

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

<b>Netherlands</b>		
Acts	Age	Observations
<b>1. Majority</b>		
<b>a. civil majority</b>	18	
<b>b. penal majority</b>	21	16-21: Judge decides whether juvenile or criminal law applies.
<b>c. penal minority</b>	12	12-16: Juvenile law.
<b>2. Emancipation</b>	18	
<b>3. Marriage</b>		
<b>a. without consent of appropriate authority</b>	18	
<b>b. with parental consent</b>	18	
<b>c. with consent of the appropriate authority</b>	16	In case of pregnancy or birth.
<b>4. Work</b>		
<b>a. full time</b>	17	In case of nightshifts: 18
<b>b. part-time</b>	16	
<b>c. apprenticeship</b>	16	
<b>5. Residence</b>	18	
<b>6. Contracts</b>		
<b>a. without parental consent</b>	18	In practice, when child has reached age of distinction.
<b>b. with parental consent</b>		No legal limit, parental signature may be required.
<b>7. Will</b>	16	
<b>8. Purchase of certain products</b>		
<b>a. Alcohol</b>	16	Beer & wine
	18	Hard liquor
<b>b. tobacco</b>	-	No legal age limit.
<b>9. Religion (refuse or change)</b>	-	No legal age limit.
<b>10. Adoption (refuse to agree to adoption)</b>	15	
<b>11. Name (refuse to change name)</b>	-	
<b>12. Nationality</b>	18	Change nationality after 5 years of residence.
<b>13. Medical matters (refuse to allow doctor to inform parents)</b>	-	No legal age limit. Patient-doctor confidentiality applies.
<b>14. Recognition of a child</b>	18	
<b>15. Personal matters (give his opinion)</b>	-	No legal age limit.
<b>16. Legal proceedings</b>	18	
<b>a. take part in court decision</b>		Minors can be represented by a "special curator".
<b>b. request court appointment of legal representative other than parents</b>		Minors can be represented by a "special curator".
<b>c. inform court of self-concerning matters</b>	12	Right to be heard.
<b>17. Army</b>		
<b>a. enlist in armed forces</b>	18	Proposition
<b>b. active national service</b>	18	
<b>18. Savings accounts</b>		
<b>a. deposits</b>	18	No age limit with parental consent.
<b>b. withdrawals</b>	-	No age limit with parental consent.
<b>19. Passport</b>	18	No age limit with parental consent.