#### 1. Commonwealth

#### CONVENTION ON THE RIGHTS OF THE CHILD (CRC): TABLE OF RELEVANT AUSTRALIAN LEGISLATION

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ARTICLE 1:  For the purposes of the present Convention, a child means every human being below the age of eighteen years unless under the law applicable to the child, majority is attained earlier.	Age Discrimination Act 2004	Cth	29	Definition of 'child': without limiting who is a child of a person for the purposes of paragraph (a) of the definition of 'near relative' in this subsection, someone is the child of a person if he or she is a child of the person within the meaning of the <i>Family Law Act 1975</i> .
	Australian Citizenship Act 2007	Cth	3	Definition of 'child': without limiting who is a child of a person for the purposes of the Act, each of the following is the child of a person:  (a) an adopted child, stepchild or ex-nuptial child of the person; or  (b) someone who is a child of the person within the meaning of the <i>Family Law Act 1975</i> .
	Australian Human Rights Commission Act 1986	Cth	3	'children' means people under the age of 18.
	Child Support (Assessment) Act 1989	Cth	5	Definition of 'child eligible for administrative assessment' means a child in relation to whom an application may, under section 24, be made to the Registrar for administrative assessment of child support.
			24(1)	This section relates to children in relation to whom applications may be made.

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				Application may be made to the Registrar for administrative assessment of child support for a child if, amongst other factors, the child is:
				(i) an eligible child; and
				(ii) under 18 years of age; and
				(iii) not a member of a couple.
	Child Support (Registration and Collection) Act 1988	Cth	4	'child of a marriage' has the same meaning as in the <i>Family Law Act 1975</i> .
	Child Support (Assessment) Act 1989	Cth	Part 4, Division 1, clause 24(1)	Application may be made to the Registrar for administrative assessment of child support for a child only if (amongst other factors) the child is under 18 years of age.
	Classification (Publications, Films and Computer Games) Act 1995	Cth	99	'child' means a person who is under 18 years of age.
	Criminal Code Act 1995	Cth	7.1	A child under 10 years old is not criminally responsible for an offence.

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			7.2	A child aged 10 years or more but under 14 years old can only be criminally responsible for an offence if the child knows that his or her conduct is wrong.
			104.28(1) and(2)	Control orders cannot be made for children under 16.  However, children who are at least 16 but under 18, may be subject to orders of up to three months, with provision for successive orders.
			105.5	Under this section, a preventative detention order cannot be applied for, or made, in relation to a person who is under 16 years of age.  Children over 16 can be detained under the Preventative Detention Order scheme set out in The Criminal Code.
	Crimes Act 1914	Cth	3	Definition of 'child': without limiting who is a child of a person for the purposes of this Act, someone is the child of a person if he or she is a child of the person within the meaning of the <i>Family Law Act 1975</i> .
			4M	A child under 10 years old cannot be liable for an offence against a law of the Commonwealth.
			4N	A child aged 10 years or more but under 14 years old can only be liable for an offence against a law of the Commonwealth if the child known that his or her conduct is wrong.

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			20C	Where a person under the age of 18 years is convicted of an offence against a law of the Commonwealth that is punishable by death, he or she shall not be sentenced to death but the court shall impose such other punishment as the court thinks fit.
			236A	If a child is charged with a people smuggling offence, a court can dismiss the charges without conviction if it is found on the balance of probabilities that the person was under 18 years at the time of the offence.
	Evidence Act 1995	Cth	3	'child' means a child of any age and includes the meaning given in clause 10(1) of Part 2 of the Dictionary.  (1) A reference in this Act to a child of a person includes a reference to:  (a) an adopted child or ex-nuptial child of the person; or  (b) a child living with the person as if the child were a member of the person's family.
	Family (Tax Initiative) Act 1996	Cth	Part 2.17AA -  Division 1 - Family tax payment child status  900AA(1)	In this Division, 'FTP child', in relation to a person, means a dependent child of the person.

