



GOVERNMENT OF
THE VIRGIN ISLANDS OF THE UNITED STATES

DEPARTMENT OF LABOR

2203 Church Street - Christiansted
St. Croix, VI 00820-4612
(340) 773-1994
Fax (340) 773-0094

P. O. Box 302608 - Charlotte Amalie
St. Thomas, VI 00803-2608
(340) 776-3700
Fax (340) 774-5908

Office of the Commissioner

PRESS RELEASE

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

MEDIA CONTACT PERSON

JANELLE GUMBS

776-3700 X2091 / FAX 774-5908 / jgumbs@vidol.gov

Thursday, April 19, 2005-04-19

CHILD LABOR CERTIFICATES

Cecil R. Benjamin, Commissioner of Labor, would like to remind all Virgin Islands youths between the ages of 14 and 18 and their parents that a Child Labor Certificate must be obtained from the Department of Labor in order for employers to hire minors pursuant to Federal Regulations *CFR, Title 29, Chapter V Part 570 Subpart B*.

Commissioner Benjamin states, "If you are between the ages of 14 and 18 and seeking employment or currently working, you must obtain a Child Labor Certificate issued by the Department of Labor, Division of Labor Relations. *VIC Title 24, Chapter 15 Sec 403* also outlines the occupations in which minors may not be employed. It is vitally important that parents know the law and to contact the Department on how to obtain a Child Labor Certificate and to know the rights of minors in accordance with local and federal laws.

Please contact the Department of Labor Division of Labor Relations at **340-776-3700** on St. Thomas and **340-692-9686** on St. Croix or visit DOL's website at www.vidol.gov.