**Child Performance Licences**

Under section 37 of the 1963 Act, a licence must be obtained before a child can take part in certain types of performances and activities in Great Britain.

- A performance licence may be required whether or not the child is paid.
- Amateur groups, musical performances, student productions or films are not exempt from the requirements.
- The licensing requirements only apply to children under the upper limit of compulsory school age - a child ceases to be of compulsory school age on the last Friday in June in the academic year in which they reach the age of 16 or if they reach 16 after the last Friday in June but before the start of the new school year.

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**Checklist**

**Do any of the following apply to the performance/activity?**
- A charge is being made, for admission or otherwise
- On licenced premises
- Live broadcast
- Recorded with the intention to be broadcast for public exhibition
- Sport or modelling for which a payment (to child or someone else in respect of child) is being made other than expenses

**Does either of the following exemptions apply?**
- Rehearsals – (except those taking place from the first to the last day of the performance period.)
- School production

**Has a ‘Body of Persons Approval’ been issued to your organisation?**

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**NO LICENCE REQUIRED**
Organisations are expected to follow safeguarding procedures

**NO LICENCE REQUIRED**
‘Application for Exemption or BOPA approval’ form must be completed for each performance

**LICENCE REQUIRED**
‘Application for Child Performance Licence’ must be completed for each child

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