

At what age can I...?

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Leave school

- 16** Or when you finish three years of post-primary education, whichever is later

Leave home

- 16** With parental consent
- 18** Without parental consent



Get a job

- 14** Up to seven hours per day (35 hours per week) during school holidays
- 15** Up to eight hours per week during term time and up to seven hours per day (35 hours per week) during school holidays
- 16** Up to eight hours per day and 40 hours per week

Have a social media account

- 16** Without parental consent.
If you are under 16, you can have a social media account with parental consent. Many social media platforms don't allow a person under 13 to set up an account, even if they have their parent's consent.



Buy alcohol

- 18** If you are aged under 18, you cannot buy alcohol and must be accompanied by a parent on licensed premises and may only remain on the premises up to 9pm (10pm from May to September).
If aged 15 to 17, you can stay later when attending a private function at which a substantial meal is being served.

18 Vape

18 Buy cigarettes

Drive on a public road

- 16** Motorbike up to 11kW and up to 125cc, moped and certain work vehicles
- 17** Car and other vehicles with seats for up to eight passengers and maximum weight of 3,500kg
- 18** Motorbike up to 35kW, goods vehicles up to 7,500kg
- 21** Buses with seats for up to 16 passengers



16 Consent to medical treatment

18 Give blood



Have an abortion

- 16** If you are over 16, you can choose not to have an adult involved and a doctor can offer you an abortion if they think you understand the information and give consent

17 Consent to having sex

18 Marry



Apply for a 10-year passport

- 18** If you are younger, you can only apply for a 5-year passport

18 Book a holiday or flight



18 Apply for a National Age Card

Register to vote

- 18** For all elections and referendums

Stand for elections

- 18** Local elections
- 21** National and European elections
- 35** Presidential election



Apply for a gender recognition certificate

- 16** Parents can apply on your behalf if you have a Court Exemption Order
- 18** Without parental assistance

18 Sit on a jury in court

Enter a legally binding contract

- 18** Except for certain contracts such as for necessities (for example, food) or apprenticeships

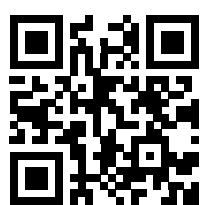
Be charged with a criminal offence



- 10** For murder, manslaughter, rape and aggravated sexual assault
- 12** For other criminal offences



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