

(2) A FUNERAL DIRECTOR LICENSE ISSUED UNDER THIS TITLE AUTHORIZES THE LICENSEE TO PRACTICE FUNERAL DIRECTION WHILE THE LICENSE IS EFFECTIVE.

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(a) (1) The Board shall determine the qualifications necessary for [a person] AN INDIVIDUAL to lawfully engage in the practice of mortuary science OR FUNERAL DIRECTION and to operate a funeral establishment within this State.

(2) Except as otherwise provided in this subtitle, to qualify for a mortician OR FUNERAL DIRECTOR license, an applicant shall be an individual who meets the requirements of this section.

(b) The Board shall examine all applications for licensure for the practice of mortuary science OR FUNERAL DIRECTION and shall issue the mortician OR FUNERAL DIRECTOR license to [any person] AN INDIVIDUAL who:

(1) Is judged to be of good moral character;

(2) Has completed not less than 1 year and not more than 2 years of licensed apprenticeship, unless the Board allowed extensions for additional 1-year terms;

(3) Except as otherwise provided in this section, has graduated with an associate of arts degree in mortuary science or its equivalent from a school accredited by the American Board of Funeral Service Education or approved by the Board, or has acquired at least an associate of arts degree and completed a course in mortuary science that is accredited by the American Board of Funeral Service Education or approved by the Board;

(4) Has passed the national board examination administered by the Conference of Funeral Service Examining Boards of the United States;

(5) [Has] EXCEPT AS PROVIDED IN SUBSECTION (C) OF THIS SECTION, HAS passed a written examination on Maryland law and regulations governing the practice of mortuary science and a practical examination demonstrating competency in [embalming] THE PREPARATION OF DEAD HUMAN BODIES FOR FINAL DISPOSITION and sanitary science; and

(6) Has submitted an application to the Board on the required form and has paid a fee set by the Board.