysis to take place. See the Guidance Notes(**a**) for more information.

(**a**) [hyperlink to be added when available]

Section 1: Your information ('the applicant')

This section is used to record your details, as the representative of the local authority responsible for the hydrolysis. In completing this form you are the applicant for the hydrolysis.

Title

First name(s)

Surname

Position

Local authority

Business address

Postcode

Business telephone

Email address

Section 2: Authority to apply for hydrolysis

I _____ (*representative of local authority*) on behalf of

_____(*local authority*)
declare that the person has died or has been found dead within the above local authority area (or died in another local authority area but was receiving assistance from the local authority making the application) and it appears that no arrangements have been or are being made for the remains to be buried, cremated or hydrolysed.

Section 3: Information about the person who has died

Details of the person who has died

Title	Sex (*please delete as applicable*)
	Male/Female

First name(s) (*including any middle names*)

Surname

Name as shown on coffin plate (*if applicable*)

Date of birth (DD/MM/YYYY) | | | | | | | | Age (at death)_____

Religion (*if known)*

Address

Postcode | | | | | | | |

Date on which they died (or were found dead) (DD/MM/YYYY)

Place of death

Name of hospital or practice where the doctor certified the death

Procurator fiscal

If the procurator fiscal has investigated the death, the hydrolysis cannot take place until the procurator fiscal has given approval. Please tick boxes below as applicable.

Has the death been investigated by the procurator fiscal? Yes ☐ No ☐

If 'yes', Form E1 has been provided by the procurator fiscal. Yes ☐ No ☐

Section 4: Hazards

This section is used to record details of anything which might be a hazard during hydrolysis – for example, certain implants or the presence of particular diseases. Certain hazards may need to be removed from the body before hydrolysis can take place. Implants or devices may damage hydrolysis equipment if not removed before hydrolysis. Some radioactive treatments may endanger the health of hydrolysis facility staff.

The presence of some hazards may delay or prevent hydrolysis taking place. If you are in any doubt about this, you must discuss it with the funeral director or hydrolysis facility staff.

Are you aware if any of the following apply:

	Yes	No
Does the body pose a risk to public health: for example did the deceased have a notifiable infectious disease or was their body contaminated immediately before death?		
Is there a cardiac pacemaker or any other potentially explosive device currently present in or on the body?		
Is there radioactive material or any other hazardous implant currently present in or on the body?		

If you answered 'yes' to the questions about a cardiac pacemaker and/or radioactive material, please give details and state whether the device has been removed.

Section 5: Disposal of powder

This section is used to state what is to happen to the powder following hydrolysis (please tick only one box below).

a) There are no known relatives/relatives are unable to be contacted and the powder should be disposed of in line with hydrolysis authority procedure. ☐

I confirm that I have been in contact with the family of the deceased and have confirmed that they want:

b) To collect the powder from the hydrolysis facility (please fill out section 5d) ☐

c) The hydrolysis authority to scatter or inter the powder ☐

The term "powder" means the solid material (other than any metal) to which human remains are reduced by hydrolysis. Metals may be recycled by the hydrolysis authority to help reduce the impact on the environment. Each hydrolysis authority will have their own practices.

Section 5d: Details of the person collecting the powder

First names

Surname

Telephone number, if known

Email address, if known

Address

Postcode

The person collecting the powder has been made aware that identification will be needed when the powder is collected. ☐

Section 6: Declaration

This section requires you to declare that the information you have provided above is, to the best of your knowledge, true, and that you are entitled to apply for this hydrolysis. **It is an offence to knowingly provide false information and if you do so you may be liable to a fine of up to Level 3 on the standard scale on conviction.**

Applicant's declaration

I declare that I have the legal right to apply for this hydrolysis. To the best of my knowledge, the information I have provided is accurate.

First names	
Surname	
Signature of applicant	
Date (DD/MM/YYYY)	
Height and weight of the deceased (*complete if no funeral director services used*)	

Funeral Director's declaration (to be completed by the funeral director if services are used)

I declare that I have discussed the options with the applicant and know no reason why the hydrolysis cannot take place. I understand that if I become aware of anything that may mean the hydrolysis should be delayed between the paperwork being completed and the hydrolysis taking place, I must inform the hydrolysis authority and the applicant.

