



# Qualifications for Licensure:

## Cemetery Authority-Full Exempt (251)

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## READ ME FIRST

The Division of Professional Regulation hopes that you will find the below useful in successfully applying for a license in the State of Illinois. Carefully review this information as it will assist you in applying for your license and eliminate any processing delays.

### Important:

- An application is active for three years from the date of receipt by the Department.
- Before contacting the Department, please review our FAQs for answers to most questions. <http://www.idfpr.illinois.gov/About/FAQ.html>)
- If your question is not addressed in our FAQ's, please contact the department at 1-800-560-6420.

## LICENSE QUALIFICATIONS

- Whether the cemetery qualifies under the exemption defined in Section 5-20(a) of the Act as a family burying ground or religious burying ground, as a cemetery authority that has not engaged in an interment, inurnment or entombment of human remains within the last 10 years, or as a cemetery authority that is less than 3 acres;
  - Family burying ground-means a cemetery in which no lots, crypts, or niches are sold to the public and in which interments, inurnments, and entombments are restricted to the immediate family or a group of individuals related to each other by blood or marriage.
  - Religious burying ground-means a cemetery in which no lots, crypts, or niches are sold and in which interments, inurnments, and entombments are restricted to a group of individuals all belonging to religious order or granted burial rights by special consideration of the religious order.

## IMPORTANT INFORMATION ONCE LICENSED

- All Cemetery Authority licenses expire on August 31st of each even-numbered year, regardless of issuance date.
- It is your responsibility to update your contact information including email address with the Department to ensure that you receive all courtesy renewal email reminders and other notifications.