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WHAT YOU NEED TO KNOW

Michigan's NEW Youth Employment Permit Portal

Michigan recently updated the Youth Employment Standards Act to create a centralized youth employment permit system administered by the Michigan Department of Labor and Economic Opportunity (LEO).

Previously, work permits for minors were issued by local school districts and nonpublic schools. Beginning Oct. 2, 2026, permits will instead be managed through a single, statewide online system called the Youth Employment Permit Portal (YEPP).

The change creates a more consistent process across Michigan while improving efficiency, accountability and statewide oversight.