

British Virgin Islands

NO ADVANCEMENT

NON-INDEPENDENT COUNTRIES AND TERRITORIES

In 2013, the British Virgin Islands made no advancement in efforts to prevent the worst forms of child labor. While there is no evidence of a problem, the Government has not developed a list of hazardous occupations prohibited to children.

I. PREVALENCE AND SECTORAL DISTRIBUTION OF CHILD LABOR




Research found no evidence that child labor exists in the British Virgin Islands.(1)

II. LEGAL FRAMEWORK ON THE WORST FORMS OF CHILD LABOR

British Overseas Territories (OTs) are territories under the jurisdiction and sovereignty of the United Kingdom (UK), but they do not form part of the UK. They are self-governing, except in the areas of foreign affairs and defense. Domestic UK Law does not generally apply to OTs, unless explicitly extended.(1)

The following convention has been extended to the British Virgin Islands (Table 1).(1)

Table 1. Ratification of International Conventions on Child Labor

Convention		Ratification
	ILO C. 138, Minimum Age	
	ILO C. 182, Worst Forms of Child Labor	
	UN CRC	✓
	UN CRC Optional Protocol on Armed Conflict	
	UN CRC Optional Protocol on the Sale of Children, Child Prostitution and Child Pornography	
	Palermo Protocol on Trafficking in Persons	

The Government has established relevant laws and regulations concerning child labor (Table 2).

Table 2. Laws and Regulations Related to Child Labor

Standard	Yes/No	Age	Related Legislation
Minimum Age for Work	Yes	16	Labor Code of 2010 (2)
Minimum Age for Hazardous Work	Yes	18	Labor Code of 2010 (2)
List of Hazardous Occupations Prohibited for Children	No		
Prohibition of Forced Labor	Yes		Constitutional Order 2007; Labor Code of 2010 (2, 3)
Prohibition of Child Trafficking	Yes		Criminal Code, Labor Code of 2010 (2, 4)
Prohibition of Commercial Sexual Exploitation of Children	Yes		Criminal Code; Labor Code of 2010 (2, 4)
Prohibition of Using Children in Illicit Activities	Yes		Criminal Code; Labor Code of 2010 (2, 4)
Minimum Age for Compulsory Military Recruitment	N/A*		
Minimum Age for Voluntary Military Service	Combat: Yes	18	UK Armed Forces Act 2006 (1, 5)
	Non-Combat: Yes	16 1/2	
Compulsory Education Age	Yes	16	Education Act 2004 (6)
Free Public Education	Yes		Education Act 2004 (6)

* No conscription or no standing military.

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