



Busking in St Peter Port Permit Application Guide

Any persons interested in busking in St Peter Port are required to obtain a permit which is issued by the Culture and Leisure Department based at the Guernsey Information Centre, North Esplanade, St. Peter Port.

This form explains how to apply for a **permit** and sets out a performance **code of practice** which has been developed in close association with the Guernsey Arts Commission (GAC) and with the support of the Constables of St. Peter Port.

Permit Application procedure

- To obtain a permit **NEW** applicants are required to complete the enclosed application form.
- Once a new permit application has been received by the Culture and Leisure Department, the applicants will be invited to an informal interview with members of the Music Sub Committee of the Guernsey Arts Commission in order for the committee to ascertain the style and type of the proposed act.
- All applicants whose acts are approved by the Music Sub Committee will receive a permit for that year issued by the Culture and Leisure Department in association with the GAC and their names and contact details will be passed to the Constables of St Peter Port.
- Busking permits are not transferable and may be withdrawn if the conditions set out are not followed.
- The issue of a permit is for one year only and is not a guarantee of future permits being issued.
- In the case of performing groups the permit will be issued in the name of the group leader thereby enabling the membership of the group to vary according to changing circumstances.
- **Those persons who were granted a permit for last year** are required to verify that the information which they submitted in their original application form still applies. In the event of any change in information then the applicant is required to complete and submit a new application form.

Designated Busking sites, times and maximum performance duration periods

The permit will only be issued on condition that the acts are performed on **Monday – Saturdays** during the period **10am until 4pm** and in the following designated sites: -

NON AMPLIFIED ACTS

Maximum performance duration (30 minutes)

- High Street - in the area outside Boots, the Chemist

Maximum performance duration (45 minutes)

- Outside the entrance to the Guernsey Information Centre
- Adjacent to Liberation Monument
- Area outside the Picquet House

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- Market Square - for the avoidance of doubt the cobbled area is defined as the Market Square. It does not include any paved areas or Market Street. The States Property Services based at Sir Charles Frossard House is responsible for this area.

Permit holders can return to any of these sites after a 2 hour period has elapsed as long as their performance finishes by no later than 4pm.

Booking of sites

- Permit holders are **only required to pre- book the Market Square site** by contacting Paul Belben at the Guernsey Information Centre on telephone 723552 or email paul.belben@cultureleisure.gov.gg .
- Permit holders can access electrical power by contacting the restaurant located in the Square known as Market Kitchen on telephone 726943.

Special note on Sunday St. Peter Port Seafront closures

- At specific dates during the main season the Culture and Leisure Department arranges for the main seafront to be closed to traffic for the period 11am - 6pm. This is to promote al fresco dining and to provide an opportunity for events and activities to be staged along the seafront in a car free environment.
- The closures provide another opportunity for busking and any permit holders interested in finding out further information are asked to contact Paul Belben.

Code of Practice

- Music or voice must not be amplified to an unacceptable level. Legislation in Guernsey under the Noise Abatement Ordinance 1962 requires anyone wishing to use a PA/sound system outdoors to obtain a permit from the Guernsey Police. This will be facilitated by the Culture and Leisure Department.
- Equipment must not be spread out so it obstructs pedestrians and care must be taken in the Market Square to avoid damage to the cobblestones.
- The areas must be left clean and tidy after each performance.
- The permit must be carried with the named Busker(s) at all times during the entertainment, and must be presented if requested to do so. Only those named on the permit are allowed to entertain.
- No sign can be displayed inviting payment except where a collection for charity has been authorised by the Parish Constables. Buskers are allowed to have a hat or case nearby that people may put money in if they wish.
- Buskers shall not say anything which is likely to cause alarm, distress or offence to members of the public. If the complaint is about excessive noise it may be possible for the busker to reach a compromise by reducing their noise level.

Special note: Public Liability Insurance Cover

- All permit holders are required to have Public Liability Insurance cover of £2.5 million. The Culture and Leisure Department will provide this cover in 2010 for those who do not have their own insurance.
- **The States of Guernsey will not accept any liability should any injuries be sustained to the permit holder or members of the general public.**

Performers aged under 18

We are aware that Guernsey has some very talented young people and we are happy for them to take part in this scheme. However, for those aged under 18 written consent will need to be given from a parent or guardian. We do not recommend young people under the age of 16 taking part without an adult present. The Culture and Leisure Department and Guernsey Arts Commission will not be providing supervision for under 18s to take part. Parents and guardians therefore should make arrangements for their children to be supervised during this activity if they deem it necessary.

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