

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

| <b>Spain</b>  |                   |  |
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| Acts  | Age               | Observations   |
| <b>1. Majority</b><br>a. civil majority<br>b. penal majority<br>c. penal minority   | 18<br>16-18<br>16 | There are different measures and penalties for young people in this age group.   |
| <b>2. Emancipation</b>  | 16                |  |
| <b>3. Marriage</b><br>a. without consent of appropriate authority<br>b. with parental consent<br>c. with consent of the appropriate authority   | 12<br>14<br>16    | Women for civil wedding.<br>Women for church wedding.<br>Men for church wedding. |
| <b>4. Work</b><br>a. full time<br>b. part-time<br>c. apprenticeship   | 16                |  |
| <b>5. Residence</b>   |                   |  |
| <b>6. Contracts</b><br>a. without parental consent<br>b. with parental consent  |                   |  |
| <b>7. Will</b>  | 18<br>14          | If it is an officially recorded will.  |
| <b>8. Purchase of certain products</b><br>a. alcohol<br>b. tobacco  |                   |  |
| <b>8. Religion</b> (refuse or change)   |                   |  |
| <b>9. Adoption</b> (refuse to agree to adoption)  | 12                |  |
| <b>11. Name</b> (refuse to change name)   |                   |  |
| <b>12. Nationality</b>  |                   |  |
| <b>13. Medical matters</b> (refuse to allow doctor to inform parents)   |                   |  |
| <b>14. Recognition of a child</b>   | -                 | If the child's understanding is sufficient.                                      |
| <b>15. Personal matters</b> (give his opinion)  |                   |  |
| <b>16. Legal proceedings</b><br>a. take part in court decision<br>b. request court appointment of legal representative other than parents<br>c. inform court of self-concerning matters |                   | No statutory age.  |
| <b>17. Army</b><br>a. enlist in armed forces<br>b. active national service  |                   |  |
| <b>18. Savings accounts</b><br>a. deposits<br>b. withdrawals  |                   |  |
| <b>19. Passport</b>   |                   |  |
| <b>20. Participation in the functioning of the school system</b>  |                   |  |

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