



Fees – Medical Specialists who Hold Appointment as Part Time Government Medical Officers under *Coroners Act 2003*

Human Resources Policy

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1 PURPOSE

To outline the arrangements for fees paid to medical specialists who hold appointment as part time Government Medical Officers (GMO).

2 APPLICATION

This policy applies to medical specialists who hold appointment as part time Government Medical Officers.

3 GUIDELINES

Guidelines may be developed to facilitate implementation of this policy. The guidelines must be consistent with this policy.

4 DELEGATION

The “delegate” is as listed in the Queensland Health Human Resource Delegations Manual as amended from time to time.

5 REFERENCES

- *Coroners Act 2003*
- *Coroners Regulations 2003*

6 SUPERSEDES

- IRM 2.7-30 Fees – Coroners Rules 1959 – Medical Specialists Who Hold Appointment as Part Time Government Medical Officers

7 POLICY

A medical specialist employed in a public hospital can hold appointment as a part-time Government Medical Officer, and undertake post mortem examinations ordered by a coroner under the *Coroners Act 2003*, outside of normal duty time within Queensland Health facilities, as part of the required duties as a part time GMO.

In these circumstances, the specialist is entitled to retain the prescribed fees under the *Coroners Regulation 2003*, however will not be entitled to award overtime payment for this duty which is undertaken in the capacity of part time GMO.

The following applies to post mortem examinations undertaken by full time Medical Specialists:

- The full time Medical Specialist is entitled to retain the prescribed fees under the *Coroners Regulation 2003*. The full time Medical Specialist is not entitled to award overtime payment for post mortem examinations undertaken in the capacity of part time GMO.
- If a post mortem examination is undertaken during time for which payment is made by Queensland Health, the fee paid to the specialist under the *Coroners Regulation 2003* is to be paid by the specialist to Queensland Health.
- It is expected that the majority of post mortem examinations will be conducted in the Medical Specialist's own time.

These arrangements do not apply to Medical Specialists employed in Queensland Health Clinical and Statewide Services. Refer to the Right of Private Practice – Full Time and Part Time Medical Specialists Employed by Queensland Health Clinical and Statewide Services HR policy.

8 HISTORY

This policy dated April 2008 was developed as a result of the HR Policy Framework consolidation.