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**ISLE OF MAN
TO WIT**

By His Excellency Sir Peter Hyla Gawne Stallard, K.C.M.G., C.V.O., M.B.E.,
Lieutenant Governor of the said Isle, &c., &c., &c.

CHILDREN AND YOUNG PERSONS ACT 1969

**Employment of Children in
Entertainments Regulations 1969**

I, the said Lieutenant Governor, in pursuance of the powers vested in me by section 30 of the Children and Young Persons Act 1969 and all other powers me in that behalf enabling DO HEREBY MAKE the following Regulations—

1. An application to the Isle of Man Board of Education (hereinafter referred to as "the Board") for a licence to enable a child to take part in an entertainment or series of entertainments shall be made in writing, signed by the parent and the employer of the child, in the form contained in the First Schedule hereto, and shall be accompanied by the documents mentioned in that Schedule. In this rule the term "parent" includes guardian and every person who is liable to maintain or has the actual custody of the child.
2. If a licence is granted by the Board it shall be in the form and subject to the restrictions and conditions specified in the Second Schedule hereto. One print of the photograph of the child provided on the application for a licence shall be attached to the licence.
3. A request to the Board for a variation or extension of a licence shall be made in writing and shall state the grounds on which a variation or extension is desired. No variation or extension of a licence shall be made which renders the licence inconsistent with the provisions contained in these rules as to restrictions or conditions subject to which a licence may be granted.
4. These rules shall come into operation on the 2nd day of March, 1970 and the Employment of Children in Entertainment (Isle of Man) Rules, 1952, are hereby revoked as from that date:

Provided that applications or licences made or granted before the said date under the rules hereby repealed shall have the like effect as if they had been made or granted under these rules.

5. These rules may be cited as the Employment of Children in Entertainments Rules, 1969.

FIRST SCHEDULE

Form of Application for a Licence

NOTE—THIS FORM SHOULD BE IN THE HANDS OF THE ISLE OF MAN BOARD OF EDUCATION, DULY COMPLETED, NOT LESS THAN FOURTEEN DAYS BEFORE THE LICENCE IS REQUIRED.

APPLICATION to the Isle of Man Board of Education.

State full names and postal address of the applicant, viz:—

- (a) Parent, guardian, or person liable to maintain or having the actual custody of the child to whom the application relates, giving relationship to the child.
- (b) Employer of the child.

WE the above-named applicants certify that the child [insert name] is resident in the Isle of Man and hereby apply that a licence may be granted under Section 30 of the Children and Young Persons Act 1969, to the above-named employer for the said child to take part on week-days in an entertainment or series of entertainments known as

at the Theatre, for a period of
from the day of 19 .

We forward herewith documents relating to the said child in accordance with the note appended to this application, and we certify that the following particulars are correct:

- (1) Full name of child.
- (2) Address of child.

NOTE—If this is not the permanent address the permanent address should also be given.

- (3) Date of birth of child.
- (4) (a) What is the name of the School where the child has been attending during the last twelve months.
(b) If the child has not been educated in School how has he been educated during the past twelve months?
- (5) How is the child to be educated while employed? If not at a school maintained by the Board, give particulars of the proposed arrangements.
- (6) Particulars of any previous licence granted by the Isle of Man Board of Education or an existing or former Local Education Authority in the United Kingdom for the child to take part in an entertainment or series of entertainments, giving the date of the licence, the place at which, and the Authority by which it was granted, and the period for which it was held.
- (7) Has any previous application for such a licence been refused by an existing or former Local Education Authority? If so, the grounds, if any, of refusal should be stated.
- (8) Nature of the entertainment for which a licence is required.

- (9) State days of matinees or other performances during school hours.
- (10) State date of commencement of rehearsals and whether they will involve any absence from school.
- (11) Approximate time for which the child will be on the stage, and, if the times are not consecutive, duration of intervals.
- (12) (a) Name, postal address and description of matron or other person who will be in charge of the child while employed.
- (b) Give name of Local Education Authority, if any, which has approved the matron.

