

Exhumation from a cemetery form

Under section 87 of the *Burial and Cremation Act 2022*¹, a person may apply for approval to exhume human remains of a deceased person in a cemetery and relocate the human remains. Use this form to apply.

A list of declared cemeteries² and information about exhumations³ are available on the Northern Territory (NT) Government website. Complete all sections of this form and attach documentation in support of the application where indicated. If you need any help filling out this form, please email burials@nt.gov.au or call (08) 8999 8523.

Questions marked with an asterisk (*) are mandatory, if applicable.	
Deceased person	
Given name/s *	
Family name *	
What is the name of the cemetery where the deceased was buried? *	
What date was the deceased buried? * If you don't know the exact date, provide an approximate date	
What is the section and plot number? * Requires confirmation with cemetery manager	
Is there an exclusive right of burial for the plot? * Requires confirmation with cemetery manager	Yes / No If Yes – Attach a copy of written confirmation of consent from the holder of the exclusive right of burial *
Do you have documentation confirming the burial of the deceased? *	Yes / No If Yes – Attach a copy of the document confirming the burial * If No – Provide the reason why documentation confirming the burial of the deceased cannot be provided (you may attach a copy of any supporting documents): *

¹ <https://legislation.nt.gov.au/en/Bills/Burial-and-Cremation-Bill-2022-S-55?format=assented>

² <https://nt.gov.au/law/bdm/cemeteries>

³ <https://nt.gov.au/law/bdm/exhumations>

Applicant	
Given name/s *	
Family name *	
Phone *	
Email *	
Residential address *	
What is your relationship to the deceased person? * For example, partner, parent or guardian, child, friend	
Decision maker	
<p>A decision maker for a deceased person, means:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> the executor or administrator of the estate of the deceased person if there is no executor or administrator of the estate of the deceased person, the senior next of kin in any other case, the Public Trustee. <p>More information about decision makers is available on the NT Government website⁴.</p>	
Full name *	
Phone *	
Email *	
Are you the decision maker for the deceased person? *	<p>Yes / No</p> <p>If No – Attach a copy of written confirmation of consent for the exhumation and relocation from the decision maker for the deceased person *</p>
Person undertaking exhumation	
This is the person responsible for organising the act of exhumation and relocation.	
Full name *	
Phone *	
Email *	

⁴ <https://nt.gov.au/law/bdm/what-to-do-if-someone-dies/arrange-a-burial-or-cremation/decision-maker-for-burials>

Exhumation details	
What is the proposed date of exhumation? * Requires confirmation with cemetery manager and person undertaking exhumation	
Is the proposed date of exhumation within 6 months from the date of burial <u>and</u> did the deceased person suffer from a declared infectious disease at the time of death? * You can see the list of declared infectious diseases ⁵	Yes / No If Yes – As the deceased suffered from a declared infectious disease within 6 months from the date of burial, there must be consultation with the Chief Health Officer about the proposed exhumation before you proceed. The department can assist with this consultation. Contact the department via burials@nt.gov.au before continuing with this form.
Is the exhumation from a plot where other human remains are buried? * This is referred to as a multiple burial plot – requires confirmation with cemetery manager	Yes / No If Yes – Answer the question below * If No – Do not answer the question below
Do you have written confirmation of consent for the exhumation from the decision makers for other deceased persons buried in the plot?	Yes, for all / Yes, for some / No If Yes, for all – Attach a copy of written confirmation of consent to the burial from the decision maker for each person buried * If Yes, for some – <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Attach a copy of written confirmation of consent to the burial from the decision makers that can be contacted for each person buried * <u>and</u> • Attach a copy of a statutory declaration that states that you have made reasonable attempts to contact the remaining decision makers and that they cannot be contacted * If No – Attach a copy of a statutory declaration that states that you have made reasonable attempts to contact the decision makers and that they cannot be contacted * You can get the statutory declaration form on the NT Government website ⁶ .

⁵ <https://nt.gov.au/law/bdm/exhumations>

⁶ <https://nt.gov.au/law/processes/statutory-declarations>

What best describes the arrangements you have made after exhumation? * Answer yes to one only	Re-burial of the exhumed remains in a cemetery	Yes / No
	Re-burial of the exhumed remains outside a cemetery	Yes / No
	Cremation of the exhumed remains	Yes / No
	Other arrangements for the exhumed remains	Yes / No
Describe the place where the exhumed remains will be buried, disposed of, or relocated *		
Have you obtained the necessary authorisations to bury, cremate, dispose of, or otherwise make arrangements for the human remains? *	Yes / No If Yes – Attach a copy of any supporting documents *	
Does this application contain culturally sensitive information? *	Yes / No If Yes – Provide details of any culturally sensitive information: *	

Please email your completed form to burials@nt.gov.au.

Privacy statement: The Department of the Chief Minister and Cabinet (**Department**) collects the information on this application form in order to fulfil its responsibilities under the *Burial and Cremation Act 2022 (Act)*. If you do not know some of the information asked for by this form or if some of the information is culturally sensitive, you may be able to choose not to provide some information. If you are unsure what information you can or should provide, contact the Department or seek legal advice. The information you provide will be used for the administration of the Act, and may also be disclosed as authorised or required by law. Contact the Department if you have questions or want to have access to the information you provided on (08) 8999 8450 or via burials@nt.gov.au.