

## **Musician Classification Pointers For Wash. Hospitality Cos.**

The Washington State Employment Security Department, or ESD, has recently been auditing Seattle restaurants, resorts, hotels and nightclubs and claiming that, under Washington law, their musicians — such as solo artists, bands, pianists and DJs — are employees of the company unless they have a written independent contractor agreement.

Nightclubs, hotels, restaurants and other businesses that hire musicians to perform on their premises should prepare for the possibility of similar audits.

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