

Ages at which children are legally entitled or responsible to carry out acts

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| Acts | Age | Observations |
| 1. Majority a. civil majority b. penal majority c. penal minority | 18 18 16 | The juvenile's court authority may be terminated once the child is 16. |
| 2. Emancipation | 15 | |
| 3. Marriage a. without consent of appropriate authority b. with parental consent c. with consent of the appropriate authority | 18 18 unspecified | On serious grounds by decision of juvenile court. |
| 4. Work a. full time b. part-time c. apprenticeship | 18 15 or 16 15 or 16 | 15 years if the child has completed first two years of secondary education 15 years if the child has completed first two years of secondary education |
| 5. Residence | 18 | |
| 6. Contracts a. without parental consent b. with parental consent | unspecified unspecified | To be applied with moderation and common sense and court may void. |
| 7. Will | 16 | |
| 8. Purchase of certain products a. alcohol b. tobacco | unspecified unspecified | |
| 9. Religion (refuse or change) | 18 | |
| 10. Adoption (refuse to agree to adoption) | 15 | |
| 11. Name (refuse to change name) | 18 | |
| 12. Nationality | 18 | |
| 13. Medical matters (refuse to allow doctor to inform parents) | unspecified | If it is impossible or inadvisable to seek legal representative's opinion (Code of Medical Ethics) |
| 14. Recognition of a child | unspecified | |
| 15. Personal matters (give his opinion) | unspecified | |
| 16. Legal proceedings a. take part in court decision b. request court appointment of legal representative other than parents c. inform court of self-concerning matters | 18 years unless... unspecified unspecified | 18 years unless the law provides otherwise or the court decides otherwise. Recent case law entitles minors to bring legal proceedings on their own to uphold a personal right. In the event of a conflict of interest, the court may appoint an ad hoc guardian. |
| 17. Army a. enlist in armed forces b. active national service | 16 18 | Army cadet training. Military service abolished. |
| 18. Savings accounts a. deposits b. withdrawals | unspecified 16 | Limited to 5,000 Belgian francs per month. |
| 19. Passport | 18 | Interpretation by Ministry of Foreign Affairs. |