

Further guidance on Child Performance Licensing can be found on the Isle of Wight Council website;

www.iwight.com/council/OtherServices/Child-Entertainment-Performance/How-to-apply-for-a-Child-EntertainmentPerformance

Please see the Child performance and activities licensing legislation in England document for further information on Child Performance Licences, it can be found on the Gov.uk website;

www.gov.uk/government/uploads/system/uploads/attachment_data/file/401345/Child_performance_and_activities_licensing_legislation_in_England_-_departmental_advice_-_final.pdf



CHILD PERFORMANCE LICENSING



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WHAT IS A CHILD PERFORMANCE LICENCE?

Child performance licences exist to ensure that the education, health and safety of a child will not suffer if they spend a significant amount of time performing; this could be performing in films, theatre, taking part in sporting activities or modelling.

WHEN IS A LICENCE NEEDED?

All children below statutory school leaving age, including those who have not yet started compulsory schooling, require a licence to perform in entertainment if any of the following apply:

- they have to miss school;
- they are receiving payment;
- they have performed four or more days in the previous six months (including the number of days they are due to perform in any upcoming performance).

There are very few exceptions when a performance licence is not needed, for example performances arranged by an ordinary school (not a dance school) do not require a performance licence for children taking part.



HOW TO APPLY?

The organiser of the event is the person that must apply for all licences. To begin the application process please contact the Education Welfare Service, the team will assess if a licence is required and if so, which licence will need to be applied for.

REGULATIONS AROUND TIME SPENT PERFORMING:

Age of child	Maximum number of hours in one day at place of performance or rehearsal	Maximum number of hours of performance or rehearsal in one day	Maximum continuous number of hours of performance or rehearsal in one day
Birth to 4 years	5	2	0.5
5 to 8 years	8	3	2.5
9 years to school leaving age	9.5	5	2.5

A child under the age of 5 can be present from 7am until 10pm, whilst a child of 5 and over can be present from 7am to 11pm.

A child must not appear in more than two performances or one performance and one rehearsal in one day.

The regulations on breaks vary depending on the age of the performer. Please contact Education Welfare Team for further information.

WHAT IS A CHAPERONE?

Under the Children and Young Persons Act 1933, the Children and Young Persons Act 1963 and the Children (Performances and Activities) (England) Regulations 2014, all children who take part in licensed performances must be supervised by a responsible adult. If they are not supervised by a parent or guardian they must be supervised by an approved Chaperone who is responsible for looking after children during the course of a performance, including travel to and from the event. A chaperone is expected to exercise the same care and control as a good parent would, with a view to securing the child's health, comfort, kind treatment and moral view. The Chaperone must have a valid license issued by the Local Authority.

Further information regarding the roles and responsibilities of a chaperone can be found on www.iwight.com

HOW TO APPLY TO BECOME A CHAPERONE?

To apply to become a Local Authority approved Chaperone please complete the online application form that can be found on www.iwight.com