

Below please find language approved by the Oklahoma Funeral Board at a special meeting on January 5, 2011. This language was used to help create Senate Bill 860. The Board would appreciate your thoughts and input on each proposed issue as we move forward. If you have questions please direct them to info@okfuneral.com. Please fax this response to 405.522.1797 or email at info@okfuneral.com

Funeral Director wanting to serve as FDIC

Require all future FDIC's to have a minimum of a bachelor's degree and both current funeral director's and embalmer's license. As of the date of enactment, all currently licensed funeral directors and embalmers regardless of education will be grandfathered in and be allowed to serve as the FDIC in the future. The individual must have graduated from ABFSE accredited mortuary school.

Licensed Funeral Director

Minimum of GED or High School Grad. Complete a one year apprenticeship as a full-time employee. This apprenticeship includes assisting with a least 50 services with casketed remains. Completion of a funeral director's course of study at a mortuary school which offers an ABFSE accredited funeral service program that is approved by the Board; Pass the Oklahoma funeral director's exam & Oklahoma law exam. Receive the same continuing education of a dual licensee.

Note- This license has the same authority as a currently licensed funeral directors except this individual shall not serve as FDIC. This licensee may make funeral arrangements, conduct funeral services and conduct burials in the state.

Certified Mortuary Assistant

Minimum of GED or High School Grad. Attend a Board approved class of specified instruction on funeral service. Complete a one year apprenticeship including 25 removals and 25 interments under the direct supervision of a licensed funeral director. Pass a Board approved Exam. Receive three hours of continuing education per year, including one hour covering the topic of ethics.

Note- This certificate does not allow the individual to make funeral arrangements, conduct funeral services or conduct interment ceremonies in the state. This certificate does allow the individual to make removal of deceased from the home, conduct memorial services with cremated remains present and supervise interments after the conclusion of the graveside ceremony.

Other Suggestions or comments

Thank You for taking your time to complete this survey.