

Turks and Caicos Islands⁶⁴⁶⁷

Prevalence and Distribution of the Worst Forms of Child Labor

There is no evidence that children in the Turks and Caicos 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 in the Turks and Caicos Islands is 16. Children younger than age 16 may be employed with the written consent of a parent or guardian.⁶⁴⁶⁸ Slavery and forced labor are prohibited by the Constitution.⁶⁴⁶⁹

Education is compulsory to age 16.⁶⁴⁷⁰ Research did not find complete information on the question of whether education is free.

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.

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

The Government of the Turks and Caicos Islands participates in Safeguarding Children in the Overseas Territories (SCOT), a program sponsored by the United Kingdom's Department for International Development. Through SCOT, participating governments receive capacity building and advisory support to implement policies, procedures and best practices to ensure children's health and safety.⁶⁴⁷¹

⁶⁴⁶⁷ Turks and Caicos is typically internally self-ruled, but corruption charges levied against its political leadership caused the British Government to suspend the Government of Turks and Caicos Islands and its legislature in August 2009. A London-appointed governor will lead the Territory until otherwise determined. Government of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland, *Core Document Forming Part of the Reports of States Parties - Overseas Dependent Territories and Crown Dependencies of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland*, UN International Human Rights Instruments, July 13, 2001, 82; available from <http://www2.ohchr.org/english/bodies/cescr/docs/HRI.CORE.1.Add.62.Rev.1.pdf>. See also Associated Press, "Turks and Caicos: Britain Takes Over Government," *New York Times*, August 15, 2009; available from <http://www.nytimes.com/2009/08/15/world/americas/15web-briefs-Turkscaicos.html>.

⁶⁴⁶⁸ Government of Turks and Caicos, *Turks and Caicos Islands Employment Ordinance 2004*, (October 26, 2004); available from <http://www.misickstanbrook.tc/articles/ordinances/Employment%20Ordinance/Employment%20Ordinance%202004.pdf>.

⁶⁴⁶⁹ Government of Turks and Caicos Islands, *The Turks and Caicos Constitution Order 2006*, (August 9, 2006); available from <http://www.misickstanbrook.tc/articles/ordinances/Constitution%20of%20the%20Turks%20and%20Caicos%20Islands.pdf>.

⁶⁴⁷⁰ Charts Bin, *Ending Age of Compulsory Education Around the World -- Turks and Caicos*, [online] 2007 [cited February 22, 2011]; available from <http://chartsbin.com/view/qqp>.

⁶⁴⁷¹ U.S. Embassy- London, *reporting, December 9, 2010*.

Wallis and Futuna

Prevalence and Sectoral Distribution of the Worst Forms of Child Labor

There is no evidence that children in the Wallis and Futuna Islands are engaged in the worst forms of child labor.⁶⁴⁷²

Laws and Regulations on the Worst Forms of Child Labor

French law applies in Wallis and Futuna.⁶⁴⁷³ As such, the French Labor and Penal Codes detailed herein extend to its territory of Wallis and Futuna.

The French Labor Code prohibits employment for persons younger than age 16, with some exceptions for apprenticeships and other alternative education programs, light work during holidays and work within the entertainment industry.⁶⁴⁷⁴ Minors younger than age 18 are prohibited from certain dangerous jobs and are prohibited from working more than 7 hours a day or 35 hours a week.⁶⁴⁷⁵ The Ministry of Interior of France states that the law on child labor is respected and enforced in Wallis and Futuna.⁶⁴⁷⁶

The French Penal Code prohibits trafficking in children and provides for appropriate penalties for offenders.⁶⁴⁷⁷ Procuring and prostituting a child is prohibited under France's Penal Code; such offenses also carry appropriate penalties.⁶⁴⁷⁸

Under the French Penal Code, it is unlawful to take, record or send a pornographic image of a minor with the intention of circulation. Such a crime carries appropriate penalties, as does the crime of distributing a pornographic image of a minor through import or export.⁶⁴⁷⁹

According to the French Code of Defense, persons younger than age 17 are prohibited from admittance into the French Armed Forces, although admittance to military schools is allowed at age 16.⁶⁴⁸⁰

Education is free and compulsory to age 16.⁶⁴⁸¹

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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.

⁶⁴⁷² U.S. Embassy- Paris, *reporting*, December 10, 2010.

⁶⁴⁷³ Australian Government- Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade, *Wallis and Futuna country brief*, [online] 2010 [cited September 27, 2010]; available from http://www.dfat.gov.au/geo/wallis_futuna/wallisfutuna_brief.html.

⁶⁴⁷⁴ U.S. Embassy- Paris, *reporting*, January 6, 2009. See also Government of France, *Code du Travail*, (May 2008), article L4153-1, L6222-1; available from http://www.legifrance.gouv.fr/affichCode.do;jsessionid=5915BE44CD095CAE70B46222FFF096FF.tpdjo03v_3?cidTexte=LEGITEXT000006072050&dateTexte=20100928 <http://www.legifrance.gouv.fr/affichCodeArticle.do?cidTexte=LEGITEXT000006072050&idArticle=LEGIARTI000018511175&dateTexte=20110524>. See also Library of Congress, *Children's Rights: France*, [online] 2010 [cited September 28, 2010]; available from <http://www.loc.gov/law/help/child-rights/france.php>.

⁶⁴⁷⁵ Government of France, *Code du Travail*, R-234-6. See also Library of Congress, *Children's Rights: France*.

⁶⁴⁷⁶ U.S. Embassy- Paris, *reporting*, January 6, 2009.

⁶⁴⁷⁷ Library of Congress, *Children's Rights: France*.

⁶⁴⁷⁸ Ibid. See also U.S. Department of State, "France," in *Country Reports on Human Rights Practices- 2010*, Washington, DC, April 8, 2011; available from <http://www.state.gov/g/drl/rls/hrrpt/2010/eur/154424.htm>.

⁶⁴⁷⁹ Government of France, *Code Penal*, (June 1998), articles 227-23; available from http://www.legifrance.gouv.fr/affichCode.do;jsessionid=5915BE44CD095CAE70B46222FFF096FF.tpdjo03v_3?cidTexte=LEGITEXT000006070719&dateTexte=20100929.

⁶⁴⁸⁰ Library of Congress, *Children's Rights: France*. See also Government of France, *Code de la défense*, (March 2007), article L4132-1; available from http://www.legifrance.gouv.fr/affichCode.do;jsessionid=5915BE44CD095CAE70B46222FFF096FF.tpdjo03v_3?cidTexte=LEGITEXT000006071307&dateTexte=20100929.

⁶⁴⁸¹ Encyclopedia.com, *Wallis and Futuna Islands*, [online] [cited April 26, 2011]; available from http://www.encyclopedia.com/topic/Wallis_and_Futuna_Islands.aspx#3.