

PROCEDURES FOR OBTAINING EMPLOYMENT CERTIFICATES

Minors (under age 18) require employment certificates for most jobs and applications, employment certificates can be obtained through the Student Support Services Office or on the district SSS website under working papers. They can also be found (you will need both forms) on the New York State Education web site:

<http://www.p12.nysed.gov/sss/pps/workingpapers/AT-17.pdf>

for Application For Employment Certificate and also required Physical Fitness Certification at <http://www.p12.nysed.gov/sss/pps/workingpapers/AT-16-1.pdf>.

1. The Application for Employment Certificate must have Part I & II completed. Please include your name, address, age (a copy of birth certificate only if you do not attend Iroquois). Also, a signature of a parent or guardian is required.
2. The Physical Fitness Certificate must be filled out by your family doctor or the school nurse if you have had a physical within the past year. If you have not had a physical within the last year, then you will have to have one.
3. Bring the completed Application and Physical Fitness Certificate paperwork to the Student Support Services Office and they will be processed as soon as possible, usually 24 to 48 hours. The student must personally pick up the blue or green certificate because the student must sign in front of the issuing person.

14 & 15-year-old – Blue Certificate

Once you become 16 you must do all the paperwork again along with a current physical

16 & 17-year-old – Green Certificate

Your employer retains your certificate while you are employed. When you leave you may ask the employer for your certificate back.

If for some reason you need another copy you can ask in SSS for a duplicate copy. There is no need to re-do paperwork as long as you are still in the same age group.

GENERAL INFORMATION

An employment Certificate (Student Nonfactory, Student General, or Full Time) may be used for an unlimited number of successive job placements in lawful employment permitted by the particular type of certificate.

A Nonfactory Employment Certificate is valid for 2 years from the date of issuance or until the student turns 16 years old, with the exception of a Limited Employment Certificate. A Limited Employment Certificate is valid for a maximum of 6 months unless the limitation noted by the physician is permanent, then the certificate will remain valid until the minor changes job. It may be accepted only by the employer indicated on the certificate.

A new Certificate of Physical Fitness is required when applying for a different type of employment certificate, if more than 12 months have elapsed since the previous physical for employment.

An employer shall retain the certificate on file for the duration of the minor's employment. Upon termination of employment, or expiration of the employment certificate's period of validity, the certificate shall be returned to the minor. A certificate may be revoked by school district authorities for cause.

A minor employed as a Newspaper Carrier, Street Trades Worker, Farmworker, or Child Model, must obtain the Special Occupational Permit required.

A minor 14 years of age and over may be employed as a caddy, babysitter, or in casual employment consisting of yard work and household chores when not required to attend school. Employment certification for such employment is not mandatory.

An employer of a minor in an occupation which does not require employment certification should request a Certificate of Age.

PROHIBITED EMPLOYMENT

Minors 14 and 15 years may not be employed in, or in connection with a factory (except in delivery and clerical employment in an enclosed office thereof), or in certain hazardous occupations such as: construction work; helper on a motor vehicle; operation of washing, grinding, cutting, slicing, pressing or mixing machinery in any establishment; painting or exterior cleaning in connection with the maintenance of a building or structure; and others listed in Section 133 of the New York State Labor Law.

Minors 16 and 17 years of age may not be employed in certain hazardous occupations such as: construction worker; helper on a motor vehicle, the operation of various kinds of power-driven machinery; and others listed in Section 133 of the New York State Labor Law.

HOURS OF EMPLOYMENT

Minors may not be employed during the hours they are required to attend school.

Minors 14 and 15 years of age may not be employed in any occupation (except farmwork and delivering, or selling and delivering newspapers):

When school is in session:

- more than 3 hours on any school day, more than 8 hours on a nonschool day, more than 6 days in any week, for a maximum of 18 hours per week, or a maximum of 23 hours per week if enrolled in a supervised work study program approved by the Commissioner.
- after 7 p.m. or before 7 a.m.

When school is not in session:

- more than 8 hours on any day, 6 days in any week, for a maximum of 40 hours per week.
- after 9 p.m. or before 7 a.m.

This certificate is not valid for work associated with newspaper carrier, agriculture or modeling.

Minors 16 and 17 years of age may not be employed: --

When school is in session:

- more than 4 hours on days preceding school days; more than 8 hours on days not preceding school days (Friday, Saturday, Sunday and holidays), 6 days in any week, for a maximum of 28 hours per week.
- between 10 p.m. and 12 midnight on days followed by a school day without written consent of parent of guardian and a certificate of satisfactory academic standing from the minor's school (to be validated at the end of each marking period).
- between 10 p.m. and 12 midnight on days not followed by a school day without written consent of parent or guardian.

When school is not in session:

- more than 8 hours on any day, 6 days in any week, for a maximum of 48 hours per week.

EDUCATION LAW, SECTION 3233

"Any person who knowingly makes a false statement in or in relation to any application made for an employment certificate or permit as to any matter by this chapter to appear in any affidavit, record, transcript, certificate or permit therein provided for, is guilty of a misdemeanor."