Name of funeral director's representative

Funeral director's registration number

Business name and address of funeral director

Postcode

Height and weight of the deceased

Signature of funeral director's representative

Date (DD/MM/YYYY)

Section 7: Authorisation for hydrolysis (to be completed by the hydrolysis authority)

This section is used by the hydrolysis authority to confirm that the application is in order and that the hydrolysis can take place.

☐ I confirm that I have received the necessary documentation to allow the hydrolysis to take place.

☐ I confirm that all relevant sections of this form have been completed.

☐ I confirm that I approve this application for hydrolysis.

Name of hydrolysis facility staff member

Signature of hydrolysis facility staff member

Position

Date (DD/MM/YYYY)

SCHEDULE 6

Regulation 9(3)(f)(i)

APPLICATION FORM FOR THE HYDROLYSIS OF BODY PARTS FOLLOWING POST-MORTEM EXAMINATION OR A WHOLE BODY OR BODY PARTS FOLLOWING ANATOMICAL EXAMINATION

Form H6: Application for hydrolysis of body parts following a hospital-arranged post mortem examination or whole body/ body parts donated for anatomical examination

Hydrolysis facility / Hydrolysis authority:	Hydrolysis number:
	Hydrolysis authority registration number:

This is a statutory form, prescribed by the Hydrolysis (Scotland) (No. 2) Regulations 2026. The information and questions contained in this form must not be changed.

This form is used to apply for the hydrolysis of:

- a whole body following an anatomical examination (where the body was donated on or after the commencement of the Anatomy Act 1984 (14 February 1988));
- body parts which have been retained after an anatomical examination (where the body was donated on or after the commencement of the Anatomy Act 1984 (14 February 1988)); or
- body parts which have been retained after a hospital arranged post mortem examination.

Anatomical examination

When a person bequeaths their body for anatomical examination and their remains are to be hydrolysed after the examination, the university's Licensed Teacher of Anatomy will complete Form M(**a**) when releasing a whole body for disposal. A person authorised by the university is required to complete Form H6 to apply for the hydrolysis.

Body Parts (anatomical examination or post mortem examination)

Some body parts may be retained after the body itself has been released for hydrolysis. The Licensed Teacher of Anatomy, doctor or pathologist will complete Form N(**b**) releasing the body parts for disposal and a person authorised by the university or hospital must complete Form H6 to apply for the hydrolysis.

Form M or Form N must be submitted along with Form H6 to the hydrolysis authority.

(**a**) Certificate of Authorisation for the disposal of a body following anatomical examination under section 27A of the Registration of Births, Deaths and Marriages (Scotland) Act 1965.

(**b**) Certificate of Authorisation for the disposal of body parts following anatomical examination under section 27A of the Registration of Births, Deaths and Marriages (Scotland) Act 1965.

Hospital arranged post mortem examination

When the form authorising a hospital post mortem examination is completed by the next of kin they will complete the section for disposal of any retained organs/ body parts. Form H6 should be used by the hospital to arrange for hydrolysis of the organs/ body parts.

The application

The application is made to the hydrolysis authority which is to carry out the hydrolysis. The hydrolysis authority will need to examine the form to make sure that it contains all of the necessary information. Missing information or information that is not accurate may result in the hydrolysis being delayed or refused. If you are unsure about any of the information that is required, or are not sure what any part of the form means, you should speak to staff at the hydrolysis facility where the hydrolysis is to take place.

The person applying for the hydrolysis is 'the applicant' and has the legal right to apply for the hydrolysis.

The powder will be disposed of by the hydrolysis facility using their usual procedure unless instructed otherwise.

Personal data

The information provided on this form is a legal requirement under the Burial and Cremation (Scotland) Act 2016 and will be processed in line with data protection legislation. The data will be held by the hydrolysis authority that is carrying out the hydrolysis. It will be held securely, in confidence and processed solely for purposes set out by or under the Burial and Cremation (Scotland) Act 2016. It will not be shared with any third party other than an inspector of hydrolysis if requested. You have the right to know what data is held about you and you can, by contacting the hydrolysis authority in writing, receive a copy of that data. The hydrolysis authority is obliged to include in their privacy notice how the information will be held, for how long and how you may make a complaint to the Information Commissioner's Office.

