

CHILD LABOR LAWS



ABSTRACT OF THE CHILD LABOR ACT HOURS PROVISIONS

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

This summary is for general information, and is not to be considered in the same light as official statements contained in the Act or its regulations. 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** **

HOURS OF EMPLOYMENT

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 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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Harrisburg, PA 17121
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