

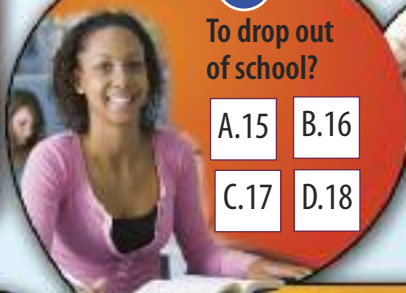
# How Old Do I Have To Be in New Brunswick?

A quiz for youth. Circle the correct answers.

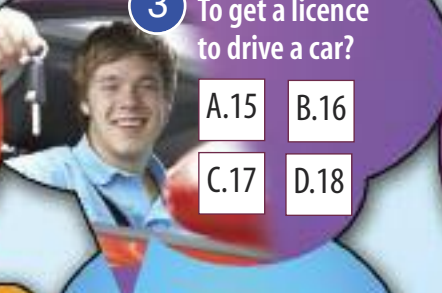
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A.17 B.18 C.19 D.20



**2** To drop out of school?  
A.15 B.16  
C.17 D.18



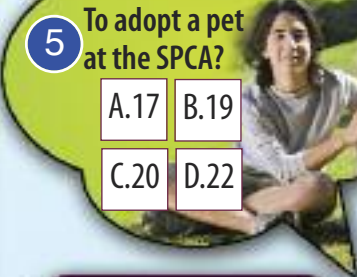
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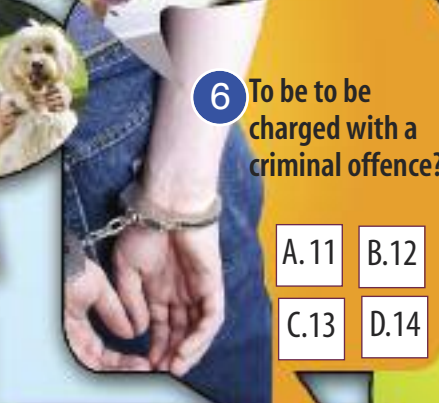
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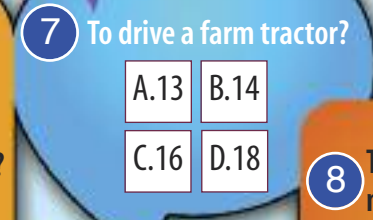
**5** To adopt a pet at the SPCA?  
A.17 B.19  
C.20 D.22



**6** To be charged with a criminal offence?  
A.11 B.12  
C.13 D.14



**7** To drive a farm tractor?  
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C.16 D.18



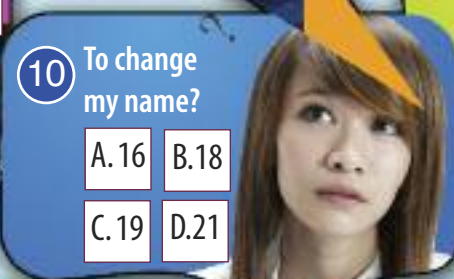
**8** To give my consent to medical treatment?  
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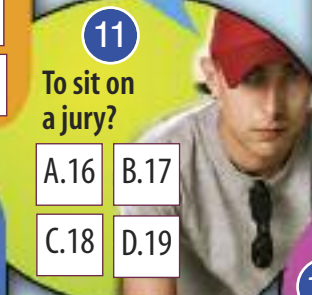
**9** To legally consent to sexual activity?  
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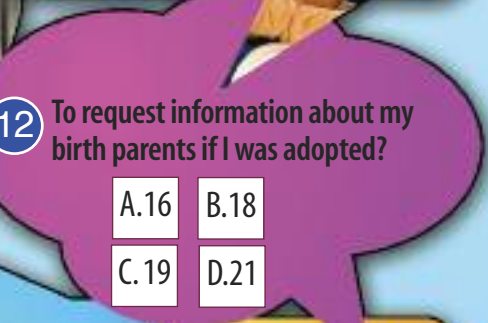
**10** To change my name?  
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C.19 D.21



