

# Busking Permit Application

## About this form

You may use this form to apply for approval to busk within the City of Sydney Council Local Government Area under s68 of the Local Government Act 1993.

- \* If you perform a high impact act you must attend an assessment before you can apply for a permit.
- \* If you are **under 16 years of age** your parent or guardian must complete and sign Part 4 of this form and be present when you apply for your permit.
- \* Each **member of a group act** must submit a separate application.
- \* All buskers must read the City of Sydney Local Approvals Policy for Busking and Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Cultural Practice before they submit this form.
- \* Any approval will be issued subject to conditions.

## How to complete this form

- 1: Ensure that all fields have been filled out correctly.
- 2: Please note that fields on this form marked with an \* are mandatory and must be completed before submitting the application.
- 3: Forms must be submitted in person. Please refer to the Lodgement details section for further information.

| Office use only |                          |
|-----------------|--------------------------|
| Date:           | _____                    |
| ID sighted      | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Permit #:       | _____                    |
| Staff initials: | _____                    |

## Part 1: Applicant details

Given Name/s \*

Family Name \*

Postal Address \*

Email Address\*

Note: Before this application can be lodged at least one point of telephone contact below must be supplied. \*

Phone Number \*

Mobile Number \*

## Part 2: Performance details

**NOTE:** The City of Sydney reserves the right to amend the permit type on application (Tick all that apply)

| Low Impact  | High Impact**  | Extended Duration   |
|---|--|---|
| <input type="checkbox"/> Requires less than 2 square metres space | <input type="checkbox"/> Requires more than 2 square metres space              | (non-amplified non-musical acts only)                           |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Comedy                                   | <input type="checkbox"/> Bagpipes  | <input type="checkbox"/> Requires more than 2 hours to complete |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Contortionist                            | <input type="checkbox"/> Brass instruments                                     | <input type="checkbox"/> Mime/statue                            |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Group - 4 or less performers             | <input type="checkbox"/> Circus Acts*  | <input type="checkbox"/> Pavement Art                           |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Instrumental (specify instruments)#      | <input type="checkbox"/> Drumming (specify)                                    | <input type="checkbox"/> Other (specify)#                       |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Juggling (non dangerous implements)      | <input type="checkbox"/> Group - 5 or more performers                          |   |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Vocals (specify genre)#                  | <input type="checkbox"/> Juggling (dangerous implements - fire not permitted ) |   |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Other (specify)#                         | <input type="checkbox"/> Vocals - amplified (specify genre)#                   |   |
|   | <input type="checkbox"/> Other (specify below)#                                |   |

# Provide a description of the performance type, instrument/s or genre where required

Will your performance be amplified?  Yes  No (Please note only battery powered speaker and amplifier is permitted)

\*A High Impact Assessment will be required before you can apply for a permit. Email [busking@cityofsydney.nsw.gov.au](mailto:busking@cityofsydney.nsw.gov.au) to book an assessment.

\*\* Fire acts are not permitted.

### Part 3: Type of Busking Permit

Low Impact       High Impact       Extended Duration

**NOTE:** Additional fees payable for High Impact Assessments may be applicable (\$105)

**NOTE:** The City of Sydney is not able to undertake Busking Assessments for Buskers working on land managed by other landowners. For maps showing restricted and excluded areas, see [cityofsydney.nsw.gov.au/council/our-responsibilities/permits-and-notifications/busking](http://cityofsydney.nsw.gov.au/council/our-responsibilities/permits-and-notifications/busking)

Please indicate the type of permit required:       Quarterly Permit (\$13.00)       Annual Permit (\$47.00)

Are you renewing a permit or applying for a new permit?       New Permit       Renewal

Previous Permit number (renewals only):

### Part 4: Parental/Guardian consent details (if applicant is under 16 years of age)

A parent or guardian must be present when application is made.

I (please print name)

Of (please print address)

Hereby consent to my child or ward (please print name of child or ward)

Performing as a busker in the City of Sydney Local Government Area.