Required documents

You should ensure that you have attached the necessary documents to this application form. The hydrolysis authority will need to have them to allow the hydrolysis to take place.

Please tick next to the forms that are included with this application.

☐ Certificate of Registration of Death (**Form 14**).

☐ Certificate of authorisation for disposal of a body following anatomical examination (**Form M**).

OR

☐ Certificate of authorisation for disposal of body parts following a post mortem examination or anatomical examination (**Form N**).

Application for hydrolysis – details of the deceased

Complete the declaration at section 4 and one of the following sections:

- Section 1 – hydrolysis of a **whole body** after **anatomical examination**.
- Section 2 – hydrolysis of **body parts** retained following **anatomical examination**.
- Section 3 – hydrolysis of **body parts** retained following a **hospital arranged post-mortem examination**.

Section 1: Application for hydrolysis of a whole body following anatomical examination

I confirm that the body described below was donated to

(*University Name*_____) on or after the commencement of the Anatomy Act 1984 (14 February 1988).

Details of the deceased

Title

Sex (please delete as applicable)

Male / Female

First name(s) (including any middle names)

Surname

Date of birth (DD/MM/YYYY)

Age (at death) _____

Address

Postcode

Date on which they died (or were found dead) (DD/MM/YYYY)

Place of death

I , (*Licensed Teacher of Anatomy/other authorised person**) confirm on behalf of _____(*name of authority lawfully retaining the body*) that there is no reason for any further inquiry or examination concerning the body detailed above and attach Form M confirming that it is now released for disposal and may be hydrolysed.

I confirm that, to the best of my knowledge and belief, no implants or hazards remain in or on the body

* *The university may authorise a suitable person to complete Form H6 (such as a bequest co-ordinator).*

Section 2: Application for hydrolysis of body parts following anatomical examination

I , _____ (*Licensed Teacher of Anatomy/ authorised person**) confirm on behalf of _____ _____ (*name of authority lawfully retaining the body parts*) that there is no reason for any further inquiry or examination concerning the body parts listed on Form N. I confirm they are now released for disposal and may be hydrolysed.
I confirm that, to the best of my knowledge and belief, no implants or hazards remain in or on the body part(s).

I confirm that the body part(s) described on Form N was/were retained from body/ bodies which was/were donated to_____ *(University Name)* on or after the commencement of the Anatomy Act 1984 (14 February 1988).

* *The university may authorise a suitable person to complete Form H6 (such as a bequest co-ordinator).*

Section 3: Application for hydrolysis of body parts following a hospital arranged post mortem examination

I , _____ (*Doctor / Pathologist/ authorised person**) confirm on behalf of _____ (*name of authority lawfully retaining the body parts*) that there is no reason for any further inquiry or examination concerning the body parts listed on Form N. I confirm they are now released for disposal and may be hydrolysed.
I confirm that, to the best of my knowledge and belief, no implants or hazards remain in or on the body part(s).
I confirm that the body part(s) described on Form N was/were retained from the body of the deceased following a hospital arranged post-mortem examination.

* *The hospital may authorise a suitable person to complete Form H6.*

Section 4: Declaration

I declare that I have the legal right to apply for this hydrolysis. To the best of my knowledge and belief, all the information given in this application is correct, no information has been omitted and authorisation for the disposal has been obtained.

Signature of applicant

Date (DD/MM/YYYY)

Organisation

Business address

Postcode

Section 5: Authorisation for hydrolysis (to be completed by the hydrolysis authority)

This section is used by the hydrolysis authority to confirm that the application is in order and that the hydrolysis can take place.

☐ I confirm that I have seen the appropriate documentation.

☐ I confirm that all relevant sections of Form H6 have been completed.

☐ I confirm that I approve this application for hydrolysis.

