

THE AGE OF MAJORITY ACT, 1974

No. 1 of 1974

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Date of Commencement: 5th April, 1974

An Act of Parliament to repeal and replace the Age of Majority Act by providing a general age of majority, and for matters incidental thereto and connected therewith

ENACTED by the Parliament of Kenya, as follows:—

1. This Act may be cited as the Age of Majority Act, 1974. Short title.
2. A person shall be of full age and cease to be under any disability by reason of age on attaining the age of eighteen years. Age of Majority.
3. The Age of Majority Act is hereby repealed. Repeal of Cap. 33.
4. (1) The provisions of this Act shall not affect the capacity of any person who, before the date of commencement of this Act, has attained majority under the law applicable to him. Savings.

(2) Notwithstanding subsection (1) of this section, where by any instrument or by the order of any court a guardian has been appointed for any person until that person attains the age of twenty-one years, such appointment shall, unless otherwise ordered, continue until that person has attained the age of eighteen years or until the date of commencement of this Act, whichever is the later.
5. (1) Where, under the provisions of any written law in force at the date of commencement of this Act, other than the Kenya Citizenship Act, the expression “minor”, “infant” or “full age” is used to refer to any different age, such expression shall be read and construed as a reference to the age of eighteen years. Interpretation of and Application to other laws. Cap. 170.

(2) For the purpose of this Act and any other written law, in computing the age of any person the day on which he was born shall be included as a whole day and he shall be deemed not to have attained such age as may be specified until the beginning of the relevant anniversary of the day of his birth.