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DIR, Labor Commissioner Launch Online License Application Process for Talent Agencies

Oakland—The Department of Industrial Relations (DIR) and the Labor Commissioner’s Office have launched an online application system for registering talent agencies that represent entertainers.

“DIR is modernizing the application process to make it faster and easier for talent agencies to register, and for consumers to search for licensed agencies,” said DIR Director Christine Baker. The Labor Commissioner’s Office, also known as the Division of Labor Standards Enforcement (DLSE), is a division of DIR.

Talent agencies represent and find jobs for actors, writers, directors, musicians, models and other performers in the entertainment field. In California, talent agencies are required to obtain a license from the Labor Commissioner, and renew it annually. Agencies are also required to follow labor laws and protect their clients, including child performers. A talent agency license [database](#) on DIR’s website shows whether agencies are properly licensed and bonded.

The new online system allows first-time applicants to [apply for a license](#) by using any Internet-connected computer instead of downloading forms or receiving them by mail. Applicants can create an account, save the application in progress, and complete it at their convenience. Talent agencies renewing their licenses will follow the same procedure and initially upload certain documents into the system. Fees can be paid by credit card or electronic funds transfer.

“The online system allows the more than 700 [talent agencies](#) conducting business in California to create an application profile once and not have to enter the same information year after year when it’s time to renew,” said Labor Commissioner Julie A. Su.

The Labor Commissioner’s Office also issues permits for entertainment work and child performer services. In July, DLSE and DIR launched an online course for [studio teachers](#) who are responsible for the education and safety of minors in the entertainment business.

For more information on the online process, contact the Licensing and Registration Unit at (415) 703-4846 or by emailing dlse.licensing@dir.ca.gov

Among its wide-ranging enforcement responsibilities, the [Labor Commissioner's Office](#) inspects workplaces for wage and hour violations, adjudicates wage claims, enforces prevailing wage rates and apprenticeship standards in public works projects, investigates retaliation complaints, issues licenses and registrations for businesses and educates the public on labor laws.

Employees with work-related questions or complaints may contact DIR's Call Center in English or Spanish at 844-LABOR-DIR (844-522-6734). The California Workers' Information line at 866-924-9757 also offers recorded information in English and Spanish on a variety of work-related topics.

Members of the press may contact Erika Monterroza or Peter Melton at (510) 286-1161, and are encouraged to [subscribe to email alerts](#) for DIR's press releases or other departmental updates.

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