Funeral Director

Any person engaged in the profession of a funeral director or in the care and disposition of the human dead, or in the practice of disinfecting and preparing by embalming the human dead for the funeral service, burial or cremation, or the supervising of the burial, transportation or disposal of deceased human bodies, or in the practice of funeral directing or embalming.

Funeral Directors also make arrangements for funeral services and sell funeral merchandise to the public.

Funeral Resident Intern

Any person operating under or with a funeral director for the purpose of learning the profession, to the end that they may become a licensed funeral director.
Funeral Trainee

Any person accepted for matriculation at a mortuary college or university specializing in mortuary subjects which have been approved by the American Board of Funeral Service Education.

Funeral Supervisor

A licensed funeral director who is a registered supervisor of no more than one funeral establishment and who is accessible to serve the public at the funeral establishment which he is supervising and is not engaged in any activity, business or profession, including assisting other funeral directors, which substantially interferes with or prevents the supervision of the practice carried on by the funeral establishment which he supervises.
Funeral Director
Degree Requirement

States labeled as “No Degree Required” do require some mortuary science education.

**In Pennsylvania, an applicant shall obtain a certificate of mortuary education from the school of mortuary science and a preprofessional certificate issued by the Department of Education.

Examination Requirement
Funeral Director

Initial Licensing Fee

- **LOWEST**: $25.00 (Pennsylvania)
- **MEDIAN**: $150.00
- **HIGHEST**: $600.00 (Maryland)

- **PA**
  - Initial: $25.00
- **U.S. avg.**
  - Initial: $185.02

*Initial licensing fee comparison excludes examination fees, background check fees, and finger printing fees.

Renewal Fees

- **LOWEST**: $50.00 (Illinois & Indiana)
- **MEDIAN**: $200.00
- **HIGHEST**: $600.00 (Maryland & Montana)

- **PA**
  - Renewal: $400.00
- **U.S. avg.**
  - Renewal: $228.00

*To allow for comparisons, all fees have been adjusted to biennial renewal cycles.

*Pie chart does not include states that do not license this occupation.*
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**Act 41, signed by Governor Wolf on July 2, 2019, allows for portability of out-of-state professional licensees coming to work in Pennsylvania. Act 41 does this by granting all boards and commissions within the Commonwealth the authority to immediately endorse licensee from other states, territories or jurisdictions (with substantially equivalent licensing requirements) who are active, in good standing and without discipline against their license or criminal conviction. If a licensee comes from a jurisdiction that does not have substantially equal requirements for licensure, then the boards/commissions may grant a provisional license for a period of such time to allow the new resident to meet the necessary requirements, allowing them access to gainful employment in the interim.**
Funeral Resident Intern

Degree Requirement

Degrees:
- High School Diploma / GED
- Associates
- Bachelors
- No Degree Required
- Other (Not Licensed)

States labeled as "No Degree Required" do require some mortuary science education.

**In Pennsylvania, the applicant must include a certificate of mortuary education, a preprofessional certificate, and a copy of the preceptorial agreement which has been executed by the applicant’s proposed precepto

Examination Requirement

States with 1 required examination
- States with 2 required examinations
- States with 0 required examinations
- States that do not license this occupation
Funeral Resident Intern

Training / Experience Requirement

No Training / Experience Requirement
- States that do not license this occupation

Continuing Education Requirement

No Continuing Education Requirement
- States that do not license this occupation
Funeral Resident Intern

**Initial Licensing Fee**

- **LOWEST:** $10.00 (Wisconsin)
- **MEDIAN:** $75.00
- **HIGHEST:** $330.00 (Montana)

*Initial licensing fee comparison excludes examination fees, background check fees, and fingerprinting fees.

**Renewal Fees**

- **LOWEST:** $20.00 (Wisconsin)
- **MEDIAN:** $137.50
- **HIGHEST:** $300.00 (Oklahoma)

*To allow for comparisons, all fees have been adjusted to biennial renewal cycles.

**Renewal Cycles**

- **Annual:** 7 States
- **Biennial:** 14 States
- **No Renewal:** 11 States

AK, DE, DC, FL, ID, IN, IA, KY, LA, MO, MT, NE, NJ, and RI do not offer a renewal. AL, IL, MI, OK, SC, UT, WA, and WY limit the number of renewals.
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Funeral Trainee

Degree Requirement

Degrees:
- High School Diploma / GED
- Associates
- No Degree Required
- Not Licensed

*MD requires at least two-thirds of education to be completed
**In Pennsylvania, the applicant must present a certificate of mortuary education with their application

Examination Requirement

States with 1 required examination
States with 0 required examinations
States that do not license this occupation
Funeral Trainee

Training / Experience Requirement

Continuing Education Requirement

No Training / Experience Requirement
States that do not license this occupation

No Continuing Education Requirement
States that do not license this occupation
Funeral Trainee

Initial Licensing Fee

- **HIGHEST:** $325.00 (Maryland)
- **LOWEST:** $15.00 (Pennsylvania)
- **U.S. avg.:** $25.00

*To allow for comparisons, all fees have been adjusted to biennial renewal cycles.*

Renewal Fees

- **HIGHEST:** $650.00 (Maryland)
- **LOWEST:** $15.00 (Pennsylvania)
- **U.S. avg.:** $15.00
- **MEDIAN:** $100.00

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South Dakota and Tennessee do not offer a renewal. Alaska and Texas only offer one renewal. Michigan and North Carolina only offer two renewals.
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CHAPTER 13. STATE BOARD OF FUNERAL DIRECTORS

§ 13.1. Definitions: **Supervisor**— A licensed funeral director employed on a full-time basis to supervise the professional activities of a licensed estate, widow, business corporation pre-1935 restricted business corporation, professional corporation or branch place of practice under any of the foregoing, as defined in the act

**Pennsylvania is the only state that licenses this occupation.**
**Additional Nationwide Funeral Board Licensing Comparison**

* Colorado does not license funeral directors. Protected title. Although a person shall not advertise, represent, or hold oneself out as or use the title of an embalmer unless the individual meets the requirements established in 12-54-111.

- **Apprentice / Intern Embalmers and Morticians:** CA, IL, MD, NE, MO, NV and WV
- **Crematory Manager:** CA
- **Cremated Remains Disposer:** CA and NM
- **Crematory Operator or Technician:** AL, AZ, AR, IN, KS, KY, LA, MD, MS, MT, NE, NV, NY, ND, OH, WV, and WY
- **Embalmer:** See chart above
- **Funeral Arranger:** NV
- **Funeral Assistant:** MA
- **Funeral Attendant:** ME
- **Transporter:** AR, D.C, KY, ME, MD, NC, and TN


- Arizona and California have their cemetery salespeople, brokers and managers under the Funeral Board. These types of occupations are regulated under the Real Estate Commission in Pennsylvania.

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