

AGE MATTERS



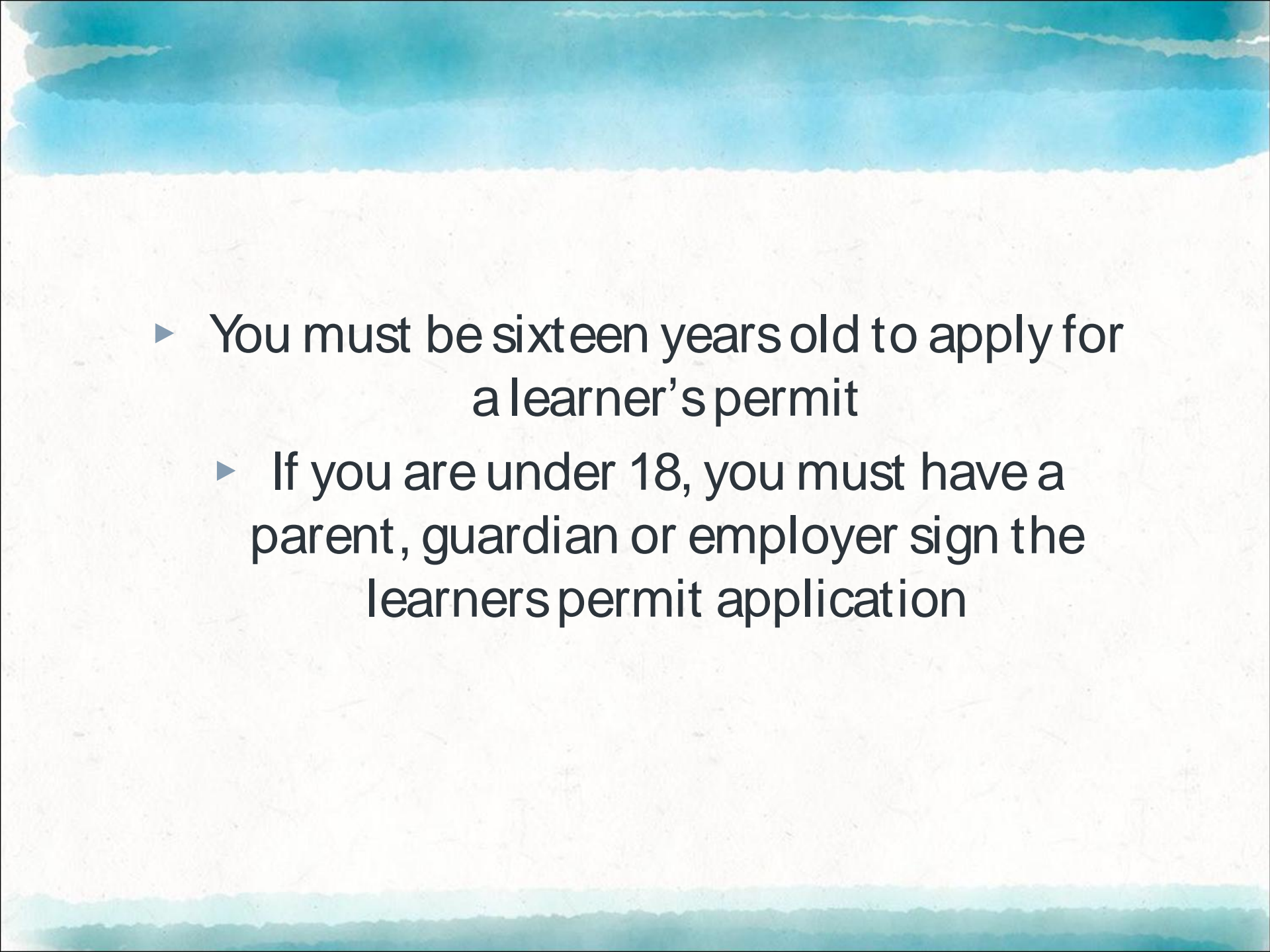
Do you know how old you have to be to ...
buy a firearm, get married or sign a
contract?

Let's find out!

TO GET A DRIVERS
LICENSE?

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- ▶ You must be sixteen years old to apply for a learner's permit
 - ▶ If you are under 18, you must have a parent, guardian or employer sign the learners permit application

TO LEAVE HOME?