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			Part 2.17AA - Division 1 - Family tax payment child status 900AA(3) & (4) 261AL	<ul> <li>(3) Subject to subsection (4), a person who has reached the age of 16 years cannot be an FTP child.</li> <li>(4) A person who has reached the age of 16 years and is undertaking secondary studies on a full-time basis may be an FTP child until the person reaches the age of 18 years.</li> <li>This section deals with the identification of minors less than 15 years old.</li> <li>(1) A non-citizen who is less than 15 years old must not be required under this Act to provide a personal identifier other than a personal identifier consisting of:</li> <li>(a) a measurement of the non-citizen's height and weight; or</li> <li>(b) the non-citizen's photograph or other image of the non-citizen's face and shoulders.</li> </ul>
	Family Law Act 1975	Cth	4	Definition of 'child':  (a) in Part VII (Children), includes an adopted child and a stillborn child; and  (b) in Subdivision E (Other aspects of court's powers) of Division 6 (Parenting orders other than child maintenance orders) of that Part, means a person who is under 18 (including a person who is an adopted child).

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			69ZV	This section relates to the evidence of child.  In this section, 'child' means a person under 18.
			100B	This section relates to children swearing affidavits, being called as witnesses or being present in court.  In this section, 'child' means a child under 18 years of age.
	Family Law (Hague Convention on Intercountry Adoption) Regulations 1998	Cth	3	Definition of 'child' means an individual who is under 18 years.
	Geneva Conventions Act 1957	Cth	Chapter 11, Article 77(2)	The Parties to the conflict shall take all feasible measures in order that children who have not attained the age of fifteen years do not take a direct part in hostilities and, in particular, they shall refrain from recruiting them into their armed forces. In recruiting among those persons who have attained the age of fifteen years but who have not attained the age of eighteen years, the Parties to the conflict shall endeavour to give priority to those who are oldest.
			Chapter 11, Article 77(3)	If, in exceptional cases, despite the provisions of paragraph 2, children who have not attained the age of fifteen years take a direct part in hostilities and fall into the power of an adverse Party, they shall continue to benefit from the special protection accorded by this Article, whether or not they are prisoners of war.
			Chapter 11,	The death penalty for an offence related to the armed conflict

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			Article 77(5)	shall not be executed on persons who had not attained the age of eighteen years at the time the offence was committed.
	Immigration (Guardianship of Children) Act 1946	Cth	4AAA	'Non-citizen child':  (1) Subject to subsections (2) and (3), a person (the child) is a non-citizen child if the child:  (a) has not turned 18; and  (b) enters Australia as a non-citizen; and  (c) intends, or is intended, to become a permanent resident of Australia.
	Migration Act 1958	Cth	5 (Interpretation)	'child of a person' has a meaning affected by section 5CA.
		5CA	'child of a person' includes:  (a) someone who is a child of the person within the meaning of the <i>Family Law Act 1975</i> (other than someone who is an adopted child of the person within the meaning of that Act); or  (b) someone who is an adopted child of the person within the meaning of this Act.	
			236A	If a child is charged with a people smuggling offence, a court can dismiss the charges without conviction if it is found on the balance of probabilities that the person was under 18 years at the time of the offence.

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			236B	If a child is convicted, a court is not required to impose the mandatory minimum sentences that ordinarily apply.  This section sets mandatory minimum penalties for certain offences (e.g. aggravated people smuggling), however this section does not apply if it is established on the balance of probabilities that the person was aged under 18 years when the offence was committed.
	Privacy Act 1988	Cth	Part 2, clause 6(11)	In this section:  'child' means, without limiting who is a child of a person for the purposes of subsection (10), someone is the child of a person if he or she is a child of the person within the meaning of the Family Law Act 1975.
			Schedule 3, clause 2.6 (the National Privacy Principles)	In subclause 2.5:  'child' means, without limiting who is a child of an individual for the purposes of this clause, each of the following is the child of an individual:  (a) an adopted child, stepchild, ex-nuptial child or foster child of the individual; and  (b) someone who is a child of the individual within the
	Sex Discrimination Act 1984	Cth	4A	meaning of the <i>Family Law Act 1975</i> .  In this section:  'child' means, without limiting who is a child of a person for the purposes of this section, each of the following is the child

