

Application for Employment Certificate for Minors “Working Papers”

Requirements for Applicants:

Minors (under age 18) require employment certificates for most jobs. Minors must apply for an employment certificate or permit on the form prescribed by the Commissioner of Education. The Pine Valley Jr./Sr. High School Counseling Office will handle such applications.

The **applicant must be present** when returning the application because the Employment Certificate must be signed in the presence of the issuing official.

Directions to Complete this Application:

The following sections on the attached application need to be completed in order to obtain the Employment Certificate:

PART I: PARENTAL CONSENT

- Fill in all dotted lines. Be sure to have a parent or guardian sign.

PART II: EVIDENCE OF AGE

- Bring a copy of your birth certificate or your state ID.

PART III: CERTIFICATE OF PHYSICAL FITNESS

- The student must have a physical examination from their doctor or school physician within 12 months of the application date. It is the responsibility of the child/parent to contact their physician to obtain this documentation. **This documentation must clearly state the child is physically qualified for work.** This documentation will be returned to the student

NEXT STEPS:

- Parts IV, V, VI are not required for most applicants. Please do not write in these sections.
- Once the application is complete, please return it to Mrs. Chase in the PVHS Counseling Office.

“The issuing school may revoke certificates and permits for appropriate cause. For example, a school may revoke a certificate or permit when employment interferes with required school attendance, or is affecting a minor’s progress in school. Also, certificates and permits can be revoked if school officials discover that issuance of the working papers was based on false information, or if employment is affecting the health and welfare of a minor in other ways. In such instances, after due notice, schools can revoke certificates and permits.”

-From NYSED.gov

The Laws Governing the Employment of Minors can be obtained upon request at the PVHS Counseling Office or by visiting the NYS Department of Education or the NYS Department of Labor websites.

Thank you for your cooperation!

THE UNIVERSITY OF THE STATE OF NEW YORK
THE STATE EDUCATION DEPARTMENT
ALBANY, NY 12234

APPLICATION FOR EMPLOYMENT PERMIT

See reverse side of this form for information concerning employment of minors.

All signatures must be handwritten in ink, and applicant must appear in person before the certifying official

PART I – Parental Consent – (To be completed by applicant and parent or guardian)

Date:

I, Age
[Applicant]

Home Address, apply for a certificate as checked below
[Full Home Address including Zip Code]

- Newspaper Carrier Permit (See Part III below)
- Farmwork Permit
- Farmwork Permit - Special
- Street Trades Permit

I hereby consent to the required examination and employment certification as indicated above.

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[Signature of Parent or Guardian]

PART II – Evidence of Age – (To be completed by issuing official only)

..... – Check evidence of age accepted – Document # (if any)
[Date of Birth]

- Birth Certificate
- State Issued Photo
- I.D Driver’s License
- Schooling Record
- Other [Specify].....

PART III – Certificate of Physical Fitness

Applicant shall present documentation of physical exam from a school or private physician, physician’s assistant or nurse practitioner authorized to practice within New York State.* Said examination must have been given within 12 months prior to issuance of the employment certificate. Date of physical exam on file with school If physical exam is over 12 months, provide student with Certificate of Physical Fitness to be completed by school medical director or private health care provider.

(An exam or Certificate of Physical Fitness is not required for the issuance of Newspaper Carrier Permit if the applicant is qualified to participate in the school physical education program.)

If the physical exam or Certificate of Physical Fitness is limited with regards to allowed work/activity, the issuing official shall issue a Limited Employment Certificate which will be valid for a period not to exceed 6 months unless the limitation noted by the physician is permanent, then the certificate will remain valid until the minor changes jobs. Enter the limitation on the employment certificate.

THE PHYSICIAN’S CERTIFICATION SHOULD BE RETURNED TO THE APPLICANT.

**Education Law Article 131, Section 6526 lists exempted physicians authorized to practice in the state without a NYS license. Education Law Article 139 section 6908(f) lists exempted persons authorized to practice nursing (inclusive of nurse practitioners) in the state without a NYS license.*

PART IV – Employment Certification – (To be completed by issuing official only)

Permit Number Date Issued

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[Issuing Center]

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[Address]

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[Signature of Issuing Officer]

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, 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-driver 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 or 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.”