



No Age Restriction (within reason!)

- Talk to a counsellor
- Get legal advice
- Have your views taken into consideration in matters affecting you
- Make a formal complaint
- Be sued for injuring someone or damaging their property
- Enter a contract, if the contract benefits you and you are able to understand it
- Rent a place to live, if you are able to understand the lease contract
- Have a part-time job, as long as compulsory education isn't affected
- Buy condoms
- Get a tattoo, with written permission of your parents

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- Be charged with a criminal offence

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- Make decisions regarding your own medical and dental treatment, including the obtaining of medical contraception and/or an abortion, without the consent of your parents, if the medical practitioner is satisfied you are mature enough to understand the nature of the treatment.

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- Get your own Medicare card
- Receive Youth Allowance from Centrelink if you are classified as "independent"

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- Get a learner's licence to drive a car
- Get a learner's licence to drive a motorcycle (16 & 9 months)
- Marry with permission of a court
- Have sex (heterosexual or homosexual) as long as both people consent
- Get piercings without your parents' consent
- Donate blood
- Get a non-intimate body piercing

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- Leave school unconditionally
- Get your P1 Provisional Licence if you have held your learner's licence for at least 12 months (and met other conditions)

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- Vote
- Choose where and who to live with (earlier in circumstances such as an abusive or unsafe home environment)
- Marry without your parents' permission
- Apply for a passport without your parents' permission
- Make a will (a younger person may be able to make a will in certain exceptional circumstances)
- Get a tattoo, intimate piercing, scarification, or branding without your parents' permission
- Buy alcohol and enter restricted areas of licensed premises
- Shorten your lifespan by buying cigarettes
- Enter a sex shop or strip club
- Change your name without your parents' consent
- Adopt children

HELP POINTS

National Children's and Youth Law Centre
Advice by email on www.lawstuff.org.au

Kids' Help Line

24 hour telephone and online counselling service - **1800 55 1800**
www.kidshelp.com.au

Shoalcoast Community Legal Centre

www.shoalcoast.org.au

4422 9529 (Shoalhaven)

1800 229 529 (Eurobodalla and Bega Valley)

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