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				of a person:  (a) an adopted child, stepchild or ex-nuptial child of the person; or  (b) someone who is a child of the person within the meaning of the <i>Family Law Act 1975</i> .
	Social Security Act 1991	Cth	3	'child' means without limiting who is a child of a person for the purposes of this Act, someone is the child of a person if he or she is a child of the person within the meaning of the Family Law Act 1975.
	Student Assistance Act 1973	Cth	43B	This section relates to a waiver of debt arising from error.  For the purposes of the section, 'child' means: without limiting who is a child of a person for the purposes of this section, someone is the child of a person if he or she is a child of the person within the meaning of the <i>Family Law Act</i> 1975.

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ARTICLE 1:  For the purposes of the present Convention, a child means every human being below the age of eighteen years unless under the law applicable to the child, majority is attained earlier.	Adoption Act 2000 No 75	NSW	Dictionary	'child' means:  (a) a person who is less than 18 years of age; or  (b) a person who is 18 or more years of age and in relation to whom an adoption is sought or has been made.
	Anti-Discrimination Act 1977	NSW	Division 4 Exceptions to Part 4G, 49ZYQ	This section relates to the legal capacity and welfare of children.  Nothing in this Part:  (a) affects the operation of a law that relates to the legal capacity or the legal entitlements, obligations or disqualifications of persons who are under 18 years of age; or  (b) affects the operation of a law the object of which is to protect the welfare of those persons, including provisions of the criminal law that are designed to protect them.
	Bail Act 1978 No 161	NSW	5 (Application of Act)	A reference in this Act to a prison includes, in the case of a person who is under the age of 18 years, a reference to a detention centre within the meaning of the <i>Children</i> ( <i>Detention Centres</i> ) Act 1987.  This Act applies to a person whether or not the person has attained the age of 18 years

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			36A(6)	This section relates to additional bail conditions for persons benefiting from assessment, treatment or rehabilitation or intervention program.
				(6) Despite subsection (2), neither the Children's Court nor an authorised officer may impose either of the following conditions on a grant of bail to a person who was under the age of 18 years at the time that the offence was committed or alleged to have been committed:
				(a) that the person enter into an agreement to subject himself or herself to an assessment of the person's capacity and prospects for participation in an intervention program; or
				(b) that the person enter into an agreement to participate in an intervention program and to comply with any intervention plan arising out of the program.
	Births, Deaths and Marriages Registration Act 1995 No 62	NSW	4 (Dictionary)	'adult' means a person who is 18 or above or, although under 18, is or has been married.
	Child Protection (International Measures) Act 2006 No 12	NSW	Part 1, section 5	'child' means a person who is under the age of 18 years.
	Child Protection (Offenders	NSW	Part 1, section 3	'child' means any person who is under the age of 18 years.

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	Prohibition Orders) Act 2004 No 46		(definitions)	
	Child Protection (Offenders Registration) Act 2000 No 42	NSW	Part 1, section 3 (definitions)	'child' means any person who is under the age of 18 years.
	Children (Community Service Orders) Act 1987 No 56	NSW	Part 1, section 3 (definitions)	'child' means a person who is under the age of 18 years.
	Children and Young Persons (Care and Protection) Act 1998	NSW	3 (definitions)	'child', except in Chapter 13, means a person who is under the age of 16 years.  'young person' means a person who is aged 16 years or above but who is under the age of 18 years.
	Children (Detention Centres) Act 1987 No 57	NSW	Part 1, section 3 (definitions)	'child' means a person who is under the age of 18 years.
	Children (Criminal Proceedings) Act	NSW	Part 1, section 3 (definitions)	'child' means a person who is under the age of 18 years.

