64.185 Coroners and deputies.

(1) Coroners shall receive out of the county, consolidated local government, charter county government, urban-county government, or unified local government treasury, whichever is appropriate, the monthly compensation the fiscal court of each county shall fix, subject to the following minimums:

	County Population	Monthly Minimum Compensation
(a)	10,000 or less	$200
(b)	10,001 to 20,000	300
(c)	20,001 to 40,000	350
(d)	40,001 to 60,000	400
(e)	60,001 to 100,000	450
(f)	100,001 to 150,000	800
(g)	150,001 or more	1,000

Coroners who hold a current certificate of continuing education, issued jointly by the Department of Criminal Justice Training, Justice and Public Safety Cabinet, and the Office of the Kentucky State Medical Examiner, Justice and Public Safety Cabinet, shall be paid the following minimum monthly compensation set forth in this subsection in recognition of the training:

	County Population	Monthly Minimum Compensation
(a)	10,000 or less	$400
(b)	10,001 to 20,000	500
(c)	20,001 to 40,000	650
(d)	40,001 to 60,000	750
(e)	60,001 to 100,000	850
(f)	100,001 to 150,000	1,100
(g)	150,001 or more	1,300

(2) Deputy coroners who hold a current certificate of continuing education, as described in subsection (1) of this section, shall receive out of the county, consolidated local government, charter county government, urban-county government, or unified local government treasury, whichever is appropriate, the monthly compensation the fiscal court of each county shall fix, subject to the following minimums:

	County Population	Monthly Minimum Compensation
(a)	10,000 or less	$200
(b)	10,001 to 20,000	250
(c)	20,001 to 40,000	275
(d)	40,001 to 60,000	300
(e)	60,001 to 100,000	400
(f)	100,001 to 150,000	900
(g)	150,001 or more	1,100

(3) The fiscal court of any county, or the legislative body of a consolidated local

government, charter county government, urban-county government, or unified local government may compensate coroners and deputy coroners an additional amount of up to three hundred dollars ($300) per month as an expense allowance.

(4) The initial course of continuing education required under subsection (1) of this section shall consist of a basic training course prescribed by the Justice and Public Safety Cabinet. Annually thereafter the coroner shall attend and successfully complete at least eighteen (18) hours of approved training in order to be compensated in accordance with subsection (1) of this section.

(5) If a deputy coroner assumes the office of coroner after receiving the training stipulated in this section, the deputy coroner shall be compensated in accordance with the compensation schedule set forth in subsection (1) of this section.

(6) The number of deputy coroners in a county shall not exceed one (1) for each twenty-five thousand (25,000) inhabitants, or fraction thereof, according to the most recent federal census, but every coroner may, subject to the approval of the legislative body of the county, consolidated local government, charter county government, urban-county government, or unified local government, appoint additional deputy coroners, regardless of population.

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