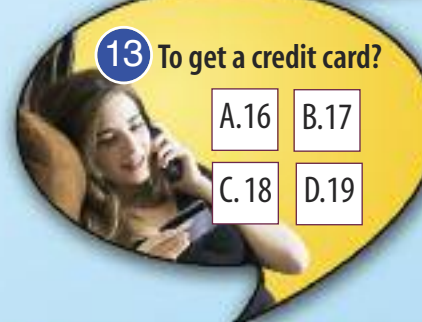
**11** To sit on a jury?  
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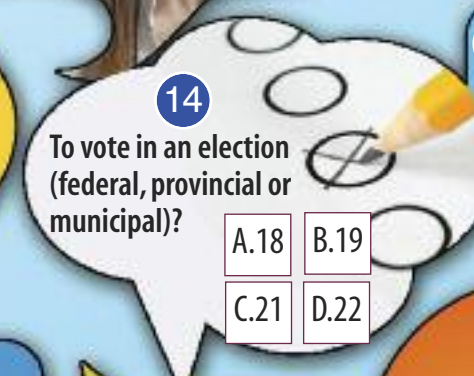
**12** To request information about my birth parents if I was adopted?  
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C.19 D.21



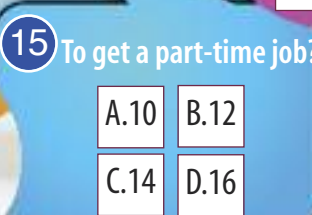
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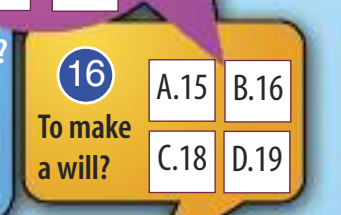
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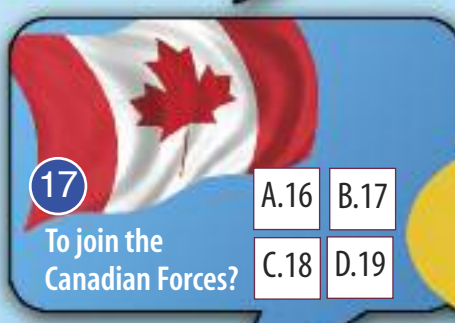
**15** To get a part-time job?  
A.10 B.12  
C.14 D.16



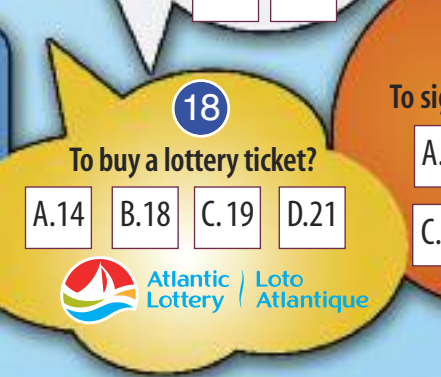
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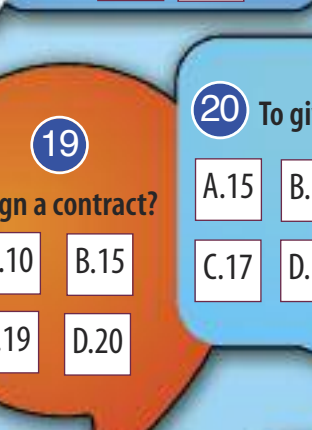
**17** To join the Canadian Forces?  
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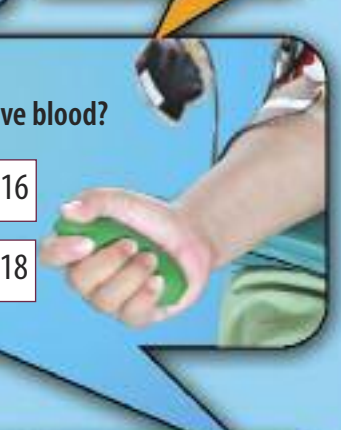
**18** To buy a lottery ticket?  
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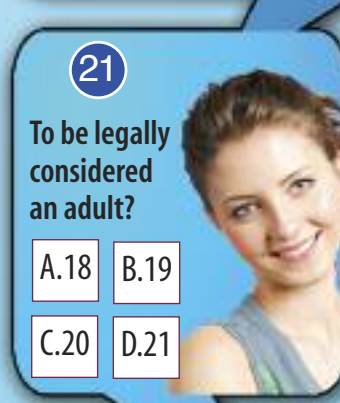
**19** To sign a contract?  
A.10 B.15  
C.19 D.20



