



Burial & Cremation (Scotland) Act 2016

Family Hierarchy List

When trying to locate the Nearest Relative of a deceased Adult in Scotland,
the Family Hierarchy List is used.

The nearest relative is the person who immediately before the adult's death was;

1) The adult's **spouse or civil partner**

2) Neither married nor in a civil partnership
but living together as if they were married to each other
and had been living so for a period of at least 6 months

3) The adult's **child**

4) The adult's **parent**

5) The adult's **brother or sister**

6) The adult's **grandchild**

7) The adult's **uncle or aunt**

8) The adult's **cousin**

9) The adult's **niece or nephew**