(Signed)
 Parent, guardian, or person liable to maintain or having the actual custody of the child.

(Signed)
 Employer of the child.

Note—The following documents must accompany the application:—

- (a) A birth certificate or other evidence of the age of the child.
- (b) Two identical prints (unmounted) of a photograph of the child taken within the last six months.
- (c) A certificate from the Principal School Medical Officer of the Board of Education, that the child may be employed in the manner proposed without prejudice to his or her health or physical development and that the employment will not render the child unfit to obtain proper benefit from his or her education.
- (d) A report as to the child's educational attainments, to be obtained, if possible, from the head teacher of the last school which the child has attended, or (if the child has not attended a school), from the last teacher of the child.

SECOND SCHEDULE

Form of Licence

The Isle of Man Board of Education, in pursuance of an application relating to _____ (hereinafter called "the child", whose photograph is attached hereto) residing at _____, hereby grant to _____ a Licence for the child to be employed and take part on week-days in an entertainment or a series of entertainments known as _____ at the Theatre _____, for a period of _____ from the _____ day of _____ 19____, subject nevertheless to the following conditions and restrictions:—

Note—The period inserted above must not exceed six calendar months.

- (1) The child shall leave the theatre not later than 15 minutes after the end of his [her] part in the entertainment, and in no event later than p.m.

Note—The time mentioned in this condition must not be later than 10 p.m. unless the Board are satisfied that the retention of the child up to a later hour is absolutely necessary for the performance, in which case the Board may extend the time for leaving the theatre to not later than 11 p.m., subject to such conditions as they think necessary for the welfare of the child.

- (2) The child shall not be employed in any place of entertainment unless that place is approved for the purpose by the Board and in determining whether such approval shall be given the Board shall have regard to the provision of proper dressing rooms exclusively allocated to the children to be employed and of satisfactory and suitable sanitary arrangements, and generally to the health, comfort, and moral protection of the children.
- (3) The child (if not living with his [her] parent or other person in loco parentis) shall not be employed unless he [she] is in the care of a matron, governess or other fit person, who shall be responsible for his [her] welfare, and shall accompany him [her] to and from the place of entertainment and shall be the medium through whom any communications, written or otherwise, to him [her] at the place of entertainment shall be made. Such person must be approved by the Board. The child, if living with his [her] parent or other person in loco parentis, shall be accompanied home from the place of entertainment by some fit person.
- (4) The child shall not be employed on any day unless he [she] is living under conditions and in premises approved by the Board and the Board may attach such reasonable terms to their approval as they think fit: Provided that, if the child lives with his [her] parent or other person in loco parentis, this condition shall apply to the child only if on tour.
- (5) Where the child does not attend a county or voluntary school in the Isle of Man, the person in charge of the child shall keep records of the scheme of work on which he [she] is engaged, of the work done and of the time devoted to such work, and these records shall be produced if required to the Board or to the teacher of any school which the child attends while this licence is in force.
- (6) This licence shall be produced at the place of entertainment at all reasonable hours when required by an authorised officer of the Board.
- (7) [The child shall be granted the following holiday during the currency of this licence :—]
- (8) [The child shall be submitted to examination at intervals of not more than three calendar months by the Principal School Medical Officer of the Board. The Board may also direct that the child shall be examined by their Principal School Medical Officer on such other occasions as they think proper and any such directions shall be complied with.]

- (9) [(i) For the purposes of this licence, the child may be absent with leave from * for a period of ** from to
- (ii) The child may also be absent with leave from school in the area or areas in which the entertainment takes place on each *** afternoon.]

NOTES:

- * insert the name of the school at which the child is registered.
- ** the period must include any absence from the named school necessitated by rehearsals.
- *** insert days of matinees or other performances during school hours if it is agreed that the child should appear in such performances. Omit any paragraph or sub-paragraph in square brackets which is not applicable.

GIVEN under my hand the 1st day of December, 1969.

P. H. G. STALLARD,
Lieutenant Governor.

Approved by Tynwald on 20th January, 1970.