Name of hydrolysis facility staff member	
Signature of hydrolysis facility staff member	
Position	
Date (DD/MM/YYYY)	

SCHEDULE 7

Regulation 9(3)(h)(i)

APPLICATION FORM FOR THE HYDROLYSIS OF BODY PARTS FOLLOWING ANATOMICAL EXAMINATION WHERE THE DECEASED DIED BEFORE 14 FEBRUARY 1988

Form H7: Application for hydrolysis of body parts donated in Scotland for anatomical examination or teaching before the commencement of the Anatomy Act 1984 (14 February 1988)

Hydrolysis facility / Hydrolysis authority:	Hydrolysis number:
	Hydrolysis authority registration number:

This is a statutory form, prescribed by the Hydrolysis (Scotland) (No. 2) Regulations 2026. The information and questions contained in this form must not be changed

This form is used to apply for hydrolysis of body parts which were donated in Scotland for anatomical examination or teaching before commencement of the Anatomy Act 1984 (14 February 1988). This is a requirement of the Hydrolysis (Scotland) (No. 2) Regulations 2026. This application must be signed by the person authorised to make the application for hydrolysis.

The application is made to the hydrolysis authority which is to carry out the hydrolysis. The hydrolysis authority will need to examine the form to make sure that it contains all of the necessary information. Missing information or information that is not accurate may result in the hydrolysis being delayed or refused.

If you are unsure about any of the information that is required, or are not sure what any part of the form means, you should speak to staff at the hydrolysis facility where the hydrolysis is to take place.

The powder will be disposed of by the hydrolysis facility using their usual procedure unless instructed otherwise.

Personal data

The information provided on this form is a legal requirement under the Burial and Cremation (Scotland) Act 2016 and will be processed in line with data protection legislation. The data will be held by the hydrolysis authority that is carrying out the hydrolysis. It will be held securely, in confidence and processed solely for purposes set out by or under the Burial and Cremation (Scotland) Act 2016. It will not be shared with any third party other than an inspector of hydrolysis if requested. You have the right to know what data is held about you and you can, by contacting the hydrolysis authority in writing, receive a copy of that data. The hydrolysis authority is obliged to include in their privacy notice how the information will be held, for how long and how you may make a complaint to the Information Commissioner's Office.

Remains which cannot be hydrolysed

Where the body parts are in such a condition that means they are unable to be hydrolysed, the hydrolysis authority may refuse to accept them and return them to the applicant for an alternative method of disposal (e.g. cremation or burial).

Section 1: Application for hydrolysis of body parts donated in Scotland for anatomical examination or teaching before the commencement of the Anatomy Act 1984 (14 February 1988)

I, _____(*name of Licensed Teacher of Anatomy/authorised person**)

at _____ (*university name*) request that the body parts(s) described below is/are hydrolysed.

I confirm that the body part(s) described below were donated to or acquired by _____ *(university name)* before the commencement of the Anatomy Act 1984 (14 February 1988).

**The university may authorise a suitable person to apply for the hydrolysis and complete Form H7 (such as a bequest co-ordinator).*

Anatomy reference no.	**Parts for disposal**

Section 2: Declaration

I declare that I have the legal right to apply for this hydrolysis. To the best of my knowledge and belief, all the information given in this application is correct, no information has been omitted and that authorisation for the disposal has been obtained.

Signature of Applicant _____ Date _____

University

Address

Postcode

Telephone

Section 3: Authorisation for hydrolysis (to be completed by the hydrolysis authority)

This section is used by the hydrolysis authority to confirm that the application is in order and that the hydrolysis can take place.

☐ I confirm that all relevant sections of Form H7 have been completed.

☐ I confirm that I approve this application for hydrolysis.

