



BUSKING AT THE QUAY MARKET & FOOD HALL

WHAT IS BUSKING?

A Busker is a street-performer whose acts may include singing, playing an instrument, miming, juggling, or others. The Quay Market & Food Hall is happy to allow busking in permitted areas in and around The Quay, at designated times during the noted hours, 7 days per week. All buskers must have submitted completed forms and ensure all fees have been paid before a valid permit will be issued.

WANT TO GET INVOLVED?

Great, we can't wait to see you perform! The Quay Market & Food Hall requires all buskers to have a valid permit, issued by The Quay. The permit must be obtained in advance from The Quay Office. We will notify you when your permit application is accepted. Please note the following requirements for all performers:

- Must be a unique, suitable for all ages performance that engages the public
- Must have a professional, fully rehearsed, well flowing show
- All accepted applicants will be required to register as The Quay Buskers and purchase a busking permit
- All accepted applicants will be expected to follow the guidelines of the The Quay Busker Program
- Must have a diverse, extensive set list
- Must demonstrate a high degree of musical proficiency
- Any backing tracks must be created by the musician and will be subject to approval
- No karaoke style acts permitted

WHAT DO I NEED TO APPLY?

- Completed and legible application form submitted to programming@lonsdalequay.com.
- Credit card authorization form
- Sample of performance (audio, video, website, YouTube video, social links)
- Permit fee of \$25.00 + GST (credit card or cheque made out to Lonsdale Quay Market Corp.)

WHEN CAN I APPLY?

A Call for Performers will be posted in early January of each year. Busking licenses will be issued for March 1st of each year. Performers may apply for their license at any time throughout the year.

WHERE CAN I BUSK?

Performances will take place in the designated areas only, refer to the following map for outdoor locations at The Quay. Approved locations are marked clearly with signage. Busking in their location during The Quay programmed events is prohibited.

South Plaza - Approved location marked with signage.

East Plaza - Approved location marked with signage.



THE NITTY GRITTY DETAILS

HOURS

Outdoor Hours:

- Peak Season (May – August) 11:00am to 9:00pm
- Off Peak Season (September – April) 11:00am to 6:00pm

SCHEDULING

- Buskers may perform for 1 hour at outdoor locations. Only one act is permitted per designated area.
- Buskers may perform for a maximum of 3 time slots per day and performers may not stay in one location for two consecutive time slots.
- In the event of a previously scheduled or Quay Programmed event, priority is given to The Quay Programmed event. This will be posted outside of The Quay Office.

RULES AND REGULATIONS

- Performers must also agree to and sign the Busker's Licence Agreement and have fees paid in full prior to receiving your permit.
- Permits are valid March 1 – February 28 (following year); The Quay reserves the right to terminate a performer's permit without notice for failure to comply with rules and regulations.
- Permits can be issued to artists of age 16 or older with valid photo identification. Artists of 13 to 15 years of age can have their name on a permit issued under a parent's name - a parent has to accompany the artist at all times during performances. Children of age 12 and under will not be issued a permit
- Permits are non-refundable, non-transferable, with no pro-rated fees available.
- If you lose your permit a \$10.00 + GST cost will apply to obtain a new permit.
- All performers must maintain a professional manner and may not engage in any practice of unethical, deceptive advertising, or behaviour which would lower the character of The Quay.
- Buskers may open their music case or have a small container to receive voluntary donations. Performers MAY NOT SOLICIT DONATIONS (i.e. ask the public for compensation).
- The selling, advertisement, or soliciting any products, services, or business, is strictly prohibited. No signage can be put up without prior permission obtained from The Quay Office.
- A presentable appearance is required.
- Electronic equipment, such as amplifiers or microphones, is allowed in outdoor locations only.
- You must comply with all City of North Vancouver By-laws including the Noise By-law. Sound level is limited to a maximum of 70 db.
- Drums and brass instruments must be pre-approved by The Quay Office for all areas.
- All permitted areas must be kept neat and tidy and must be left as it is found.
- The Quay Staff, Maintenance, Security, or Management may ask the performer to stop at anytime due to excessive volume, inappropriate content, or for any other reason at their discretion.
- Musicians are permitted to sell recordings of their original work during their performance. No other sales are permitted.
- Portrait artists may use 1 easel, 2 small folding chairs, display up to but no more than 3 pieces of their art including the working drawing. The sale of pre-drawn work or photocopies is prohibited. Portrait artists can be at one location for up to 2 hours.
- All buskers must show their busking licence when asked by The Quay Staff, Maintenance, Security, Management, or otherwise. It is preferable that the licence is in plain site (i.e. located in your case or beside a canister).



ENFORCEMENT

Buskers must also make certain of the following:

- Do not cause disturbances of any kind.
- Do not obstruct doorways, pathways, or storefronts.
- Are respectful at all times.

Performers must abide by all of the above stated rules and regulations at all times, including those listed in the Busking Licence Agreement. It is understood The Quay Office reserves the right to terminate and/or revoke the Busker's Permit should any of the rules and regulations be violated.

FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

Q: How can I make money?

A: All performers are encouraged to respectfully leave an instrument case or small container out to receive donations from the public. Buskers must not ask or force visitors to give donation.

CONTACT INFORMATION

If you have any additional questions, you can email them to programming@lonsdalequay.com.

