

Country Code:	DM 1990 Rev. CAP. 37:01
Title:	AGE OF MAJORITY ACT
Country:	DOMINICA
Date of entry into force:	May 1, 1983 (No. 8 of 1983)
Amendment:	No amendments to end of 2011
Subject:	Children – Law - Dominica
Key words:	Infant, meaning of
Notes	Age of majority reduced to 18 from 21 except for purposes of Sch. 1 to the Commonwealth of Dominica Constitution order (SI 1978 No. 102).

LAWS OF DOMINICA

AGE OF MAJORITY ACT

CHAPTER 37:01

Act 8 of 1983

Amended by

12 of 1990

Current Authorised Pages

Pages *Authorised*

(inclusive) *by LR.O.*

14 *1/1991*

LR.O.1/1991

LAWS OF DOMINICA

Chap. 37:01

Age of Majority

Note

on

Subsidiary Legislation

This Chapter contains no Subsidiary Legislation.

LAWS OF DOMINICA

Chap. 37:01

Age of Majority

**CHAPTER 37:01
AGE OF MAJORITY ACT**

18 of 1983.

AN ACT to amend the law relating to the age of majority by reducing that age from twenty-one to eighteen years and for purposes connected therewith.

Commencement

[1st May 1983]

Short title.

1. This Act may be cited as the -

AGE OF MAJORITY ACT.

Interpretation.

2. In this Act "infant" means a person under the age of eighteen years, and the expression "infancy", "minor" or "minority" shall be construed accordingly.

Reduction of age of majority.

[12 of 1990].

3. (1) As from the commencement of this Act a person shall attain full age on attaining the age of eighteen years, and a person shall be deemed to have attained full age on that date if he has then already attained the age of eighteen years but not twenty-One years.

(2) The provisions of subsection (1) applies for the purposes of any rule or law, and for the construction of the expressions "full age", "infant", "infancy", "minor", "minority" and similar expressions in-

- (a) any statutory provision, whether passed or made before, on or after the date on which this Act comes into force;
- (b) any deed, will or other instrument of whatever nature (not being a statutory provision) made on or after that date.

(3) In any written law in force on the coming into operation of this Act, for any reference to the age of twenty-one years there shall be substituted a reference to the age of eighteen years; but this subsection shall not apply in such cases as may be prescribed by Order of the President subject to negative resolution of the House of Assembly.

LAWS OF DOMINICA

Chap. 37:01

Age of Majority

Ch. 37:50. Ch. 37:51.

(4) The principles and provisions of this Act shall not apply to the expressions "child", "juvenile" and "young person" appearing in the Children and Young Persons Act, and the Children and Young Persons Welfare Act

S.L 1978 No. 1027.

(5) References to the age of twenty-one years in Schedule 1 to the Commonwealth of Dominica Constitution Order shall not be affected by this Act.

Attainment of full age.

4. A person shall be deemed to have attained the age of eighteen years at the first moment of the day of the eighteenth anniversary of his birth.