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	1987 No 55			
	Children (Protection and Parental Responsibility) Act 1997 No 78	NSW	Part 1, section 3 (definitions)	'child' means a person who is under the age of 18 years.
	Commission for Children and Young People Act 1998 No 146	NSW	Part 1, section 3 (definitions)	'children' means persons under the age of 18 years.
	Community Welfare Act 1987 No 52, so far as any provisions of the Act relate to functions under Chapters 12 and 12A of the Children and Young Persons (Care and Protection) Act 1998	NSW	Part 1, section 3 (definitions)	'child' means a person who is under the age of 18 years.
	Crimes Act 1900 No 40	NSW	19B	This section relates to mandatory life sentences for murder of police officers.  (3) This section does not apply to a person convicted of murder, it (amongst other things) the person was under the age of 18 years at the time the murder was committed.

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			61AA(6)	This section relates to the defence of lawful correction.  In this section, 'child' means a person under 18 years of age.
			66EA(12)	This section relates to the persistent sexual abuse of a child. In this section, 'child' means a person under the age of 18 years.
			66EB	This section relates to procuring or grooming child under 16 for unlawful sexual activity.
				In this section, 'child' means a person who is under the age of 16 years.
			Division 15, 91C	This section relates to child prostitution. In this section, 'child' means a person who is under the age of 18 years.
			(Definitions)	
	Crimes (Domestic and Personal Violence) Act 2007	NSW	Part 13 94 (Definitions)	This section relates to registration of external protection orders.
	Violence) Act 2007			In this Part, 'appropriate court' in relation to an external protection order, means:
				(a) the Local Court if the person against whom the order has been made is 18 or more years of age; or
				(b) the Children's Court if the person against whom the order has been made is less than 18 years of age, on the day on

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				which an application is made under this Part for the registration of the order.
			Part 12 Jurisdiction of courts, section 91	This section relates to courts authorised to make orders and determine applications:  (1) The following courts have jurisdiction (in the circumstances specified) to make orders and determine applications under this Act:  (a) the Local Court—except where the defendant is less than 18 years of age at the time the application is made; and  (b) the Children's Court—where the defendant is less than 18 years of age at the time the application is made.
	Infants' Custody and Settlements Act 1899 No 39	NSW	Part 1 – Custody of minors, section 4A	This section states that custody is to end at 18 years.  (1) A person shall, upon reaching the age of eighteen years, cease to be under the custody in infancy of any other person, whether under the common law, under any Act, or under the order of any court.  (2) An order of any court for access to a minor shall cease to have effect when the minor reaches the age of eighteen years.  (3) A court shall not make any order for the custody in infancy of, or access to, a person who has reached the age of eighteen years.  (4) This section does not affect the power of any court under any Act to make an order relating to the maintenance of an

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	Mental Health Act 2007 No 8	NSW	102	This section relates to special medical treatment.  (2) This section does not apply to a patient who is a child to whom section 175 of the <i>Children and Young Persons (Care and Protection) Act 1998</i> applies.  Note. This provision provides an offence in relation to carrying out special medical treatment on children.
	Minors (Property and Contracts) Act 1970 No 60	NSW	6 (Definitions)	'Minor' means a person under the age of 18 years; and 'minority' has a corresponding meaning.
	Status of Children Act 1996 No 76	NSW	28	This section relates to orders made against children under 18 years of age.  (1) This section applies if a parentage testing order or an order under section 27 requires a medical procedure or other act to be carried out in relation to a child who is under 18 years of age.  (2) The procedure or act must not be carried out in relation to the child under the order unless a parent or guardian of the child consents to the medical procedure or act being carried out.  (3) However, the Court may draw such inferences from a failure or refusal to consent as appear just in the circumstances.

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	Surrogacy Act 2010 No 102	NSW	26	This section states that the age and wishes of child must be considered.  (1) The child must be under 18 years of age at the time the application is made.
	Vocational Education and Training (Commonwealth Powers) Act 2010 No 131	NSW	Part 1, s 4	'child' means a person who is of or over the age of 10 years and under the age of 18 years.