**20** To give blood?  
A.15 B.16  
C.17 D.18



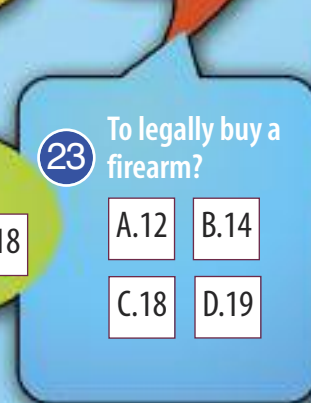
**21** To be legally considered an adult?  
A.18 B.19  
C.20 D.21



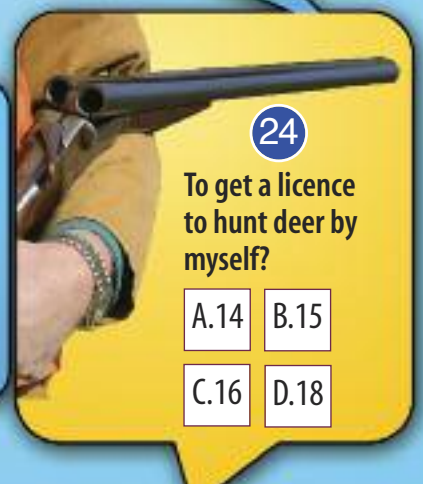
**22** To drive an ATV unsupervised?  
A.6 B.14 C.16 D.18



**23** To legally buy a firearm?  
A.12 B.14  
C.18 D.19



**24** To get a licence to hunt deer by myself?  
A.14 B.15  
C.16 D.18



**Correct Answers**  
(See other side for details on age and the law.)

1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18	19	20	21	22	23	24
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## Detailed Answer Key

**1. How old do I have to be to buy alcohol?**

C. 19 years old. See the *Liquor Control Act*, R.S.N.B. 1973, c. L-10, s. 38(2).

**2. How old do I have to be to drop out of school?**

D. 18 years old. You can leave before then if you graduate. See the *Education Act*, S.N.B. 1997 c. E-1.12, s. 15 (1) (b).

**3. How old do I have to be to get a licence to drive a car?**

B. 16 years old. But to drive between midnight and 5:00 a.m. you must be 21 years old unless you are accompanied by a licensed driver. See the *Motor Vehicle Act*, R.S.N.B. 1973, c. M-17, s. 81(1) and c. M-17, s. 84.

**4. How old do I have to be to marry?**

C. 18 years old. If you are 16 or 17, you may marry with your parents' / guardians' consent. If you are under the age of 16, the only way for you to marry is if you get a declaration from a judge of the Court of Queen's Bench. See the *Marriage Act*, R.S.N.B. 1973, c. M-3, s. 19-19.1.

**5. How old do I have to be to adopt a pet at the SPCA?**

B. 19 years old. This is found on the SPCA's website under their adoption policies.

**6. How old do I have to be to be charged with a criminal offence?**

B. 12 years old. See the *Criminal Code*, R.S.C. 1985, c. C-46, s. 13. In New Brunswick, a person aged 16 or older can receive an adult sentence for certain serious offences.

**7. How old do I have to be to drive a farm tractor?**

B. 14 years old. See the *Motor Vehicle Act*, R.S.N.B. 1973, c. M-17, s. 82(1).



**8. How old do I have to be to give my consent to medical treatment?**

C. 16 years old, but there are exceptions for people younger than 16 if they are able to understand the nature and consequences of the treatment. See the *Medical Consent of Minors Act*, S.N.B. 1976, c. M-6.1, ss. 2-3

**9. How old do I have to be to legally consent to sexual activity?**

C. 16 years old. In some situations a person must be 18 years old to consent to sexual activity, for example if the other person is in a position of trust or authority over them or exploitation is involved. Although there are certain exceptions for individuals under 16 based on the principle of "near in age," a child under the age of 12 can never consent to sexual activity. See the *Criminal Code*, R.S.C. 1985, c. C-46, s. 150.1.



