

Entertainment Work Permits for California State

Minors aged 15 days to 18 years employed in the [entertainment industry](#) must have a permit to work, and employers must have a permit to employ, both permits being issued by the [Labor Commissioner's](#). These permits are also required for minors making phonographic recordings or who are employed as advertising or photographic models. Permits are required even when the entertainment is noncommercial in nature.

There is no fee to obtain an entertainment work permit. The permit can be obtained by the new [on-line application process](#), by mail or in person. If you are a parent or guardian who wishes to apply for an Entertainment Work Permit for a Minor on-line, click on the Permits link above. If you wish to apply by mail or in person, the [application for permission to work in the entertainment industry](#) must be filled out completely and mailed, along with any required documents and a pre-addressed, stamped envelope, to any office of the [Labor Commissioner's](#). To find the nearest Labor Commissioner's office, use the division's [office locator](#). Please note that the Van Nuys Office, located at 6150 Van Nuys Blvd, Room 100, (818-901-5484) is available for walk-in service. Effective June 1, 2015, the hours of the Van Nuys Minors Entertainment Work Permit Unit will change. The new hours will be 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. on Monday and Friday, and 9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. on Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday. We will continue to strive to offer the best service possible and believe the new hours will allow for enhanced efficiencies in the processing of permit applications. We appreciate your understanding and cooperation.

In addition to the standard six month Entertainment Work Permit, there is now a [10 Day Temporary Entertainment Work Permit](#) which parents guardians can apply for on-line. The 10 day Temporary Entertainment Work Permit is subject to the following requirements:

- Minor must be between the ages of 15 days and 16 years
- Have never applied for a 6 Month Entertainment Permit
- Have not previously applied for a 10 Day Temporary Entertainment Work Permit
- There is a fee for the 10 Day Temporary Entertainment Work Permit.

Employers intending to employ minors in the entertainment industry must complete the [application for permission to employ minors in the entertainment industry](#) and submit it, along with proof of workers' compensation insurance coverage, to any [Labor Commissioner's office](#). To find a Labor Commissioner's office, use the division's [office locator](#).