



Turning 18 - First things to do

Turning 18 means you are now an adult.

You have **new rights and responsibilities**.



Get your ID ready

You need ID to prove who you are.

- Get a **photo ID card** or driver licence
- Make sure your details are correct



You need ID for things like banking, travel and jobs.

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Enrol to vote

Voting is important in Australia.

- You must **enrol to vote**
- Voting is **compulsory**



You can be fined if you do not vote.



Set up your MyGov account

MyGov helps you access government services.

- Link services like:
 - Medicare
 - Centrelink
 - TAX (ATO)



This helps you manage your money and health. **qld.gov.au**



Get a Tax File Number (TFN)

A TFN is needed for work.

- Apply for your own TFN
- Give it to your employer



Without a TFN, you may pay more tax. my.gov.au



Check your bank account

Make sure your bank account is set up.

- Open your own account if needed
- Learn to **budget and save money**



This helps you manage your independence.



Get your own medicare card

At 18, you can manage your own health care.

- Apply for your **own Medicare card**
- Update your bank details



This helps you get money back for medical costs.
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Plan your next steps

Think about what comes next,

- Study (TAFE or university)
- Get a job
- Do training or an apprenticeship



There are payments like **Youth Allowance** to help. my.gov.au



Think about transport

Getting around is important.

- Work towards a drivers licence
- Learn about road rules and safety
- Learn how to catch the bus or train



This helps you be more independent. qld.gov.au



Know your rights and responsibilities

As an adult, you are responsible for yourself.

- You can sign legal contracts
- You can buy alcohol
- You can be called for jury duty
- You are responsible for your actions



You are treated as an adult under the law.



Look after yourself

Being an adult means taking care of your life.

- Look after your health and wellbeing
- Ask for help if you need it
- Stay connected to safe people



Remember

Turning 18 is exciting, but it can feel big.

- Take it one step at a time
- Ask questions
- Get support when you need it - family, friends, advocate



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