

Legal Age Quiz (version 2)

Name _____ Date _____



How old do you have to be to legally... ?

Be a blood donor

Buy a pet

Gamble on a fruit machine

Have a part time job

Be fined for not wearing a seatbelt in a car

Vote

Have your own passport

Go to the pub for a soft drink

Go abroad to sing professionally

Buy a ticket for the National Lottery

Adopt a child

Change your surname with your parent's consent

Refuse medical treatment

Drive a moped

Legal Age Quiz **Answers**



Be a blood donor **17**

Buy a pet **12**

However, shops can legally have a policy of not selling animals to persons under 16.

Gamble on a fruit machine **any** but...

In England and Wales, if you are under 16, you can go into arcades but must not play on fruit machines giving a £10 or more cash payout.

If you are between 14-18 you can go into a pub, but you are not allowed to play on fruit machines with a cash payout of £10 or more. A sign stating that the machines are restricted to over-18s must be displayed. There is no lower age limit for playing on fruit machines with a maximum cash or token prize of up to £8.

Have a part time job **13**

Only up to 5 hours a day on Saturdays or during school holidays. You can have a full-time job from the age of 16.

Be fined for not wearing a seatbelt in a car **14**

Vote **18**

Have your own passport **any**

Go to the pub for a soft drink **14**

*You can't buy or drink alcohol if you're under 14.
At 16 you can drink wine, beer or cider with a meal in a restaurant.
At 18 you can buy alcohol.*

Go abroad to sing professionally **18**

Buy a ticket for the National Lottery **16**

Adopt a child **21**

Change your surname with your parent's consent **any**

*If you're under 16 you cannot change your surname without your parent's consent.
Details on a child's birth certificate cannot be changed, except in limited circumstances.*

Refuse medical treatment **any**

A child (anyone under 18 years old) has the right to refuse treatment, but this decision can be overruled by the courts if refusing treatment could lead to their death or severe permanent injury.

Drive a moped **16**

You must have completed a compulsory basic training course to validate your provisional licence. A moped has a maximum design speed of 50 kilometres per hour (approx. 31 miles per hour) and an engine size of no more than 50cc (cubic centimetres).

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