- ▶ You must be sixteen years old to leave home without the consent of a parent or guardian
 - ▶ Children under 16 who leave home without the consent of a parent/guardian may be detained by the police and returned to the care of a parent

TO GET MARRIED?



- ▶ To get married without the consent of a parent/guardian you must be 19 years old.
- ▶ If you have the consent of a parent/guardian then you still must be 16 years old
 - ▶ If you are between 16-19 and you cannot get consent from a parent, you can apply to the provincial court to have the consent requirement waived
- ▶ If you are under 16 and want to get married, you have to apply to the family court and convince them your marriage is in the best interest of all parties

TO HAVE SEX?

16



- ▶ The age of consent in Canada is 16. If you are 16, you can have sex with anyone else over 16
- ▶ People who are between 14-16 can only consent to sex with persons who are **5 years older** than them
- ▶ People who are 12-14 can only consent to sex with persons who **are 2 years older** than them
- ▶ People under the age of 12 cannot consent to any sexual activity

TO LEAVE SCHOOL?



- ▶ All children between the ages of 5-16
are required to attend school

TO DRIVE AN ATV

16



- ▶ To drive an ATV unsupervised, you must be 16 to apply for a permit
- ▶ People between ages 14-16 are allowed to drive an ATV provided that they are under the supervision of a parent/guardian or at a closed course under the supervision of a registered ATV organization
- ▶ Children under 14 can drive ATV's, but only under the supervision of their parent/guardian and they must adhere to size regulations

TO SIT ON A JURY?

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- ▶ You must be 18 years old, and a Canadian Citizen to sit on a jury

TO BUY ALCOHOL?

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- ▶ You must be 19 years old to buy alcohol in Nova Scotia

TO JOIN THE CANADIAN ARMED FORCES?

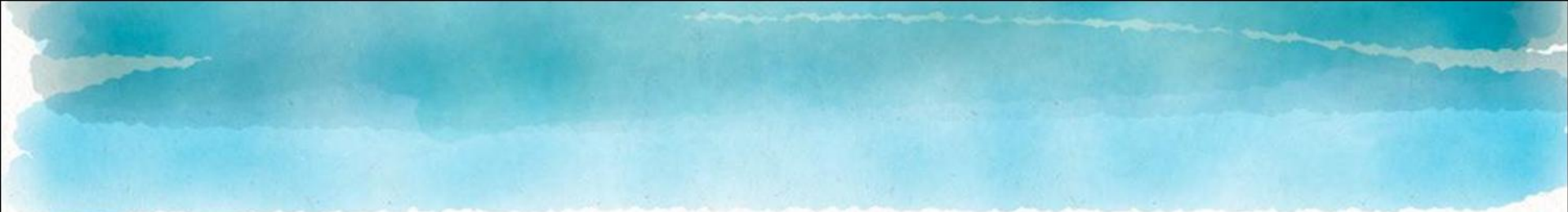



- ▶ The minimum age to join the regular Canadian Forces is 17
- ▶ You can join the Reserves, or apply to Military College at 16
- ▶ The Forces require a grade 10 education to join
- ▶ If you are under 19, you will need your parent or guardian's permission to join
 - ▶ You must be a Canadian Citizen

TO BE CHARGED WITH A CRIMINAL OFFENCE?

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- ▶ You must be at least 12 years old to be charged with a criminal offence in Nova Scotia
 - ▶ People between 12-18 will be tried as young offenders, except for certain very serious crimes
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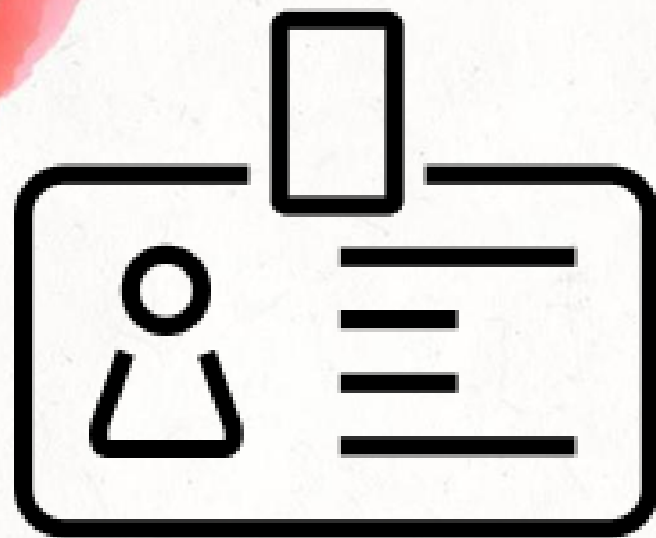
TO REQUEST INFORMATION
ABOUT MY BIRTH PARENTS IF I WAS
ADOPTED?

