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British Virgin Islands

No Assessment

Prevalence and Sectoral Distribution of the Worst Forms of Child Labor

There is no evidence that children in the British Virgin Islands are engaged in the worst forms of child labor.

Laws and Regulations on the Worst Forms of Child Labor

The minimum age for employment under the Labor Code of 2010 is 16, and children younger than age 18 are prohibited from hazardous work. However, children ages 14 to 16 may perform light work with approval from the Minister.(1) Children between ages 16 and 18 must have sufficient training and supervision when operating heavy machinery, and all children younger than age 18 are prohibited from night work.(1) The Labor Code also provides for the removal and rehabilitation of children subjected to the worst forms of child labor and makes the offense punishable with a fine, holding both the employer and the child's parent or guardian liable.(1) No information was found on whether the

Government has developed a list of hazardous occupations prohibited to children.

The Constitution prohibits slavery and forced labor.(2) Under the Criminal Code (Amendment) Act of 2007, trafficking in minors and enslaving or bonding children are illegal. The code also prohibits the production, publication or possession of child pornography.(1, 3, 4). The Labor Code prohibits child prostitution, the use of a child for illicit activities, and forced or compulsory military recruitment of children.(1)

Education is free and compulsory until age 16.(5, 6)

Institutional Mechanisms for Coordination and Enforcement

As there is no evidence of a problem, there appears to be no need for a coordinating mechanism to address the worst forms of child labor. The Commissioner of Labor may appoint inspectors to enforce the provisions of the Labor Code.(1) Research found no information about enforcement of the worst forms of child labor provisions in the Criminal Code.

Government Policies on the Worst Forms of Child Labor

As there is no evidence of a problem, there appears to be no need for policies to address the worst forms of child labor.

Social Programs to Eliminate or Prevent the Worst Forms of Child Labor

As there is no evidence of a problem, there appears to be no need for programs to address the worst forms of child labor.

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NON-INDEPENDENT COUNTRIES AND TERRITORIES – LAWS AND RATIFICATIONS

		Anguilla	British Virgin Islands	Christmas Island	Cocos (Keeling) Islands	Cook Islands	Falkland Islands	Gibraltar	Montserrat
	C138, Minimum Age	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
	C182, Worst Forms of Child Labor	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
	Convention on the Rights of the Child (CRC)	X	X	N/A	N/A	X	X	N/A	X
	CRC Optional Protocol on Armed Conflict	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	No	N/A	N/A	N/A
	CRC Optional Protocol on the Sale of Children, Child Prostitution and Child Pornography	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	No	N/A	N/A	N/A
	Palermo Protocol on Trafficking in Persons	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	No	N/A	N/A	N/A
	Minimum Age for Work	14	16	15	15	None	16	16	14
	Minimum Age for Hazardous Work	None	18	None	None	None	18	16	15
	Compulsory Education Age	17	16	17	17	15	16	15	16
	Free Public Education	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes