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STATUTORY RULES OF NORTHERN IRELAND

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**1996 No. 481**

**Children (Public Performances)  
Regulations (Northern Ireland) 1996**

**Part III**

**Restrictions on the granting of licences**

**Number of performing days**

**8.—(1)** Subject to paragraphs (2) and (3) and to regulation 9, a licensing authority shall not grant a licence—

- (a) in respect of a child of thirteen years or over if, during the twelve months preceding any performance in respect of which a licence is requested, he will have taken part in other performances on more than forty days;
- (b) in respect of a child under thirteen years, if, during the twelve months preceding any performance in respect of which a licence is requested, he will have taken part in other performances on more than twenty days;

(2) The relevant number of days of other performances specified in paragraph (1) may be increased by four provided the child has not taken part in a performance on any of the six days preceding any of the said four additional days of performance.

(3) Where an application is made for a licence for a child to take part in a performance to be recorded (by whatever means) with a view to its use in a television broadcast or in a film intended for public exhibition and

- (a) the child will not have taken part in any performance other than a performance to be recorded (by whatever means) with a view to its use in a television broadcast or in a film intended for public exhibition during the twelve months preceding the performance in respect of which the licence is requested, and
- (b) the purpose of the performance for which the licence is requested is to continue the recording of a performance which is incomplete,

the relevant number of days of other performances specified in paragraph (1) may be increased by ten.

(4) In deciding whether to grant a licence and the number of days in respect of which it should be granted, the licensing authority shall take into account—

- (a) the arrangements for rehearsals taking place during the fourteen days preceding the day of the first performance for which the licence is requested, and
- (b) any other form of employment in which the child is employed during the twenty-eight days preceding the day of the first performance for which the licence is requested.

### **Granting of Licences**

- 9.—(1) A licensing authority shall not grant a licence for a child under fourteen unless—
- (a) the licence is for acting and the application for the licence is accompanied by a declaration that the part the child is to act cannot be taken except by a child of about his age, or
  - (b) the licence is for dancing in a ballet which does not form part of an entertainment of which anything other than ballet or opera also forms part and the application for the licence is accompanied by a declaration that the part the child is to dance cannot be taken except by a child of about his age, or
  - (c) the nature of the child's part in the performance is wholly or mainly musical and either the nature of the performance is also wholly or mainly musical or the performance consists only of opera or ballet.

### **Medical examinations**

- 10.—(1) Subject to paragraph (2), a licensing authority shall not grant a licence—
- (a) for performances for film or television, or
  - (b) for broadcast performances, other than performances for television, with respect to which the applicant for the purposes of regulation 5(3) requests in the application form that the child may perform on more than six days in a period not exceeding six months, or
  - (c) for other performances if the child would perform on the maximum number of days in a week, permitted under Part V or VI, as the case may be, and for a period exceeding one week,

unless the school medical officer, or other medically qualified person approved by the licensing authority, has examined the child and has certified that he is fit to take part in the performances for which the licence is requested and that his health will not suffer by reason of taking part in such performances.

(2) Where a child has been medically examined under paragraph (1), he need not be medically examined in order that a further licence may be granted in respect of a performance taking place within a period of six months from the date of the said medical examination unless it appears desirable to the licensing authority that he should be medically examined.