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GUIDELINES FOR BUSKING IN JERSEY

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It is a legal requirement that those busking in the island obtain a permit, which is to be issued by the Bailiff. The Jersey Arts Centre is responsible for administering the application process for busking permits. This document explains how to apply for a permit and gives guidelines to assist in the continued smooth running of the scheme.

PERMIT APPLICATION PROCEDURE

All applicants should read the following guidelines

New Applicants

Complete this form and send to Victoria Gordon, Education & Outreach Assistant, Jersey Arts Centre, Phillips Street, St. Helier JE2 4SW or victoria@artscentre.je. You will then be contacted to arrange a time to attend an informal audition to ensure the content and quality are suitable for public performance.

Audition

Please bring/send a passport sized photograph. Following a successful audition, your application will then be forwarded to the Bailiff's Chambers. If everything is in order, the Bailiff's Chambers will send you the permit.

There is no need to re-audition if you have completed one previously.

It usually takes a minimum of 15 working days to obtain a Permit. No busking / entertaining is permitted until you are in receipt of your Permit.

PERMIT ENTITLEMENT

The Busking Permit entitles you to busk from 1 January – 31 December in the year of issue, island wide (with a few exceptions).

The permit entitles you to busk around the island. Popular sites include:

St. Helier

- Don Street Junction
- The Apple Crush in front of M&S (NOT in the doorway to the right)
- Corner of Bath Street and Queen Street
- Pedestrian area in Colomberie
- West Centre
- Liberation Square
- Parade Gardens
- Paved area outside Maritime Museum
- Paved area surrounding the Steam Clock
- Les Jardins de la Mer
- Millennium Town Park

Grouville

- Gorey Harbour / around bus stop (not the pier)

St. Brelade

- Area around St. Aubin's Parish Hall
- Winston Churchill Gardens

Other

- Busking may be performed at other locations provided that any residents or shopkeepers do not object and that all guidelines are observed.

Please note: The Royal Square should be avoided due to the Royal Courts, States Sittings and the Registry Office. However, it can be used 6pm – 9.30pm.

Busking is NOT permitted:

- Outside Voisins
- Outside 3 King Street (Formally known as Atlantique)
- Outside 2 Charing Cross (Aurum Jewellers)
- Liberty Wharf
- On private land without permission of the owner
- At organised events without permission of the event organiser
- Please DO NOT busk outside Collins or Rivoli Jewellers during office hours (Mon - Fri 9am - 5pm)

PERFORMANCE GUIDELINES

- No performance may contain anything that could be considered offensive by the public.
- Due consideration must be given to those living or working near popular busking sites. For this reason it is a requirement that you **do not perform for more than 30 minutes at any one site** before moving on, particularly in the centre of town. Buskers should not return to a site within 1 hour and should ideally never busk within 30 minutes of another busker vacating a site.
- The use of amplified musical instruments or sound systems is not permitted.
- Please ensure that you do not obstruct doorways, thoroughfares or shop window displays and be sensitive to alfresco dining areas in town.
- Occasionally there will be groups scheduled by Jersey Arts Centre and other organising bodies to appear at a particular location at a specific time; please recognise this by vacating any such sites if requested.
- Applicants under 17 must be accompanied by an adult when performing, for their own safety.
- When busking you should not use, rearrange or block from use any street furniture.

BAILIFF'S PERMIT

All Permits for Busking are issued by the Bailiff.

If a permit is issued, you will be able to entertain for remuneration from the public as well as sell recordings of **your own** (and only your own) performances.

- The permit allows busking from **9.00am until 9.30pm**, daily.
- A permit may be refused or may be withdrawn on the request of the Bailiff or the Jersey Arts Centre – no refund will be issued.

- **Only those whose names (or Group) are specified on a permit are allowed to entertain.**
- **The Permit is not transferable.**
- The laminated Permit **must** be displayed in a visible place at all times when performing.

A copy of your Bailiff's Permit will be circulated to the States Police, the Town Hall and other relevant official bodies. Your Bailiff's Permit (in addition to your laminated permit) should be available upon request from any official.

Administration of the Permits is facilitated by Jersey Arts Centre to ensure the co-ordination and circulation of performers' details are given to the relevant authorities in the Island to ensure the smooth running of the busking scheme.

PERMIT FEE

There is currently no fee for a busking permit.

In addition – no donations need to be made to charity as in previous years.

For further information contact victoria@artscentre.je, Education & Outreach Assistant at Jersey Arts Centre.



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APPLICATION FOR BAILIFF'S BUSKING PERMIT – 2026

Name of Performer making application:

Name of Group / Band (*if applicable*):

Full Name(s) of each participant in the Act, who must also be available for the audition:
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Brief Description of Act – for musical acts, please state the style of music and instrument(s):
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Days and times you intend to perform:
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Main Contact Address:
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Telephone No.

E mail address.....

Have you obtained a Buskers' Permit in previous years YES – Number _____ / NO

I have read the “Guidelines for Busking in Jersey (2026)” and I am happy to comply with these terms if I am issued with a permit. I understand that my failure to comply with these guidelines may result in the withdrawal of the permit.

Signature:..... Date:.....

Please return to:

**Victoria Gordon,
Box Office, Jersey Arts Centre,
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Office Use:

Application Received _____ Auditioned _____ Permit Issued _____