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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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