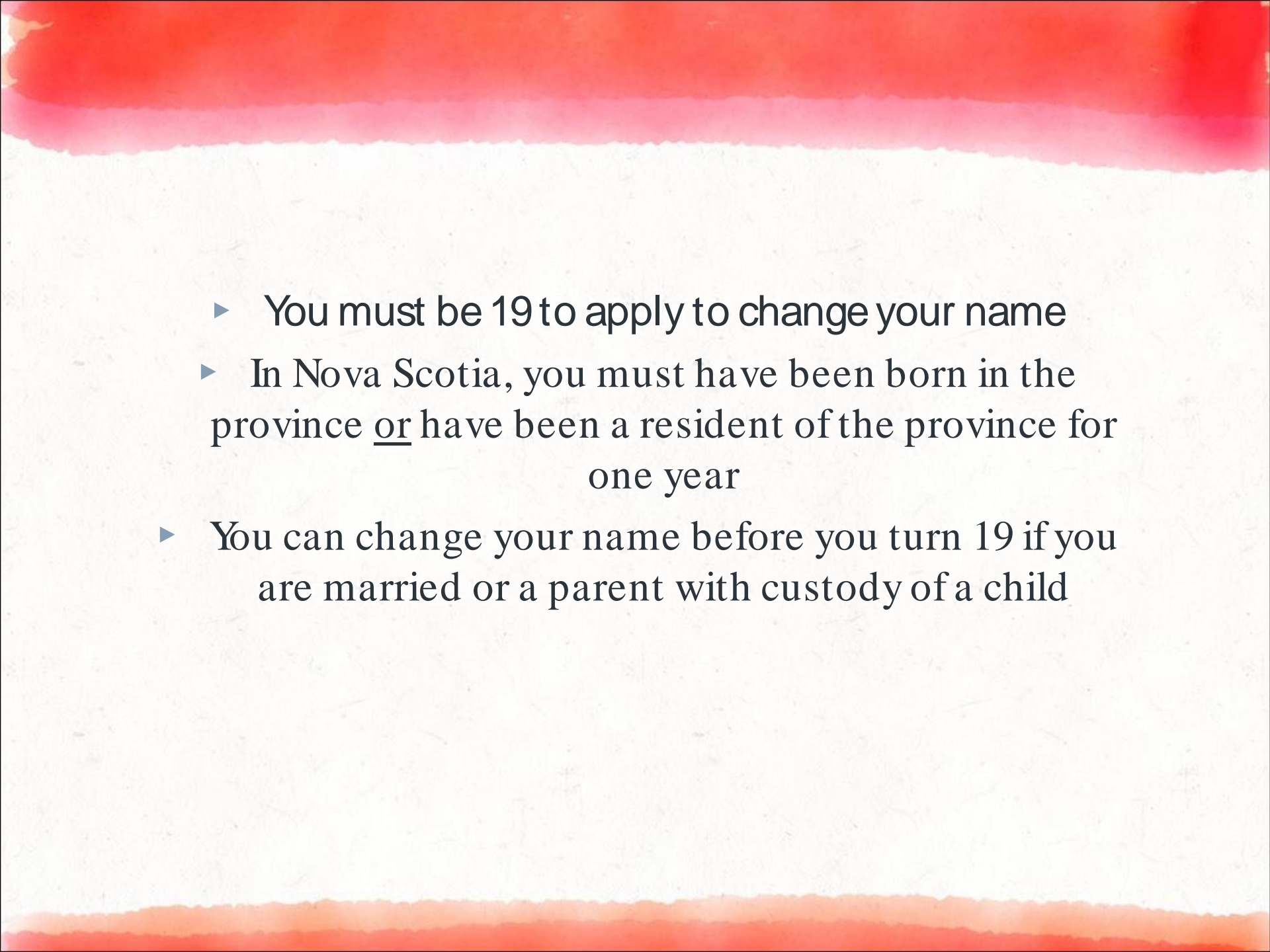


- ▶ To request information about your birth parents, you must be 19

TO CHANGE MY NAME?

