

# **REPATRIATION PROCESS FOR THE DECEASED**

## **IRISH CITIZENS OF INDIAN ORIGIN<sup>1</sup>**

### Documents required:

1. Letter from the Hospital declaring death (Funeral home/Family)
2. Death Certificate (Family)
3. Funeral Directors Declaration (Funeral Home)
4. Embalming certificate (Funeral Home)
5. Coroners letter for Clearance on Non-infectious diseases (Funeral Home)
6. Coroners certificate to clearance of body outside Ireland (Funeral Home)
7. Clearance from Indian Embassy (Family)
8. Irish passport (Family)
9. OCI Card (Family)

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<sup>1</sup> With inputs from all Indian organisations, social media in Ireland.

Procedure:

1. Hospital to issue a death declaration form stating the cause of the death.
2. If Post-mortem is performed, Coroner (State Pathologist) will issue the same.
3. Take the death declaration form to the local Death and Birth Registration Centre.
4. Family members or the next of kin should be present to sign the form for death registration. Death certificates costs €20 per certificate. Its recommended to buy three certificates at least.
5. Submit the details of person who will be receiving the deceased in India with their passport details to the funeral home.
6. Obtain the following certificates from the funeral home:
  - a. Embalming certificate
  - b. Funeral directors declaration
  - c. Coroners certificate for clearance from non-infectious diseases
  - d. Coroners certificate to clearance of body outside Ireland.

7. Present to the Dept. of Foreign Affairs, Passport Office Building, Molesworth Street, Dublin 2 or 1A, South Mall, Cork with all the above documents.
8. Dept. of Foreign Affairs (DFA) authenticates and attests all the relevant Irish documents.
9. However, DFA doesn't authenticate the passport and embalming certificate.
10. You have to get the Irish passport and embalming certificate attested by the notary public first.
11. DFA authenticates the passport and embalming certificate post notary public's attestation.
12. Completion of this process, establishes that Republic of Ireland has cleared to repatriate the deceased.
13. Authentication costs€ 40 per page.
14. Present to the Indian embassy with the all the above documents.
15. Indian embassy is not entitled to issue non-objection letter or permit letter for repatriation of deceased Irish citizens of Indian origin to

India. It's the ambassador's sole discretion to issue the non-objection letter.

16. However, clearance from Indian Embassy in the form of permit or non-objection letter is a must for transferring the deceased via cargo.

17. Once clearance from the Indian Embassy is obtained hand over all the documents back to the Funeral Home with the passport and OCI.

18. Funeral home will issue airway bill and flight details.

19. Consignee to claim for the deceased in the Local airport with proper identification (preferably passport)