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Labor Commissioner Launches Online Registration Process for Garment Manufacturers

Oakland—The Labor Commissioner’s Office has launched an [online system](#) to make it easier for garment manufacturers to register with the State of California.

"Garment registration laws help to combat sweatshop conditions and root out the underground economy," said Labor Commissioner Julie A. Su. "This new online registration system offers garment manufacturers or contractors an easy way to apply for, or renew, registration certificates to comply with the law."

The online application is part of the Department of Industrial Relations’ effort to upgrade departmental systems in order to improve customer service. It allows applicants to save their application in progress and submit it when completed along with required attachments. Fees can be paid by credit card or electronic funds transfer. Application [instructions](#) and a [checklist](#) are posted on the website.

The Garment Manufacturing Act of 1980 requires that all employers engaged in the business of garment manufacturing [register](#) with the Labor Commissioner and demonstrate adequate character, competency, and responsibility, including workers’ compensation insurance coverage. Garment manufacturers who contract with unregistered entities are automatically deemed joint employers of the workers in the contract facility. The Labor Commissioner’s Office has posted a [garment registration database](#) that details whether manufacturers or contractors are properly registered.

For more information on the online process, contact the Licensing and Registration Unit at (510) 285-3398, calls from the public are answered Monday, Wednesday and Friday from 8am to 5pm, or by emailing dlse.licensing@dir.ca.gov

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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.

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