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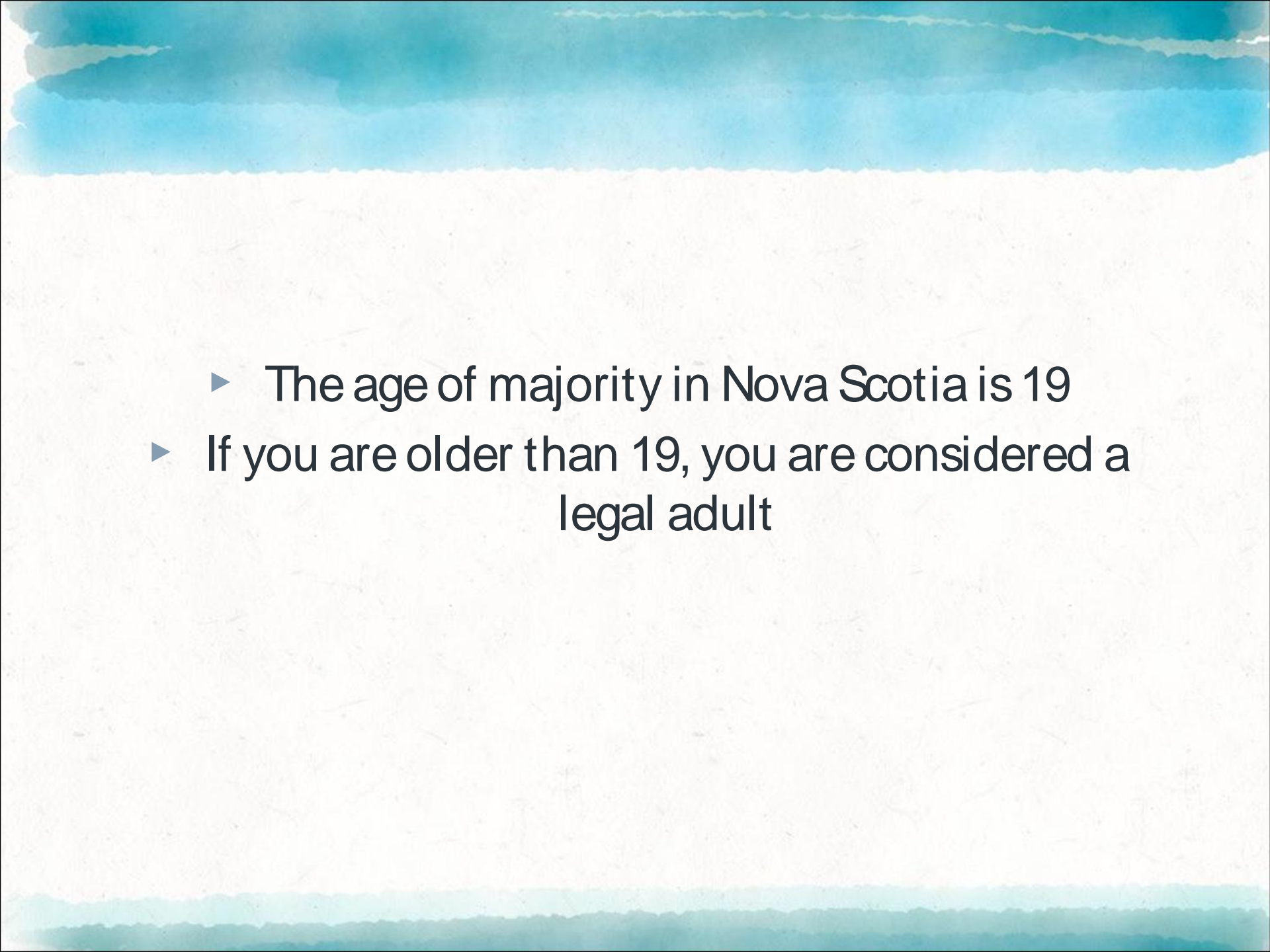


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- ▶ You must be 19 to apply to change your name
 - ▶ In Nova Scotia, you must have been born in the province or have been a resident of the province for one year
 - ▶ You can change your name before you turn 19 if you are married or a parent with custody of a child

TO BE LEGALLY
CONSIDERED AN ADULT?