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eighteen years unless under the law applicable to the child, majority is attained earlier.	Age of Majority Act 1977	VIC	3 (Definitions)	This section states that persons must be aged eighteen years or more to have full legal capacity.  (1) Subject to this section for all the purposes of the laws of the State:  (a) a person who, on or after the day of commencement of this Act attains the age of eighteen years, attains full age and full capacity on attaining that age; or  (b) a person, who on the day of commencement of this Act is of or over the age of eighteen years, but under the age of twenty-one years, attains full age and full capacity on that day; or  (c) the expression minor means a person not of full age.
	Births, Deaths and Marriages Registration Act 1996	VIC	4 (Definitions)	In this Act, 'adult' means a person who:  (a) is 18 years of age or more; or  (b) although under 18 years of age, is or has been married.

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	Charter of Human Rights and Responsibilities Act 2006	VIC	3 (Definitions)	'child' means a person under 18 years of age.
	Child Employment Act 2003	VIC	3 (Definitions)	'child' means a person under 15 years of age.
	Child Wellbeing and Safety Act 2005	VIC	3 (Definitions)	'child' means a person who is under the age of 18 years.
	Children, Youth and Families Act 2005	VIC	3 (Definitions)	'child' means:  (a) in the case of a person who is alleged to have committed an offence, a person who at the time of the alleged commission of the offence was under the age of 18 years but of or above the age of 10 years but does not include any person who is of or above the age of 19 years when a proceeding for the offence is commenced in the Court; and  (aa) in the case of a proceeding under the <i>Family Violence Protection Act 2008</i> , a person who is under the age of 18 years when an application is made under that Act; and  (ab) in the case of a proceeding under the <i>Personal Safety Intervention Orders Act 2010</i> , a person who is under the age of 18 years when an application is made under that Act; and  (b) in any other case, a person who is under the age of 17

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				years or, if a protection order, a child protection order within the meaning of Schedule 1 or an interim order within the meaning of that Schedule continues in force in respect of him or her, a person who is under the age of 18 years;
	Classification (Publications, Films and Computer Games) (Enforcement) Act 1995	VIC	Part 12 - Amendment of the Crimes Act, section 67A (Definitions)	'minor' means a person under the age of 18 years.
	Commonwealth Powers (Family Law-Children) Act 1986	VIC	3	This section refers to certain matters relating to children.  In the preceding provisions of this section, the references to children shall be construed as references to persons under the age of 18 years.
	Crimes Act 1958	VIC	9АН	This section relates to family violence.  In this section, 'child' means a person who is under the age of 18 years.
			15 (Definitions)	In this subdivision, 'child' means any person under the age of 18 years.
			67A (Definitions)	'minor' means a person under the age of 18 years.

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			70AB (Definitions)	'minor' means a person under the age of 18 years.
			74A(4)	This section relates to shop theft.
				An infringement notice under this section must not be served on a person who is under 18 years of age at the time of the alleged offence.
			Part III Procedure and Punishment, section 10	In this section, 'child', in relation to a person suspected of having committed an offence, means a person who at the time of the suspected commission of the offence was under the age of 18 years but does not include any person who is of or above the age of 19 years at the time of the making of an application in respect of him or her under this section.
			464E	This section relates to persons under 18 years.  If a person in custody is under the age of 18 years, an investigating official must not, subject to subsection (2), question or carry out an investigation under section 464A(2) unless certain requirements are met.
			464U(2)	This section relates to forensic procedure on child.  A member of the police force must not request a child aged 10 years or more but under 18 years who:  (a) is suspected of having committed; or  (b) has been charged with; or

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				(c) has been summoned to answer to a charge for an offence, whether indictable or summary, to undergo a forensic procedure or request that a compulsory procedure be conducted on the child unless the Children's Court has made an order under subsection (7) or section 464V(5).
			464ZF(1)	This section relates to forensic procedure following the commission of forensic sample offence.
				In this section, 'child' means a child aged 10 years or more but under 18 years.
			464ZFAAA	This section relates to forensic procedure following finding of not guilty because of mental impairment.
				'child' means a child aged 10 years or more but under 18 years.
	Criminal Procedure Act 2009	VIC	Part 4.5 Case Direction, section 124	In addition to the requirements of subsection (4), if the witness is under 18 years of age, the Magistrates' Court must have regard to:
				(a) the need to minimise the trauma that might be experienced by the witness in giving evidence; and
				(b) any relevant condition or characteristic of the witness, including age, culture, personality, education and level of understanding; and
				(c) any mental, intellectual or physical disability to which the witness is or appears to be subject and of which the court is

