



Belfast Education and Library Board

Education Welfare Service

Child Employment Legislation

No child under 13 can be employed.

No child shall be employed in any occupation other than in an occupation specified in the Schedule.

No child of compulsory school age can work before 7:00 a.m. or after 7:00 p.m.

Employers must apply for a work permit for all child employees to the local education and library board in which the child lives.



Age	When	How Long
13 & 14 year olds	School days	Not more than 2 hours in one day, outside school hours this may include up to one hour before school
	Saturday	5 hours a day
	Sunday	2 hours a day
	School Holidays	Maximum of 12 hours per week during term time 5 hours a day to a maximum of 27 hours a week The child must have at least 2 consecutive weeks off work between 1st July and 31st August
15 & 16 year olds	School days	Not more than 2 hours in one day, outside school hours this may include up to one hour before school
	Saturday	7 hours a day
	Sunday	2 hours a day
	School Holidays	Maximum of 12 hours per week during term time 7 hours a day to a maximum of 37 hours a week The child must have at least 2 consecutive weeks off work between 1st July and 31st August

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