

# SINGAPORE

## CHILD PROTECTION

- **Children and Young Persons Act (CYPA) 1993** – provides for the welfare, care, protection and development of children in need. The Act aims to protect a child's right to family care. The law includes provisions to check on several protection issues for children. The act defines a **child** as a person under 14 years of age and a **young person** as a person between 14 and 18 years of age.

The same act protects young offenders. Children below 7 years are free from any criminal liability.

Youth offenders are not exposed to adult criminals from arrest through trial. The privacy of youth offenders is protected, and no media may disclose their identities. Only persons who are authorised by the court can be present in the **Youth Court**.

**CHILDREN AND YOUNG PERSONS ACT 1993 - 2020 REVISED EDITION**

<https://sso.agc.gov.sg/Act/CYPA1993>

SINGAPORE STATUTES ONLINE

**PROTECTION OF CHILDREN IN SINGAPORE: AN OVERVIEW**

[https://www.childrensociety.org.sg/resources/ck/files/child\\_protection.pdf](https://www.childrensociety.org.sg/resources/ck/files/child_protection.pdf)

SINGAPORE CHILD SOCIETY

**PROTECTING CHILDREN IN SINGAPORE**

<https://www.iccwtnispncanarc.org/upload/pdf/7627407937Protecting%20Children%20in%20Singapore%20.pdf>

**MINISTRY OF COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT, YOUTH AND SPORTS - OCTOBER 2005**

## CHILD LABOUR

The type of work children and young persons can do is governed by –

**Part 8 of the Employment Act** and the **Employment of Children and Young Persons Regulations**. Children between 13 and 15 years of age are defined as child workers, and those between 15 and 16 years of age are defined as young persons; different regulations are spelt out for the two age groups.

## KEY LAWS AND REGULATIONS

[https://themekongclub.org/wp-content/uploads/membership/Child-Labour-Legal-Guide\\_Singapore-2.pdf](https://themekongclub.org/wp-content/uploads/membership/Child-Labour-Legal-Guide_Singapore-2.pdf)

## MEKONG CLUB

### What is the Minimum Legal Age for Working in Singapore?

<https://singaporelegaladvice.com/law-articles/what-is-the-minimum-legal-age-for-working-in-singapore/>

## SINGAPORE LEGAL ADVICE

## *PARENTAL GUIDE*

### Regulations for Children & Young Persons in Singapore

<https://flavor365.com/regulations-for-children-young-persons-in-singapore/>

### Singapore's Teen Work Laws: Your Guide for Ages 13-15

<https://flavor365.com/singapore-s-teen-work-laws-your-guide-for-ages-13-15/>

## EDUCATION

**The Compulsory Education Act mandates** that all children aged 6 to 15 years attend primary school for 6 years. Under the Act, a Compulsory Education Board is established to regulate its implementation.

## COMPULSORY EDUCATION ACT 2000 - 2020 REVISED EDITION

<https://sso.agc.gov.sg/Act/CEA2000>

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COMPULSORY EDUCATION ACT - (CHAPTER 51) - REVISED EDITION 2001

[https://planipolis.iiep.unesco.org/sites/default/files/ressources/singapore\\_compulsory\\_education\\_act.pdf](https://planipolis.iiep.unesco.org/sites/default/files/ressources/singapore_compulsory_education_act.pdf)

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## **SPECIAL NEEDS CHILDREN**

PARENTAL GUIDE FOR EDUCATION OF SPECIAL NEEDS CHILDREN

<https://www.moe.gov.sg/-/media/files/special-education/parents-guide-children-special-educational-needs.pdf>

MINISTRY OF EDUCATION – SINGAPORE

<https://sso.agc.gov.sg/Act/CYPA1993>

Inclusive education

<https://education-profiles.org/eastern-and-south-eastern-asia/singapore/~inclusion>

UNESCO

SPECIAL NEEDS EDUCATION IN SINGAPORE & LEARNING SUPPORT

<https://education-profiles.org/eastern-and-south-eastern-asia/singapore/~inclusion>

EXPAT LIVING

SUPPORTING RESOURCES FOR PARENTS WITH SPECIAL CHILDREN

<https://familiesforlife.sg/pages/FFLPArticle/Young-Children-Supporting-Resources-Special-Children>

FAMILIES FOR LIFE

SPECIAL EDUCATION ENABLING GUIDE

<https://www.enablingguide.sg/im-looking-for-disability-support/education>

The **Children and Young Persons Act (CYPA), Chapter 38**, is the key legislation governing the administration of juvenile justice in Singapore.

DIRECTIONS OF JUVENILE JUSTICE REFORMS IN SINGAPORE

[https://unafei.or.jp/publications/pdf/RS\\_No59/No59\\_14VE\\_Kamal.pdf#:~:text=The%20Children%20and%20Young%20Persons%20Act%20%28CYPA%29%20Chapter,governing%20the%20administration%20of%20juvenile%20justice%20in%20Singapore.](https://unafei.or.jp/publications/pdf/RS_No59/No59_14VE_Kamal.pdf#:~:text=The%20Children%20and%20Young%20Persons%20Act%20%28CYPA%29%20Chapter,governing%20the%20administration%20of%20juvenile%20justice%20in%20Singapore.)

## **CHILD MARRIAGE**

- **In Singapore, the legal age for marriage is as follows:**  
The minimum age for civil marriage is 21 years. Individuals between 18 and 21 require parental consent to get married. Minors under 18 require a special marriage licence with parental consent to ensure that individuals are of a mature age to make such a significant commitment.

### **CHILDREN AND YOUNG PERSONS ACT 1993**

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