

MORTUARY ATTENDANTKind of Work

Routine work pertaining to the care and custody of corpses.

Distinguishing Features of Work

An employee in this class receives and registers all corpses coming into the hospital mortuary and arranges for delivery to authorised persons. Work also involves preparing certain corpses for post mortem examination when directed by the Medical Officer or Pathologist. General routine assistance is also rendered during an autopsy. The employee is also required to keep the instruments and the mortuary sanitary and in readiness for the performance of an autopsy. Work assignments are received from a Medical Officer or Pathologist who gives specific instructions and reviews work through inspections, reports and observations.

Examples of Work

Receives and registers all the corpses coming into the mortuary; cleans bodies and places in storage with appropriate identification mark; delivers bodies to relatives or agents on presentation of death certificates.

Prepares all necessary instruments, containers, solutions and materials required for the performance of post mortem examination.

Assists a doctor in the performance of post mortem examination by preparing the body for examination, passing instruments to him, opening any part of the corpse for inspection, providing bottles with solutions which are used to preserve specimens; and stitches up, washes, and puts away the body pending removal by relatives or undertakers.

Performs custodial work necessary to maintain morgue clean and in a sanitary condition.

Performs related work as required.

Required Knowledges, Skills and Abilities

Ability and temperament to work upon corpses in a hospital morgue and autopsy room.

Ability to understand and follow simple oral and written directions.

Ability to keep and maintain simple records.

Ability to learn to use the surgical tools used for post mortem work.

Sufficient physical strength and freedom from disabling defects to permit the lifting and moving of corpses.

Minimum Experience and Training

Training as evidenced by a Primary School Leaving Certificate; or its equivalent.