

Time to Be a Real Adult and Be Held Accountable

18 is the New Age of Majority in Civil Code
民法調降成年年齡～滿18歲就是成年人
對自己負責，成為真正的大人

Jenny is a college freshman and just turned 18.
Her parents and younger brother are celebrating her birthday with her.

(Singing) Happy birthday to you, happy birthday to you....

Mike: Make a wish! Make a wish!

Jenny: OK. My wishes are that everyone in our family is healthy and that I'll really enjoy my college life and find a good part-time job.

Mom: You should save any money you make from your job. Starting January 1, 2023, the new age of majority is 18 years old. You'll have to **manage** your bank accounts on your own.

Jenny: Sure, that's not a problem.

Dad: You'll also have to deal with a lot of things when you live on your own in college, like opening a bank account, buying a mobile phone, or renting a place to stay. They all require you to sign a contract and **exercise your judgment** because you'll be the one responsible.

Jenny: I get it...but you'll still buy me a new mobile phone, right?

Mom: Of course we will because you don't **have an income** yet. But you're the one who will sign the contract.

Dad: That's right. Once you turn 18, you can no longer claim that a contract is **invalid** because your parents didn't agree to it. You'll **be fully accountable** for your own behavior. So when you sign a contract or make any important decision, you have to think about it carefully.

Mike: Gee...I'm looking forward to turning 18. I want to be a real adult just like Jenny!

同時將男女法定結婚年齡統一定為18歲

民法修正調降成年年齡，從112年1月1日起，滿18歲就是成年人。作為成年人必須獨立，不能再以未得父母同意為理由，主張契約不生效力，成年人可以自行簽訂契約，例如購買手機、租房子、到銀行開戶。同時民法也提高女性法定結婚年齡，修正為與男性一致，都要滿18歲才能結婚，以落實性別平權，並符合國際公約之要求。



Jenny成為大學新鮮人，也剛好滿18歲了，爸媽和弟弟Mike為她慶生。

(歌聲)祝你生日快樂～祝你生日快樂～

Mike: 許願！許願！

Jenny: 耶！我希望全家身體健康、我的大學生活開心，還有，順利找到打工的工作。

媽媽: 打工的錢要存起來，從112年1月1日起，滿18歲就是成年人了，你的銀行帳戶就交給你自己管理。

Jenny: 沒問題。

爸爸: 上大學住在外面，很多事情要自己處理，像是銀行開戶、買手機、租房子，都要自己簽約，要清楚判斷，對自己負責。

Jenny: 那...說好的新手機爸爸還是會買給我吧？

媽媽: 當然啊，你都還沒賺到錢呢！但是合約就讓你自己簽了。

爸爸: 18歲成年後，不能再以未得父母同意為理由，主張契約不生效力，也必須獨立為自己的行為負責，所以簽訂契約或作任何決定之前，都要多加思考囉！

Mike: 啊～好期待18歲，我也想跟姊姊一樣變成大人！

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exercise your judgment	清楚判斷	have an income	賺到錢
invalid	不生效力		
be accountable	為自己的行為負責		

