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A **LAW** to reduce the age of majority and to make provision incidental upon and supplemental thereto

Commencement [[see endnotes](#)]

1 Reduction in the age of majority

- (1) As from 1st November 1999, a person shall attain full age on attaining the age of 18 years instead of on attaining the age of 20 years.
- (2) A person who, before 1st November 1999, has attained the age of 18 years, but not the age of 20 years, shall attain full age on 1st November 1999.

2 Construction of enactments and instruments

- (1) Article 1 applies for the purposes of any rule of law and, in the absence of a definition or of any indication of a contrary intention, for the construction of “full age”, the “age of majority”, the “age of legal capacity”, “infant”, “minor” and similar expressions (including such expressions rendered in the French language) in –
 - (a) any enactment, whether passed or made before, on or after 1st November 1999; and
 - (b) any deed, will or other instrument of whatever nature (not being an enactment) made on or after 1st November 1999.
- (2) Notwithstanding any rule of law, a will or codicil executed before 1st November 1999 shall not be treated for the purposes of this Article as made on or after 1st November 1999 by reason only that the will or codicil is confirmed by a codicil executed on or after that date.

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4 Marriage of person under the age of majority

For the avoidance of doubt, it is declared that the marriage of a person who has not attained the age of majority does not confer full legal capacity on the person.

5 Citation

This Law may be cited as the Age of Majority (Jersey) Law 1999.

ENDNOTES

Table of Legislation History

Legislation	Year and No	Commencement
Age of Majority (Jersey) Law 1999	L.26/1999	1 November 1999 (R&O.9445)
Marriage and Civil Status (Jersey) Law 2001	L.31/2001	1 May 2002 (R&O.13/2002)
Children (Jersey) Law 2002	L.50/2002	1 August 2005 (R&O.74/2005)
Children's Property and Tuteurs (Jersey) Law 2016	L.13/2016	22 August 2016

Table of Renumbered Provisions

Original	Current
1	spent, omitted from this revised edition
2	1
3	2
4	3
5	4
6	Repealed by L.50/2002
7	spent, omitted from this revised edition
8(1)	5
8(2)	spent, omitted from this revised edition
Schedule	spent, omitted from this revised edition; formerly amended by L.31/2001 , paragraphs 4 and 8 repealed by L.50/2002

Table of Endnote References

¹ Article 3 *repealed by L.13/2016*