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- ▶ The age of majority in Nova Scotia is 19
 - ▶ If you are older than 19, you are considered a legal adult

TO VOTE IN AN ELECTION?



- ▶ You must be 18 years old & a Canadian citizen to vote in an election
- ▶ This applies to federal, provincial and municipal elections

TO ADOPT A PET FROM THE SPCA?

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- ▶ To Adopt a pet from the SPCA, you must be 19 years old

TO GET A HUNTING LICENSE?

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- ▶ You must be 18 years old to get a hunting license on your own.
- ▶ People who are 16 or 17 can have their parents apply for a hunting license for them, and must be accompanied by their parents when hunting

TO BUY A LOTTERY TICKET?



- ▶ You must be 19 years old to buy a lottery ticket in Nova Scotia

TO DRIVE A FARM TRACTOR?

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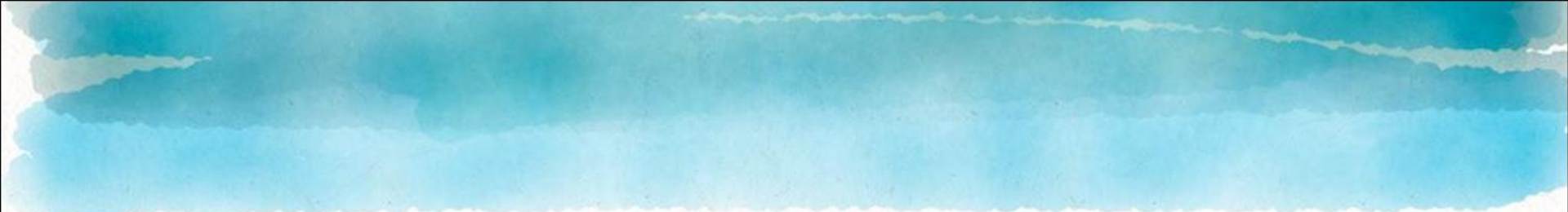



- ▶ You must be 14 years old to get a license for a farm tractor

TO CONSENT TO MEDICAL TREATMENT?

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- ▶ You must be 16 years old to consent to medical treatment
 - ▶ Before the age of 16, your wishes will be considered but your parents/guardians have authority to consent on your behalf
 - ▶ If a court determines that you are your parents are refusing medical treatment that is vital to your life and health, it has the ability to order that the procedure be performed
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TO GET A CREDIT CARD?



- ▶ To get a credit card, you must be 19 years old

TO GET A PART-TIME JOB?

