



Turning 18 in Australia - Your Rights

When you turn 18, you are an adult.

You have more rights and more responsibility.



You have the right to vote

- You can vote in elections
- You must enrol and vote



Voting is part of having your say in Australia.

aec.gov.au



You can sign contracts

You can sign things like:

- Phone plans
- Rental agreements
- Loans



These are legal agreements you must follow.

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You can manage your own money

- Open and control your own bank account
- Apply for loans or credit - always seek further advice from a trusted support person



You are responsible for how you use your money. gld.gov.au



You can make your own health decisions

You can:

- Get your own Medicare card
- Make your own medical decisions



You decide what happens with your health care.
servicesaustralia.gov.au



You can get a driver licence

- You can work towards a full licence
- You must follow road rules



Driving gives you more independence. qld.gov.au



You are treated as an adult by the law

- You are responsible for your actions
- You may be:
 - Called for jury duty
 - Taken to court as an adult



Laws apply to you fully now. legalclarity.org



You can make your own choices

- You can:
 - Move out of home
 - Choose where you live
 - Make your own life decisions



You are independent from your parents and guardians.
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You can buy alcohol

- You can legally buy and drink alcohol
- You can go into licensed venues (like pubs)



You must follow the law and drink responsibly.

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You can gamble (legally)

- You can enter casinos
- You can place bets



This must be done legally and responsibly. sortedaus.com.au



You have the right to feel safe and respected

You have the right to:

- Be treated fairly
- Be safe from harm
- Ask for help



Remember

Being 18 means:

- You have freedom to make choices
- You have responsibility for your actions



You are in charge of your life now, however it is still ok to ask for support when needed from a friend, family member, advocate or other support person.



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