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				aware; and  (d) the importance of the witness to the case for the prosecution; and  (e) the existence or lack of evidence that corroborates the proposed evidence of the witness; and  (f) the extent of any proposed admissions; and  (g) the probative value of the proposed evidence of the witness; and  (h) the issues in dispute; and  (i) the weight of the proposed evidence of the witness; and  (j) any statements of other witnesses that contradict the proposed evidence of the witness.
	Education and Care Services National Law Act 2010	VIC	112	This section relates to grounds for refusal.  The Regulatory Authority must refuse to grant a supervisor certificate if:  (a) the Regulatory Authority is not satisfied that the applicant is a fit and proper person to be the supervisor of an education and care service; or  (b) the applicant is under the age of 18 years; or  (c) the Regulatory Authority is not satisfied that the

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				applicant meets the prescribed minimum requirements for qualifications, experience and management capability.
	Equal Opportunity Act 1995	VIC	4	'child' means a person under the age of 18 years.
	Equal Opportunity Act 2010	VIC	4	'child' means a person under the age of 18 years.
	Evidence Act 2008	VIC	Part 1 - Definitions	'child' means a child of any age and includes the meaning given in clause 10(1) of Part 2 of this Dictionary.
	Family Violence Protection Act 2008	VIC	Part 2 - Interpretation, section 4	'child' means a person who is under the age of 18 years.
			Part 16 - Consequential Amendments	Division 2 (Amendments to the Children, Youth and Families Act 2005):  Definition of 'child':  After paragraph (a) of the definition of child in section 3(1) of the Children, Youth and Families Act 2005 insert:  '(aa) in the case of a proceeding under the Family  Violence Protection Act 2008, a person who

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				is under the age of 18 years when an
				application is made under that Act; and'.
	Information Privacy Act 2000	VIC	Part I, section 3	'child' means a person under the age of 18 years.
	Public Health and Wellbeing Act 2008	VIC	Part I, section 3	'child' means a person under 18 years of age.
	Sex Offenders Registration Act 2004	VIC	3	'child' means any person who is under the age of 18 years.
	Working with Children Act 2005	VIC	3	'child' means a person under 18 years of age.

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	Births, Deaths and Marriages Registration Act 2003	QLD	Part 3 (change of name), s 16	This section relates to applications to register adults' change of name. In this section, 'adult person' includes a person under 18 years who is, or has been, married.
			17(8)	In this section (application to register change of child's name) 'child' does not include a person under 18 years who is, or has been, married.
	Child Employment Act 2006	QLD	Schedule (Dictionary)	'young child' means a child who is not old enough to be enrolled for compulsory schooling under the <i>Education</i> (General Provisions) Act 1989.
	<b>Child Protection Act</b>	QLD	Part 3 (Basic concepts),	A 'child' is an individual under 18 years.

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	1999		Division 1	
	Child Protection (International Measures) Act 2003	QLD	Schedule 4 (Dictionary)	'child' means an individual who is under 18 years.
	Criminal Code Act 1899 (including Criminal Code)	QLD	323B(3)	This section relates to removal of child from State for female genital mutilation.  In this section, 'child' means a person under 18 years.
	Domestic and Family Violence Protection Act 2012	QLD	Schedule (Dictionary)	'child' means an individual under 18 years.
	Evidence Act 1977	QLD	21AD(2)	An individual remains a 'child' for the purposes of giving evidence for a proceeding if the child gives evidence for the proceeding at any time before the child turns 18 years.
	Family Services Act 1987	QLD	Part 1 (Preliminary)	'child' means a person who has not attained the age of 18 years.
	Family Responsibilities Commission Act 2008	QLD	Part 1 (Preliminary)	'child' means an individual under 18 years.