I understand that:

1. The City of Sydney provides no supervision of buskers under the age of 16 years and recommends an adult accompany young buskers at all times.
2. Buskers under the age of 16 are subject to the City of Sydney Local Approvals Policy for Busking and Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Cultural Practice and will ensure the busker complies with the Policy at all times.

\* Parent/ Guardian Name (please print)

\* Parent/Guardian Signature

\* Date

### Part 5: Proof of Identity

You must provide Council with proof of your identity, and proof of identity of your parent / guardian if you are under 16 years. Please tick the item/s below which you will provide as proof of identity.

|   | You                      | Your Parent/Guardian<br>(where applicable) |   |                      |
|---|--------------------------|--|---|----------------------|
| Proof of Age Card:                      | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/>                   | Proof of Age Card State of issue                    | <input type="text"/> |
| Current Passport                        | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/>                   | Passport number                                     | <input type="text"/> |
| Drivers Licence - provide details below | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/>                   | Drivers Licence No.(you or guardian)                | <input type="text"/> |
| Other type of ID #                      | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/>                   | Type of ID card (Only Australian ID cards accepted) | <input type="text"/> |

**Please Note:** Documents that are not in English, such as an overseas driver licence, must be accompanied by a full English translation of the document.

# Types of ID Cards accepted: ID containing a signature, a recent photograph and date of birth such as Military ID document, Student ID card, Air Crew Identity card / document, Seafarer ID card / document and ID from major institutions will be accepted, at the discretion of the receiving officer.

### Part 6: Applicant declaration

\* I have read and understand my obligations under the City of Sydney Local Approvals Policy for Busking and Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Cultural Practice.

\* I agree to abide by any process for breach of permit conditions, suspension or cancellation of my permit which may be imposed and/or amended by Council at any time.

\* I understand that if the information is incomplete, the application may be delayed or rejected or more information may be requested.

## Part 6: Applicant declaration continued

\* I acknowledge that if the information provided is misleading, any approval granted may be void. I accept delays in processing will arise out of any inadequacies in the material submitted in support of the application.

I agree to comply with the following conditions of approval:

- \* I will display my City of Sydney Permit to Busk in a prominent position at all times.
- \* I will make my permit available for inspection by any Authorised Officer and follow any direction issued by those personnel (Authorised Officer includes any City of Sydney employee, including, but not limited to Ranger employees and NSW Police).
- \* I will not transfer my permit to any other person.
- \* To avoid suspension, or cancellation of my permit, I will not falsely apply for a second, or subsequent permit.
- \* I agree that this permit does not give me sole use or reservation of a site and it does not guarantee a regular income.
- \* I agree to only busk within the approved time restrictions.
- \* I will use designated sites in restricted areas in accordance with the conditions attached to their use and contained in the City of Sydney Local Approvals Policy for Busking and Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Cultural Practice available on the City's public website: [cityofsydney.nsw.gov.au/policies/busking-aboriginal-torres-strait-islander-cultural-practice-policy](http://cityofsydney.nsw.gov.au/policies/busking-aboriginal-torres-strait-islander-cultural-practice-policy)
- \* I will not create a threat to public safety, whether real or perceived.
- \* I will not leave or abandon my equipment in the public domain. I understand that unattended equipment can be impounded by an Authorised Officer and that a fine for its recovery may be applied.
- \* I will not ask or expect another busker to mind or manage my equipment.
- \* I will ensure that my busking performance cannot be heard more than 50 metres from where I am busking.
- \* I will not engage in any commercial activity, other than selling my own CDs and DVDs.
- \* I will notify the City of Sydney if my personal details or my performance changes.
- \* I understand that a change of performance may require a different permit.
- \* I acknowledge that it is my responsibility to read and abide by the City of Sydney Local Approvals Policy for Busking and Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Cultural Practice and Sydney Busking Code and agree to be bound by all conditions. I declare that all the information in the application is to the best of my knowledge, true and correct.