Name of hydrolysis facility staff member	
Signature of hydrolysis facility staff member	
Position	
Date (DD/MM/YYYY)	☐☐ ☐☐ ☐☐☐☐

SCHEDULE 8

Regulation 15(1)(a)

HYDROLYSIS REGISTER – WHOLE BODIES

1. Hydrolysis facility at which the hydrolysis was carried out.

2. Hydrolysis authority.

3. Hydrolysis number.

4. Date of the hydrolysis.

5. Name of the deceased.

6. Sex of the deceased.

7. Date of birth of the deceased.

8. Date of death of the deceased.

9. What happened to the powder.

10. Name and contact details of funeral director (if used).

SCHEDULE 9

Regulation 15(1)(b)

HYDROLYSIS REGISTER – BODY PARTS

1. Hydrolysis facility at which the hydrolysis was carried out.

2. Hydrolysis authority.

3. Hydrolysis number.

4. Date of the hydrolysis.

5. Name of the deceased.

6. Sex of the deceased.

7. Date of birth of the deceased.

8. Date of death of the deceased.

9. Body parts being hydrolysed.

10. Date and place of burial, cremation or hydrolysis of body (if applicable).

11. What happened to the powder.

12. Name and contact details of funeral director (if used).

SCHEDULE 10

Regulation 15(1)(c)

HYDROLYSIS REGISTER – STILLBIRTH AND PREGNANCY LOSS

1. Hydrolysis facility at which the hydrolysis was carried out.

2. Hydrolysis authority.

3. Hydrolysis number.

4. Date of the hydrolysis.

5. Type of hydrolysis (pregnancy loss or still birth).

6. Name of the baby (if given).

7. Where the hydrolysis is applied for by a health authority—

(a) unique identification number given by the health authority,

(b) name and business address of applicant.

8. Whether powder was recovered and if so, what happened to it.

9. Name and contact details of funeral director (if used).

EXPLANATORY NOTE

(This note is not part of the Regulations)

These Regulations make provision regarding hydrolysis, a new form of disposal of human remains, in particular in respect of the management and operation of hydrolysis facilities, applications for hydrolysis, the handling of powder and the hydrolysis register. The Hydrolysis (Scotland) (No. 1) Regulations 2026 apply the provisions of Part 2 of the Burial and Cremation (Scotland) Act 2016 ("the Act") in relation to hydrolysis, as if they were subject to modifications specified in those Regulations. Part 2 of the Act, as if modified, makes provision to regulate hydrolysis and places duties on hydrolysis authorities. These Regulations exercise regulation-making powers contained within Part 2 of the Act (as if modified) to make further provision regarding hydrolysis. "Hydrolysis" and related terms are defined in section 107(1) of the Act.

Regulations 3 to 5 concern the operation and management of hydrolysis facilities. Regulation 3 provides that hydrolysis authorities must prepare and maintain a management plan to be known as a hydrolysis management plan which must make provision about matters specified in regulation 3(4). The Plan must be regularly reviewed and available for inspection by members of the public or an inspector of hydrolysis. Regulation 4 makes provision about documentation that must be retained by hydrolysis authorities for a period of 50 years on a confidential basis. Regulation 5 makes provision imposing duties on hydrolysis authorities in connection with maintenance and operation of hydrolysis facilities.

Regulations 6 to 8 make provision regarding the operation of hydrolysis equipment. Hydrolysis authorities must ensure that hydrolyses are not combined to ensure the remains of only one adult, child, still-born child or fetus are hydrolysed each time. This does not apply to a joint or shared hydrolysis as defined in regulations 7 and 8.

Regulations 9 to 11 concern the application process for hydrolysis. Applications must be in a prescribed form and contain the information and documents specified in the relevant form (regulation 9 and schedules 1 to 7). Regulation 10 makes provision regarding applications for hydrolysis following exhumation. Regulation 11 provides that hydrolysis authorities may make inquiries in relation to any application or accompanying documents.

Sections 51 to 56 of the Act (as they apply in relation to hydrolysis) make provision about the handling of powder by hydrolysis authorities and funeral directors, including arrangements for retention, collection and disposal of powder. Regulation 12 makes provision regarding the notice to be given to applicants where powder is collected from a hydrolysis authority by a funeral director or returned to the hydrolysis authority. Regulation 13 specifies time periods for the collection of powder following a hydrolysis. For the purposes of sections 51, 53 and 55 of the Act, regulation 14 provides that the specified method of disposal by a hydrolysis authority of powder is burial or scattering.

Regulation 15 prescribes the information that must be recorded in a hydrolysis register and places a duty on hydrolysis authorities to review the register and ensure that the information is accurate and up to date.

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