



SOUND DEPARTMENT QUALIFICATIONS

Thank you for your interest in the Sound Services Department of IATSE Local 856. The Sound Department can be very creative and exciting but involves a lot of hard work! Please take a few moments to read the following and assess your qualifications before filling out an application.

KEY POINTS TO CONSIDER WHEN COMPLETING AN APPLICATION FORM

- ☼ We will not consider applications that are not filled out correctly and completely, or are missing information. Please use this guide to complete your application and resume.
- ☼ All applicants must include a current resume detailing education, work history, specific skills, and related interests.
- ☼ Film, Video and Theatre work should include the production title, department head, job title, and days worked.
- ☼ Be sure to attach the required checklists to your application.
- ☼ Include a cover letter (addressed "Attention: Chairperson, Sound Department") introducing yourself briefly, listing your related skills and experience, and stating why you would consider yourself a good permittee.
- ☼ Introduce yourself to Members of the Sound Department, in person or by phone.

A BRIEF SUMMARY OF HOW THE PERMITTEE STATUS PROGRAM WORKS

- ☼ Potential Sound Services Permittees are expected to have acquired necessary Film or Video Sound skills before applying for permittee status. A panel made up of members from the Sound department reviews all applications and selects those with sufficient skills to be listed on the Permittee list. When the Local 856 Sound Department membership roster is depleted, listed permittees may be hired (through the Local 856 Business Agent) to fill positions.

SOME QUALIFICATIONS WE LOOK FOR WHEN RECRUITING NEW PERMITTEES

- ☼ Education in Film School, Broadcasting, Electronics, Equipment Maintenance and other Sound Recording fields.
- ☼ Work, trade, or volunteer related experience in television, theatre, video, and/or commercials.
- ☼ Good physical condition, ready, willing, and able to work in a wide variety of circumstances and weather conditions and work well within a group. As a permittee you will start in the Sound department working as an assistant where you will be expected to do a variety of jobs. This could include unloading trucks, cable pulling, moving sound equipment in and out of studios, working on ladders, working carefully around set props and dressing and being prepared to work in dirty environments.
- ☼ You must be available anytime night and day for periods up to fourteen hours (or more).
- ☼ You must be able to take direction and work well within groups.
- ☼ Good verbal and written communication skills are necessary for all positions.
- ☼ Computer skills are an asset.
- ☼ You must be familiar with the responsibilities and positions within the Sound Recording department and all other positions on set (job descriptions are listed in your Permittee Application Information package).

MINIMUM QUALIFICATIONS FOR THE SOUND DEPARTMENT

PERMITTEES

1. Set Etiquette course or FTM Level II course or 60 days of relevant experience (example: Winnipeg Film Group films, Theatre experience).
2. A valid Driver's License – must be able to drive a 1 ton truck
3. Demonstrated skill in the following:
 - Proof of two years recent professional employment on Motion Picture productions in the Sound Department. Your experience should be as diverse as possible in as many of the following areas: Features, Movies of the Week, Series, low-budget films, non-union productions, Commercials, Industrials and Documentaries.
 - Working knowledge of Film sound production, its associated equipment and overall maintenance.
 - Knowledge of all types of dialogue microphones and their use.
 - Knowledge of acoustics.
 - Basic knowledge of how location sound is used in post production.
 - Proof of Set Etiquette course (Film Training Manitoba, 989-9669).
 - Proof of Current WHMIS Instruction/Training
 - Post-Production knowledge – particularly in Sound Editing.
 - Knowledge of Film terminology

MEMBERSHIP

1. Set Etiquette course.
2. Proof of Current WHMIS Instruction/Training
3. Basic First Aid
4. 60+ days working as a permittee on a minimum of 2 IATSE Local 856 Films in the Sound department.
5. Letters of reference from 2 different Production Sound Mixers with Union qualifications.

DEPARTMENT TRANSFER

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REQUIREMENTS FOR UPGRADING WITHIN THE SOUND DEPARTMENT

1. 60+ days working on a minimum of 2 IATSE Local 856 Films in the position you are applying for.
2. Letters of reference from 2 different Production Sound Mixers with Union qualifications.

The Motion Picture Technicians
IATSE Local 856

Please check off and complete all questions and include this form along with your application. Applicants must be able to support these claims.

Have you worked professionally within the last two years for the following?

Film and Television	Yes _____	No _____
Theatre/Live Sound	Yes _____	No _____
Recording Studios	Yes _____	No _____
Other (specify) _____		

Are you familiar with the following (and explain)?

Film Sound Equipment	Yes _____	No _____
Electronics/Electricity	Yes _____	No _____
Boom Operation	Yes _____	No _____
Placement of Microphones	Yes _____	No _____
Use of Radio Microphones	Yes _____	No _____
Dramatic Film Lighting	Yes _____	No _____
Equipment Maintenance	Yes _____	No _____
Other (specify) _____		

How would you best describe your level of experience related to Sound Recording (provide details and examples):

Minimum Kit Requirements for the Sound Department

REQUIRED TOOLS & EQUIPMENT:

All Sound Department crew are expected to show up to work with the following:

- Appropriate clothing (usually black)
- Tool pouch or belt
- Small portable flashlight
- Pocket tool (suggested swiss army knife)
- Professional quality closed ear headphones
- Jewellers screw drivers
- Outdoor weather gear (cold weather & rain) – preferably dark colours

Name: _____

I certify that the information I have disclosed is true. I understand that ANY misrepresentations will jeopardize my potential Permittee or Membership status.

Signature: _____