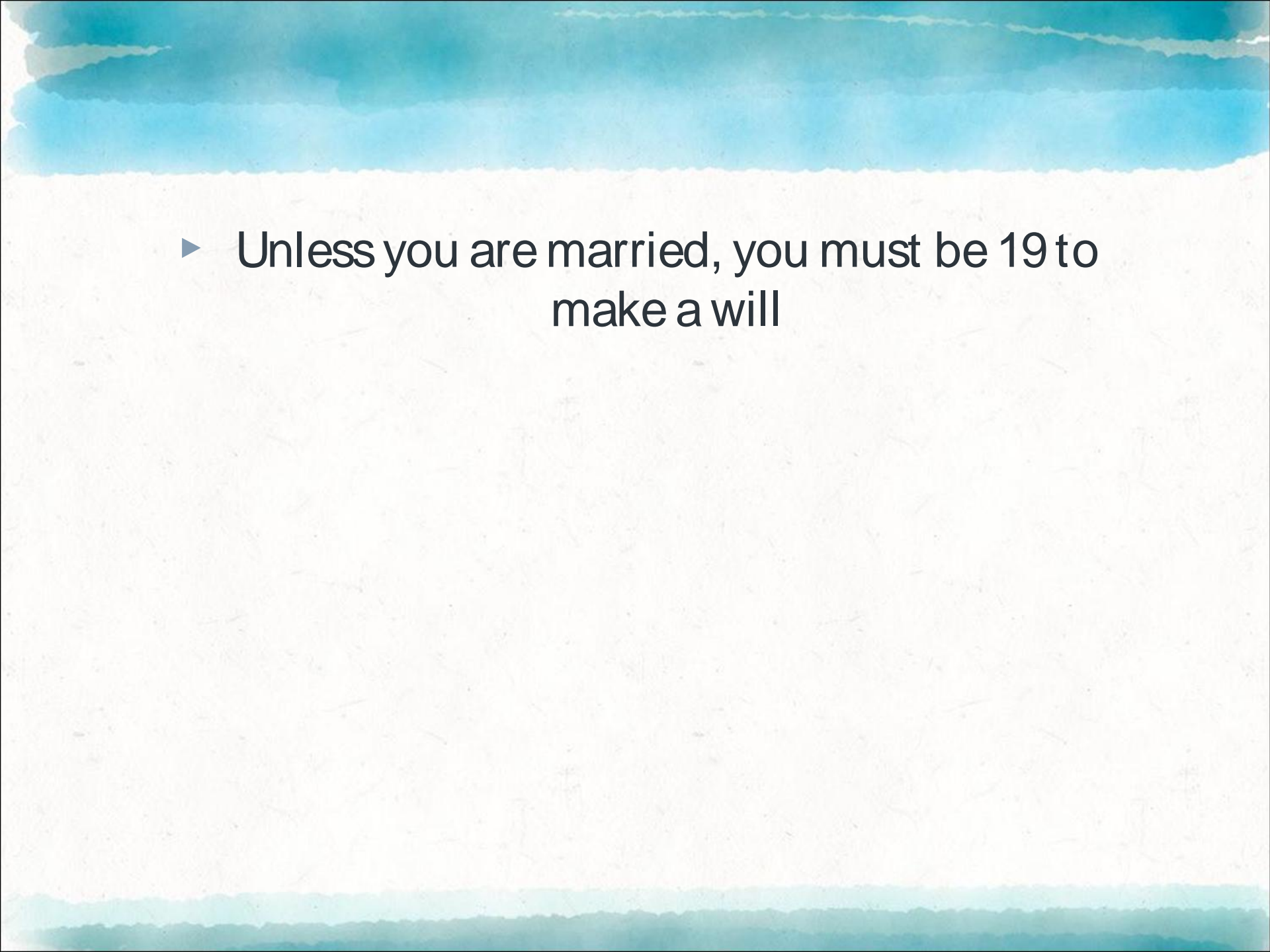


- ▶ If you are under 14 years old, you are not permitted to work more than three hours on a school day, and no more than 8 hours on a non-school day
- ▶ Children under 14 are also prohibited from spending more than eight hours at work and school combined
- ▶ Children under 16 are prohibited from working in a variety of different field

TO MAKE A WILL?

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- ▶ Unless you are married, you must be 19 to make a will

TO SIGN A CONTRACT?