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	Guardianship and Administration Act 2000	QLD	80A (Definitions for chapter 5A)	'Child', if age rather than descendancy is relevant, means an individual who is under 18.  Please see <i>Acts Interpretation Act 1954</i> , section 36 (Meaning of commonly used words and expressions).
	Information Privacy Act 2009	QLD	45	This section relates to making access or amendment applications for children.  'child' means an individual who is under 18 years.
	Mental Health Act 2000	QLD	Schedule (Dictionary)	'child' - see <i>Youth Justice Act 1992</i> , schedule 4.  Under the <i>Youth Justice Act 1992</i> , schedule 4:  'child' means:  (a) a person who has not turned 17 years; or  (b) after a day fixed under section 6—a person who has not turned 18 years.
	Penalties and Sentences Act 1992	QLD	6	This Act does not apply to:  (a) a child within the meaning of the <i>Youth Justice Act 1992</i> ; or  (b) a Children's Court; except to the extent allowed by the <i>Youth Justice Act 1992</i> .  Under the <i>Youth Justice Act 1992</i> , schedule 4:

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				'child' means:  (a) a person who has not turned 17 years; or  (b) after a day fixed under section 6 - a person who has not turned 18 years.
	Succession Act 1981	QLD	61A (Definitions for part 5A)	In this part, 'child' means an individual under 18 years who is not, and has never been, married.
	Youth Offenders (Interstate Transfer) Act 1987	QLD	3 (Interpretation)	'young offender' means a person:  (a) in another State who:  (i) is under the age of 18 years and who has committed or is alleged to have committed an offence; or  (ii) is of or over the age of 18 years but under the age of 21 years and who has committed or is alleged to have committed an offence when the person was under the age of 18 years; and who has been dealt with under a law which applies in that State and which relates to the punishment of a person who is under the age of 18 years; or  (b) in Queensland who is subject to a sentence order under section 175(1)(d), (e) or (g) (Sentence orders—general) or section 176(1), (2) or (3) (Sentence orders—serious offences) of the <i>Youth Justice Act 1992</i> ; or  (c) who is in Queensland and is subject to an arrangement for the transfer of the person to Queensland or is being transferred through Queensland from one State to another

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				under an arrangement.
	Youth Justice Act 1992	QLD	Part 1 (Preliminary)	This section relates to child's age regulation.  (1) The Governor in Council may, by regulation, fix a day after which a person will be a child for the purposes of this Act if the person has not turned 18 years.  (2) A person of 17 years who commits an offence before the commencement of the regulation will not be taken, after the commencement, to have committed the offence as a child in a subsequent proceeding for the offence.  (3) A court that sentences a person to whom subsection (2) applies for the offence mentioned in the subsection must have regard to the sentence that might have been imposed if the person were sentenced as a child.
			Schedule 4 (Dictionary)	'child' means:  (a) a person who has not turned 17 years; or  (b) after a day fixed under section 6—a person who has not turned 18 years.

#### 5. South Australia

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ARTICLE 1:  For the purposes of the present Convention, a	Adoption Act 1988	SA	4 (Interpretation)	'child' means a person who has not attained the age of 18 years.
child means every human being below the age of eighteen years unless under the law applicable to the child, majority is attained earlier.	Bail Act 1985	SA	3 (Interpretation)	'child' means a person who was, on the day on which an offence was allegedly committed by that person, under the age of 18 years.
	Births, Deaths and Marriages Registration Act 1996	SA	4 (Interpretation)	'adult' means a person who is 18 or above or, although under 18, is or has been married.
	Child Protection Review (Powers and Immunities) Act 2002	SA	5 (10) Confidentiality and disclosure of information	A term used in this section will, if it is defined in the <i>Children's Protection Act</i> 1993, have the same meaning as in that Act.  Under the <i>Children's Protection Act</i> 1993, 'child' means a person under 18 years of age.
	Children's Protection Act 1993	SA	6(1) Interpretation)	'child' means a person under 18 years of age.
	Child Sex Offenders Registration Act 2006	SA	4 (Interpretation)	'child' means a person under the age of 18 years.

