



Application for permission to scatter ashes outside designated cemeteries

Applicant
Name
ID No.
Address

Name of the deceased
Name
ID No.
Date of death

Name / description of the place where permission is sought to scatter the ashes

Materials which may be required to be submitted with this application:

- A written request or statement of consent from the deceased person.
- A written confirmation from the deceased person's next of kin or immediate family stating that it was the deceased person's wish that his or her ashes should be scattered (in cases where there is no written request or statement of consent from the deceased person).
- The approval of the Bishop of Iceland or the regional officer of health, in cases where this is appropriate.

Conditions for granting a permit to scatter ashes

Extract from Regulation No. 203/2003

Article 3

A written request, or statement of consent, from the deceased person must be produced, or at least a written confirmation from the deceased person's next of kin or immediate family stating that it was the deceased person's wish that his or her ashes should be scattered.

Article 4

Ashes of deceased persons may only be scattered at sea and in uninhabited places. This is to prevent the scattering of ashes in residential areas, areas that are expected to become residential areas or over lakes.

Article 5

Monuments, memorial plaques and memorials of other types may not be placed on the site where ashes are scattered or in any place close to the site.

Article 6

Once ashes have been released from a crematorium for scattering, they may not be kept, and the person who has received a permit to scatter them may scatter them only on the site that has been approved.

Article 7

Following the scattering of the ashes, the urn shall be returned immediately to the Reykjavík Crematorium.

Article 8

If permission is requested to scatter the ashes of a person who is already interred in a cemetery, the approval of the Bishop of Iceland and the regional officer of health shall be obtained (*cf.* Article 46 of the Cemeteries, Burials and Cremations Act, No. 36/1993, before the ashes may be scattered.

Article 9

After the ashes have been scattered, the permit holder shall submit written confirmation, on a special form supplied by the Ministry of Justice and Ecclesiastical Affairs, that the ashes have been scattered in accordance with this Regulation. The written confirmation shall be submitted to the ministry not later than one year after the permit to scatter the ashes was issued.