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| Applying to cremate bodily remains with an identifier |
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A person or body corporate may apply for cremation authorisation for bodily remains with an identifier. Examples of bodily remains with an identifier include body donor cadavers received from overseas, unidentified bodies released for disposal by the Coroner and unidentified historical skeletons. Examples of applicants include hospitals, schools of anatomy, tissue banks, the Victorian Institute of Forensic Medicine, museums and universities.

# Application form

Applications for cremation authorisation for bodily remains with an identifier are made using Form 9.

[Form 9 - Application for cremation authorisation - bodily remains with an identifier](https://www.health.vic.gov.au/cemeteries-and-crematoria/cremation-approval) <https://www.health.vic.gov.au/cemeteries-and-crematoria/cremation-approval>

**Note:** If the name of the deceased is known, the application should be made using [Form 5 - Application for cremation authorisation - bodily remains](https://www.health.vic.gov.au/cemeteries-and-crematoria/cremations) <https://www.health.vic.gov.au/cemeteries-and-crematoria/cremations>.

# Application process

1. Identifier is assigned to bodily remains.
2. Applicant keeps a record of the identifier and all other information known about the deceased.
3. Applicant completes Form 9.
4. Applicant submits Form 9 and supporting documents detailing the source and, if known, the history of the bodily remains to the department to seek cremation approval.

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1. Written cremation approval from the department is attached to Form 9 and both documents are submitted to a cemetery trust that provides cremation services.
2. Cemetery trust grants cremation authorisation.
3. Cremation is scheduled. Applicant pays applicable fees to the cemetery trust.
4. Bodily remains are enclosed in a coffin, container or receptacle that is:
	* + labelled with the identifier
		+ clean and hygienic
		+ constructed of wood or other substantial material that is combustible and will not
			- impede the cremation process
			- cause damage to the cremator
			- give rise to noxious emissions when burnt
			- allow offensive or noxious emissions nor matter from the bodily remains to escape.
5. Enclosed bodily remains are transported to the crematorium for cremation.
6. Cremated remains are disposed of as per information provided in Form 9.

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