- ▶ To sign a legally enforceable contract,
you must be 19 years old

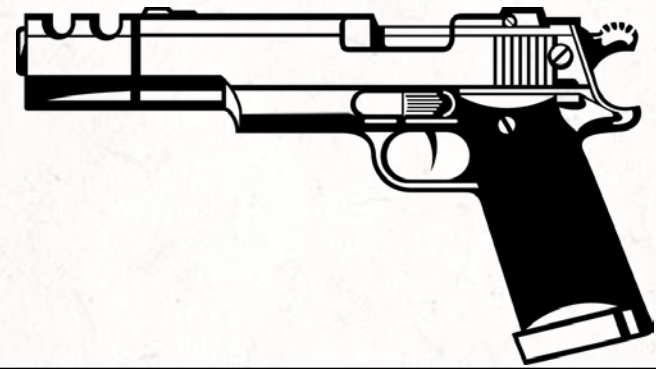
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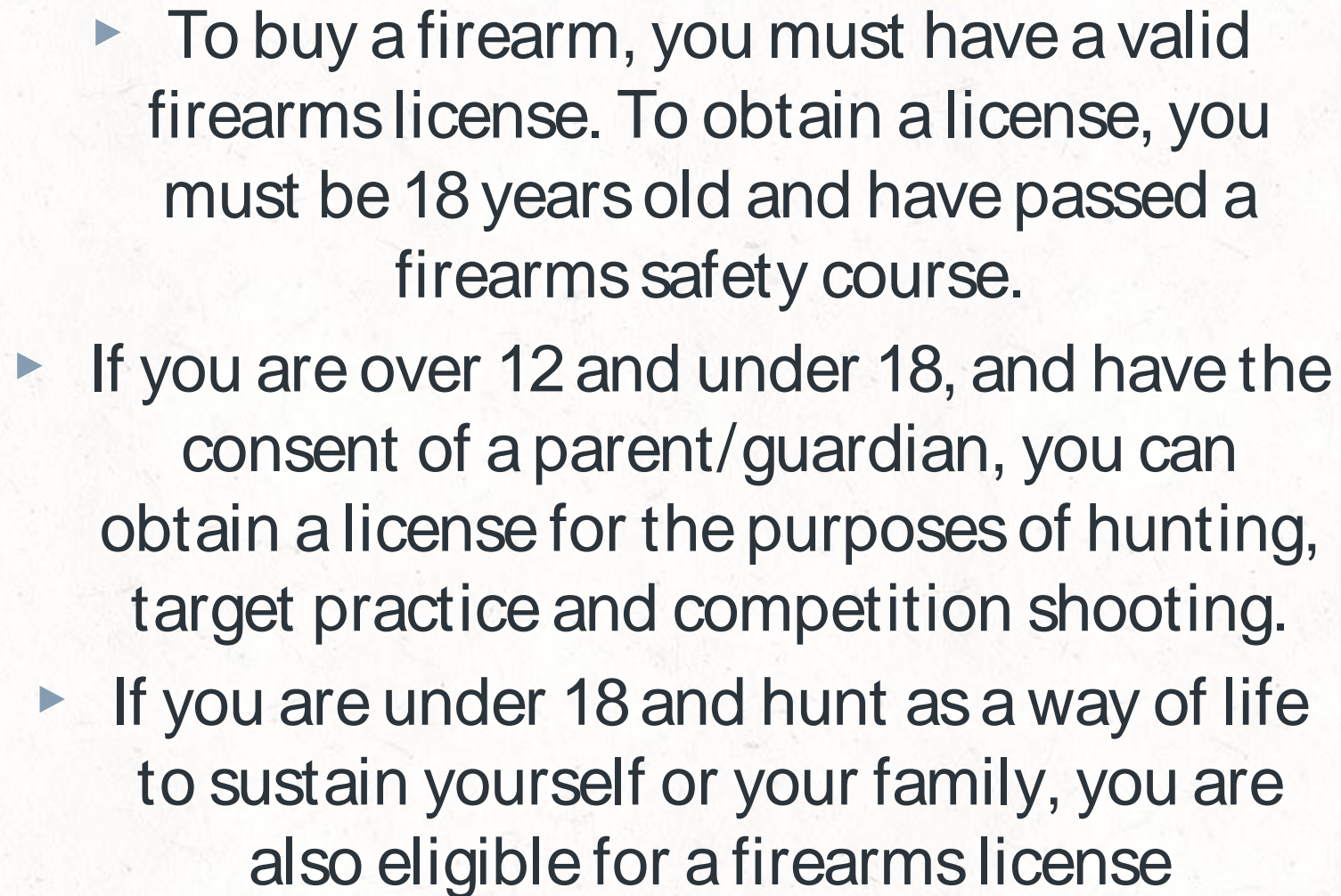


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- ▶ You must be 17 to give blood, according to Canadian Blood Services

TO BUY A FIREARM?

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- ▶ To buy a firearm, you must have a valid firearms license. To obtain a license, you must be 18 years old and have passed a firearms safety course.
 - ▶ If you are over 12 and under 18, and have the consent of a parent/guardian, you can obtain a license for the purposes of hunting, target practice and competition shooting.
 - ▶ If you are under 18 and hunt as a way of life to sustain yourself or your family, you are also eligible for a firearms license

If you have any questions about being of
age in Nova Scotia check out our Youth App
at [Legalinfo.org](https://www.legalinfo.org)

