

# QC permit office open on Saturdays

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Workers from different companies in Quezon City may now secure their occupational permits beginning this Saturday, 23 November.

Mayor Joy Belmonte said the city's Business Processing and Licensing Division (BPLD) Office at city hall will be catering to occupational permit applicants on Saturdays.

The mayor said residents no longer have to file for a leave just to obtain their permits on weekdays.

The move was part of Belmonte's plan to make easy for residents the processing of permits and other important documents.

BPLD head Margie Santos said the service is available from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. every Saturday.

"To avail of the service, residents need to bring the complete requirements, including their laboratory results from accredited testing centers, for the issuance of health permit/ card, plus their latest NBI or police clearance," Santos said.

She stressed it is necessary for residents to bring the complete requirements or they won't be entertained during the Saturday schedule. Awareness seminars on the human immunodeficiency virus will also be conducted onsite.

Requirements include residence certificate, yellow card for entertainers/ therapist, waivers for Professional Regulation Commission card holders, parent's consent for minors and alien employment permit for foreigners.

For employees below 18 years old, requirements include parental consent, birth certificate/baptismal certificate, and a valid ID of parent/giving consent.

Santos said the BPLD-QC will be offering next year one-stop shops for occupational permits at a company's location, provided that the company has 300 or more employees and formally requests the service.