ELIGIBILITY FOR CERTIFIED COPIES OF DEATH CERTIFICATES

This substantive policy statement is advisory only. A substantive policy statement does not include internal procedural documents that only affect the internal procedures of the agency and does not impose additional requirements or penalties on regulated parties or include confidential information or rules made in accordance with the Arizona Administrative Procedure Act. If you believe that this substantive policy statement does impose additional requirements or penalties on regulated parties, you may petition the agency under Arizona Revised Statutes Section 41-1033 for a review of the statement.

The purpose of this substantive policy statement is to notify the public of the Department's interpretation of the term "other vital interest" used in R9-19-405, thereby reducing confusion about the meaning of the term.

R9-19-405 identifies the persons to whom a certified copy of a death certificate may be issued by the Department. For the purposes of R9-19-405, "other vital interest" includes a funeral director or person acting in that capacity who:

1. Has an interest regarding the estate of the deceased in connection with business matters involving the deceased, and
2. Can show proof of interest and the need for a copy of the death certificate.

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