

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

Norway		
Acts	Age	Observations
1. Majority		
a. civil majority	18	
b. penal majority		
c. penal minority	15	
2. Emancipation	18	
3. Marriage		
a. without consent of appropriate authority	18	
b. with parental consent		
c. with consent of the appropriate authority		A child under 18 years may not marry without parental consent and permission of County governor. idem
4. Work		
a. full time	15	
b. part-time	13	
c. apprenticeship	(15)	The same as full-time work.
5. Residence		
6. Contracts		
a. without parental consent	18	
b. with parental consent	15	
7. Will	18	
8. Purchase of certain products		
a. alcohol	20/18	
b. tobacco	16	20: spirits; 18: other alcoholic beverages.
8. Religion (refuse or change)	15	
9. Adoption (refuse to agree to adoption)	12	
11. Name (refuse to change name)	12	
12. Nationality		The nationality of a child depends on that of parents
13. Medical matters (refuse to allow doctor to inform parents)	12/16	Children between 12-16 years may request the doctor not to give information to the parents. The child's degree of maturity is factor in doctor's evaluation.
14. Recognition of a child		
15. Personal matters (give his opinion)	12	Also before 12, depends on maturity.
16. Legal proceedings		
a. take part in court decision	18 (15)	In some cases 15.
b. request court appointment of legal representative other than parents	18 (15)	In some cases 15.
c. inform court of self-concerning matters	(12)	No specific rule.
17. Army		
a. enlist in armed forces	19	
b. active national service	19	
18. Savings accounts		

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a. deposits	15	
b. withdrawals	15	
19. Passport	16/18	Children under age 16 may have their own passports or be entered in the parents' passports. As of 16 years, child <u>must</u> have own passport. Passports are not issued to those under 18 years without permission of parents.
20. Participation in the functioning of the school system	7	6 years from 1997

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.