Applicant Name\*

Applicant Signature\*

Date\*

## Part 7: Lodgement details

You must lodge the completed application by attending Council with your application form and any supporting documents. If the requirements for a busking permit are met, a photograph will be taken for the purposes of issuing a busking permit. You can obtain a busking permit from any of the following locations.

**IN PERSON:** Town Hall House - Level 2, 456 Kent Street, Sydney  
See our website for details of all customer service centres and opening hours:  
[cityofsydney.nsw.gov.au/customer-service-centres](http://cityofsydney.nsw.gov.au/customer-service-centres)

**What now:** A Council Officer will discuss your application at the time you attend Council and an approval, including a copy of all applicable conditions, will be issued if the requirements for a busking permit are met. If you need to book a High Impact assessment, please email [busking@cityofsydney.nsw.gov.au](mailto:busking@cityofsydney.nsw.gov.au)

For further information regarding your application please contact us by visiting [cityofsydney.nsw.gov.au/contact-us](http://cityofsydney.nsw.gov.au/contact-us)

## Part 8: Privacy & Personal Information Protection Notice

- Purpose of collection:** This information is being collected for the purpose of management of busking in parks, Open Spaces, footways and streets in the Council area (Council Land).
- Intended recipients:** City of Sydney employees. Any approved contractors required to provide this service. State Government Authorities required to collate applicable application and approval details.
- Supply:** The supply of this information is voluntary. If you are unwilling to provide this information, the City of Sydney may be unable to provide access to City of Sydney services.
- Access/Correction:** Please contact Customer Service on 02 9265 9333 or at [council@cityofsydney.nsw.gov.au](mailto:council@cityofsydney.nsw.gov.au) to access or correct your personal information.
- Storage:** The Customer Service Unit at the City of Sydney, located at 456 Kent Street, Sydney NSW 2000, is collecting this information and the City of Sydney will store it securely.
- Other uses:** The City of Sydney will use your personal information for the purpose for which it was collected and may use it as is necessary for the exercise of other functions.

For further details on how the City of Sydney manages personal information, please refer to our Privacy Management Plan: [cityofsydney.nsw.gov.au/policies/privacy-management-plan](http://cityofsydney.nsw.gov.au/policies/privacy-management-plan).

Date Assessed

Location



Description of Act reviewed

**Equipment**

Performance space is well marked and appropriate for the type of performance? (e.g. rope/chain, distance from audience etc.)

Yes  No 

Equipment safely erected or placed and managed within the space throughout the performance?

Yes  No 

Is the equipment in good repair? List of equipment inspected:

Yes  No 

Busker has appropriate safety equipment? (i.e. first aid kit, clean water etc.)

Yes  No 

Is the safety equipment in good repair and within expiry dates?

Yes  No **Performance Safety Procedures**

Does busker have the necessary skill level to safely present the performance in a public environment (e.g. can they juggle and keep an eye on the audience)

Yes  No 

Can the busker demonstrate the safe use of their performance equipment in the established space? (i.e. blades away from children, structures used safely with adequate space to fall within the buskers circle, equipment dismantled safely)

Yes  No 

Busker has appropriate strategies to deal with interruptions from the public (i.e. people walking through space, hecklers and managing excessive crowds etc.)

Yes  No **Amplification**

Is the equipment amplified? Provide details of amplification system e.g. brand, model number etc.)

Yes  No 

50 metre distance agreed to by busker (outer limit landmark e.g. building noted) at building/ address below:

Yes  No

## Assessors' declarations

I, the undersigned, hereby agree that the following applicant (print name of applicant)

has been assessed by us on (insert date)

and possesses / does not possess

(cross out whichever is not applicable)

the appropriate skills and knowledge in the use of the dangerous materials or equipment listed on this form to obtain a High Impact Permit to perform with the specified materials / equipment in the City of Sydney Local Government Area.

**Council Officer Name & Signature**

Application Approved

Application Refused  ► (Please state reason(s) in comment box below)

Comments / Reason(s) for decision