**10. How old do I have to be to change my name?**

C. 19 years old unless you are either married or are a parent with custody of a child. See the *Change of Name Act*, S.N.B. 1987, c. C-2.001, s. 4(1).

**11. How old do I have to be to sit on a jury?**

D. 19 years old. See the *Jury Act*, S.N.B. 1980, c. J-3.1, s. 2.

**12. How old do I have to be to request information about my birth parents if I was adopted?**

C. 19 years old. There is an exception for adopted people under the age of 19 if they have the consent of their adoptive parents (and in some cases, the consent of their biological parents); the Minister of Social Development may also make an exception for someone under the age of 19 even if he or she does not have the consent of the parents. See the *Family Services Act*, S.N.B. 1980, c. F-2.2, s. 92(5).

**13. How old do I have to be to get a credit card?**

D. 19 years old. See the *Age of Majority Act*, R.S.N.B., 1973, c. A-4.

**14. How old do I have to be to vote in an election (federal, provincial or municipal)?**

A. 18 years old. See the federal *Canada Elections Act*, S.C. 2000, c. 9, s. 3, the New Brunswick *Elections Act*, R.S.N.B., 1973, c. E-3, s. 43(1)(a), and the New Brunswick *Municipal Elections Act*, S.N.B. 1979, c. M-21.01, s. 13(1).

**15. How old do I have to be to get a part-time job?**

C. 14 years old. See the *Employment Standards Act*, S.N.B. 1982, c. E-7.2, ss. 39-41.

**16. How old do I have to be to make a will?**

D. 19 years old unless you are married, a member of the Canadian Armed Forces, or a mariner or seaman. See the *Wills Act*, R.S.N.B. 1973, c. W-9, s. 8.

**17. How old do I have to be to join the Canadian Forces?**

B. 17 years old. In order to join the Canadian Forces (Army, Air Force, Navy), you must be at least 17 years old. However, you will need to have your parent or guardian's consent until you reach the age of majority which is 19 in NB. At the age of 16 years, you can join the Reserves or enter Military College with a parent's or guardian's consent. This information is available on the Canadian Forces website.

**18. How old do I have to be to buy a lottery ticket?**

C. 19 years old. This information is displayed on the Atlantic Lottery Corporation website.

**19. How old do I have to be to sign a contract?**

C. 19 years old. See the *Age of Majority Act*, R.S.N.B., 1973, c. A-4.

**20. How old do I have to be to give blood?**

C. 17 years old, according to Canadian Blood Services.

**21. How old do I have to be to be legally considered an adult in New Brunswick?**

B. 19 years old. See the *Age of Majority Act*, R.S.N.B., 1973, c. A-4, s. 1(1).

**22. How old do I have to be to drive an ATV unsupervised?**

C. 16 years old. At age 6, you can drive an ATV while being supervised by an adult if you are on a closed course and if you meet other requirements of the law. See the *Young Driver Regulation*, Reg. 2009-51 under the *Off-Road Vehicle Act*, S.N.B. 1985, c. O-1.5 and section 19.1.

**23. How old do I have to be to legally buy a firearm?**

C. 18 years old. However, you can get a minor's license to borrow a rifle or shotgun for certain purposes such as hunting, target practice or competition, at 12 years if you pass an approved safety course and have parental consent. See the *Firearms Act*, S.C. 1995, c. 39, s. 8.

**24. How old do I have to be to get a licence to hunt deer by myself?**

(D) 18 years old. But 16-17 year olds may get a licence to hunt deer if they have 2 years hunting experience, have taken required safety courses and are accompanied by a licenced hunter. To hunt moose, you must be at least 18 years old. See the regulations under the *Fish and Wildlife Act*, S.N.B. 1980, c. F-14.1: *Hunting Regulation*, Reg. 84-133 and *Moose Hunting Regulation*, Reg. 94-47.