

Ages At Which Children Are Legally Entitled To Carry Out Certain Acts

Greece		
Acts	Age	Observations
1. Majority		
a. civil majority	18	Law no. 1329/83
b. penal majority	18	
c. penal minority	13	
2. Emancipation		Emancipation was abolished by law no. 1329/83
3. Marriage		
a. without consent of appropriate authority	18	Men and women.
b. with parental consent	18	Parental consent is never required once the age of majority has been reached. Before this age it does not suffice since court is always required.
c. with consent of the appropriate authority	10-18	Court consent may be granted on serious grounds.
4. Work		
a. full time	15	Section 5 of Law no. 1837/1989 on the vocational protection of minors at work and other provisions.
b. part-time	3-15	Under section 5, sub section 1 of law no. 1837.1989, " minors under the age of 16 and those undergoing secondary education(in all kinds of secondary schools and state-recognized technical schools, whether public or private) may not be employed more than 6 hours/day, 30 hours/week."
c. apprenticeship	15	Under section 5, sub-section 4 " employment of minors in such artistic activities may not exceed: a) 2 hours/day for children between 3 and 6 b) 3 hours/day for children between 6 and 11 c) 4 hours/day for minors aged between 11 and 13 d) 5 hours/day for minors aged between 13 and 15
5. Residence	14	
6. Contracts		
a. without parental consent	10	For transactions from which a child merely derives a legal benefit.
b. with parental consent		
7. Will	18	
8. Purchase of certain products		
a. alcohol		
b. tobacco		
9. Religion (refuse or change)	any age	
10. Adoption (refuse to agree to adoption)	16	
11. Name (refuse to change name)		
12. Nationality		
13. Medical matters (refuse to allow doctor to inform parents)		
14. Recognition of a child		
15. Personal matters (give his opinion)	16	May take part in family council.

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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		
17. Army a. enlist in armed forces b. active national service		
18. Savings accounts a. deposits b. withdrawals	14	For earnings or sums received as gifts
19. Passport	16	Concerns identity cards.
20. Participation in the functioning of the school system	12	

Source: Council of Europe (1998). *Ages at which children are legally entitled to carry out a series of acts in Council of Europe member countries*. Strasbourg: Council of Europe.