

## ABSTRACT OF THE CHILD LABOR ACT HOURS PROVISIONS

### MUST BE POSTED IN A CONSPICUOUS PLACE WHERE ANY PERSON UNDER AGE 18 IS EMPLOYED

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**Minors under 16 must have a written statement by the minor's parent or guardian acknowledging the duties and hours of employment and granting permission to work.**

#### HOURS OF EMPLOYMENT—AGES 14 & 15\*

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**During School Term:** Maximum three hours on school days, eight hours on any other day, and 18 hours per school week (Monday—Friday), and only at a time that does not interfere with school attendance. Plus eight additional hours on Saturdays and Sundays.

*Exception: Students 14 and older, whose employment is part of a recognized school work program, may be employed for hours, when combined with school hours, not exceeding eight in a day.*

**During School Vacations:** Maximum eight hours/day, 40 hours/week.

##### WORK TIME

Employment prohibited after 7 p.m. and before 7 a.m.

*Exceptions: During school vacations, minors may be employed until 9 p.m. Minors at least age 11 may be employed in newspaper delivery from 5 a.m. to 8 p.m., except during school vacation, then until 9 p.m. Members of volunteer fire companies may participate in training and firefighting activities until 10 p.m. with written parental consent.*

#### HOURS OF EMPLOYMENT—AGES 16 & 17\* \*\*

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**During School Term:** Maximum eight hours a day and 28 hours per school week (Monday—Friday). Plus eight additional hours on Saturdays and Sundays.

**During School Vacations:** Maximum 48 hours/week; 10 hours/day; a minor may refuse any request to work greater than 44 hours/week.

##### WORK TIME

Employment prohibited before 6 a.m. and after 12 a.m.

*Exceptions: During school vacations, minors may be employed until 1 a.m. Members of volunteer fire companies may continue serving in answer to a fire call until excused by chief.*

\* Minors employed as sports attendants are not subject to the Act's hours and work time restrictions.

\*\*EXCEPT: A) Minors who have graduated from high school or who are exempt from compulsory attendance under the Public School Code are not subject to the Act's hours of employment or work time restrictions.

B) Special rules apply to young adults, 16 and 17 years of age, employed during a school vacation as a counselor by a summer resident camp operated by a religious or scout organization.

**MAXIMUM EMPLOYMENT: NOT MORE THAN six CONSECUTIVE DAYS (except newspaper delivery).**

**30 MINUTE MEAL PERIOD REQUIRED ON OR BEFORE five CONSECUTIVE HOURS OF WORK.**

**For further information on the Child Labor Act, please consult the Department of Labor & Industry's website at [www.dli.state.pa.us](http://www.dli.state.pa.us) and click on "Labor Law Compliance."**

Address inquiries and complaints to one of the offices of the Bureau of Labor Law Compliance:

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1130 12<sup>th</sup> Ave.  
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### Child Labor Act Hours Rules for Performances By Minors

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Age	Max. hours (24-hour period) at place of employment (does not include hours at minors' residences)	Max. work hours (24-hour period) (including work time at minors' residences)
Infants < 6 mos.	2	Not Applicable
6 mos.—1 year	4	2
2—5 years	6	3
6—8	8	4
9—15	9	5
16—17	10	6

- Live performances—maximum number: three/day or 10/calendar week (Sunday—Saturday).
- Meal periods of half hour—one hour are not counted toward maximum hours/non-work time at place of employment.
- Non-work time at place of employment includes education, rest and recreation.
- Work days for minors may not begin before 5 a.m., and must end by 10 p.m. on evenings preceding school days or by 12:30 a.m. on evenings preceding nonschool days.
- 12 hours must elapse between time of dismissal and time of call on the following day.
- Age 14—17 may work during school hours with permission from school authorities for up to two consecutive days, but may not work in excess of eight hours in 24-hour period.
- Performances rules do not apply to minors who have graduated from high school or who are exempt from compulsory attendance under the Public School Code.

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