

## Performances or organised activities abroad

Children are allowed to travel abroad to perform or be involved in organised activities. However, up until the age of 18, they must have a valid “Young Persons Employment Abroad” licence.

For the purposes of a “Young Persons Employment Abroad” licence, the Republic of Ireland is not recognised as "abroad" by the Magistrates' Courts.

If a child resident in Great Britain is performing in the Republic of Ireland the licence should be issued by the Local Authority where the child resides.

There are many different types of performances and activities that require a “Young Persons Employment Abroad” licence. Each may require slightly different documentation.

If applicable, permission from the child’s school should be sought by the licence applicant.

The person applying for the licence must send notice of the intended application, together with a copy of the contract of employment or other document showing the terms and conditions of employment, to the chief of police (also known as a borough commander) for the Local Authority in which the child resides at least 7 days before making the application. For Barking and Dagenham, this is:

Metropolitan Police, East Area Borough Command Unit  
Unit 24 Muirhead Quay,  
Quay Rd,  
Barking IG11 7BG

If the police raise no objection, the applicant must then apply for the licence to the local Magistrates’ Court where the child resides. For Barking and Dagenham, it is:

Redbridge Magistrates’ Court  
850 Cranbrook Rd, Ilford IG6 1HW  
Phone: 0300 303 0645

The licence will then be issued by a Justice of the Peace from Redbridge Magistrates' Court (although licences can also be issued by certain other Magistrates’ Court e.g. Westminster or West Glamorgan).

**An extension to a licence will also have to be approved by the Magistrates’ Court.**

**Please note that local authorities are not involved in the application process, or the issuing of, “Young Persons Employment Abroad” licences.**