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How to make money BUSKING #1

Teenager earns \$80 an hour busking - more than her mates in retail

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A teenaged ukulele player is earning \$80 an hour busking over the school holidays, proving dreams really do come true.

Now 17, Pippi Orr had been busking since she was in primary school and her ukulele repertoire ranged from classics like Somewhere Over the Rainbow through to modern pop songs. "Some people can be really generous. I can make \$80 an hour, instead of asking parents for money all the time, I just have to busk for an hour a few days a week and I have money for myself."

Orr said it was not all about the money, but busking was more lucrative than jobs her friends had, such as working part-time in retail. Orr said weekends were better than week days for drawing a crowd, and different parts of New Zealand had "different vibes". Orr said busking was about performing but also an opportunity to improve her singing and playing skills.

For the past 10 years, in Auckland, an annual busking licence had been required in order to perform in a public place. For children under 14, Auckland Council required parental consent on the busking licence application, whether online or at a council office. Council rules stated signed busking licences and photo identification must be carried at all times while performing.

In Auckland, buskers had to set up at least 50 metres away from another busker and could only be in one spot for an hour at a time. During an hour-long performance, a song or an act could not be repeated. Buskers could not approach people to ask for money or solicit funds in a way that was likely to make people feel uncomfortable.

Since January, the council had received 29 complaints about buskers. "Buskers are monitored in the city by our security contractors, who are stationed in the CBD. If they find a busker without a licence, then the busker is moved on and advised to acquire a licence," Peter Knight from Auckland Council's licensing team said.

"There are no penalties other than, if buskers continue to cause a nuisance, their licence may be revoked and they will not be able to directly reapply." In Hamilton, busking was permitted between 8.30am and 8.30pm but no busker was allowed to stay in a single location for longer than two continuous hours. Hamilton City Council busker permits lasted for six months.

This year, Nelson City Council updated a bylaw that allowed buskers to perform on one spot for an hour at a time. Previously, performers were encouraged to move on after 30 to 45 minutes.

So - If you enjoy music or singing why don't you consider using your talents to earn an income like Pippi did busking? Many people use busking as a way to perfect their music skills and other people make busking a full-time career.

I've checked the websites of our largest councils to find out how you can apply for a busker license. I'm pleased to let you know that it's a really quick & easy process. If you're 14 & under you'll need to have signed permission of a parent or guardian.

I've copied & pasted the key details that you'd need to complete to give you an idea of what's likely to be asked. If you want to find out more go on-line to find out the process for your local council. It'll be pretty similar to the one below:

Application for a street performance (busking) licence

Full name:
Address of applicant:
Contact number:
Email:

Type of performance

What type of activity will you be performing? **You'd answer this with a short clear description of your act.**

If your performance is pavement art please see our website for a guide to using public space.

If your performance is a group act, list the names of all the other members. Please note that once the licence is issued, any additional members will require a new licence.

Location of performance

What suburb(s) will you primarily be performing in? Give a description of the areas that you want to busk: **Example, Auckland CBD, Takapuna Shopping area, Lambton Quay, etc**

Do you need a special licence?

Does your performance involve the use of live animals, flammable materials or dangerous objects e.g. knives, chainsaws etc.? Yes or **No (keep it simple to start with e hoa (friend))**

If you answered yes - then theres more forms to fill out and questions asked

Signature of applicant: **Date:**

If the applicant is under 14 years of age, parent/ guardian consent is required.& they fill out the details below:

Parent/ guardian full name:

Address

Phone number:

Signature:

Date:

Then: Submit your application: Online, by Post drop your application off at any Auckland Council service centre (too easy!).

Tip: Don't go and over-complicate this in your head. Look at the situation objectively.

Ask yourself: Do I know how to sing or play 4-5 pieces? If you do then that's a perfect start because you can repeat these 4-5 pieces over again. As you get more confident you can start adding pieces to your repertoire.

Kia kaha & Arohanui to you Darly

Q: What does it mean to look at something objectively?

A: When you do something objectively, you do it with an open mind, considering the facts rather than your personal feelings.

A young Auckland busker



A young Justin Bieber!