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	Commission of Inquiry (Children in State Care and Children on APY Lands) Act 2004	SA	3 (Interpretation)	'child' means a person under 18 years of age.
	Consent to Medical Treatment and Palliative Care Act 1995	SA	3	Although there is no definition of 'child', one of the objects of the Act are to 'to allow persons of or over the age of 18 years to make anticipatory decisions about medical treatment'.
	Criminal Law (Sentencing) Act 1988	SA	Subdivision 6- Enforcement against youths, 70K	This Division applies to a debtor who is a 'youth' (i.e., a person who was under the age of 18 years at the time when the offence in respect of which the pecuniary sum was imposed was committed) subject to certain modifications.
	Education Act 1972	SA	5 (Interpretation)	'adult' means a person who has attained 18 years of age.
				'child of compulsory education age' means a person who is 16 years of age.
				'child of compulsory school age' means a child of or above the age of 6 years but under the age of 16 years.

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	Education and Early Childhood Services (Registration and Standards) Act 2011		3 (Interpretation)	'child' means a person under the age of 18 years.
	Equal Opportunity Act 1984		5 (Interpretation)	'child' means a person who is under the age of 18 years.
	Evidence Act 1929		4 (Interpretation)	'child' means a person under the age of 18 years.
	Guardianship and Administration Act 1993		Part 3 - Power to appoint an enduring guardian, s 25	(1) A person of or over 18 years of age may, by instrument in writing, appoint a person as his or her enduring guardian.
				(3) A person is not eligible to be appointed as an enduring guardian unless he or she is of or over 18 years of age.
	Intervention Orders (Prevention of Abuse) Act 2009	SA	3 (Interpretation)	'child' means a person who has not attained 18 years of age.
	Mental Health Act 2009	SA	3 (Interpretation)	'child' means a person under 18 years of age.
	Problem Gambling Family Protection	SA	3 (Interpretation)	'child' means a person who is under the age of 18 years.

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	Orders Act 2004			
	Young Offenders Act 1993	SA	4 (Interpretation)	'youth' means a person of or above the age of 10 years but under the age of 18 years and, in relation to proceedings for an offence or detention in a training centre, includes a person who was under the age of 18 years on the date of the alleged offence.
				'young offender' means a person:  (a) who has been found guilty of an offence committed while under the age of 18 years; and  (b) who is subject to a correctional order.

#### 6. Western Australia

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ARTICLE 1: For the purposes of the present Convention, a child means every human being below the age of eighteen years unless under the law applicable to the child, majority is attained	Adoption Act 1994	WA	4(1)	Section 4(1) defines 'child' as a person who is less than 18 years of age and in the absence of positive evidence as to age, a person who is apparently less than 18 years of age.
earlier.	Age of Majority Act 1972	WA	5(1)	Section 5(1)(a) states that a person attaining the age of 18 years after the date of commencement of the Act will attain full age and full capacity under the law.  Section 5(1)(b) states that a person who is over the age of 18 years but under the age of 21 years at the date of commencement of the Act will attain full age and full capacity under the law on the date of commencement.
	Bail Act 1982	WA	3(1)	Section 3(1) states that 'child' in this Act has the same meaning as 'young person' in the <i>Young Offenders Act 1994</i> .  'Young person' in the <i>Young Offenders Act 1994</i> means a person who has not yet reached the age of 18 years or a person who committed or who allegedly committed an offence before the age of 18 years.
	Births, Deaths and Marriages Registration Act 1998	WA	4	Section 4 defines 'adult' as a person who is over 18 years of age or a person who, despite not being over 18 years, is or has been married.  By extension, a person who is under the age of 18 years who is not and has never been married is a child.

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				('Child' is defined in the Act as 'includes a still-born child').
	Child Care Services Act 2007	WA	3	Section 3 defines 'child' as a person who is less than 18 years of age and in the absence of positive evidence as to age, a person who is apparently less than 18 years of age.
	Children and Community Services Act 2004	WA	3	Section 3 defines 'child' as a person who is less than 18 years of age and in the absence of positive evidence as to age, a person who is apparently less than 18 years of age.
	Children's Court of Western Australia Act 1988	WA	3(1)	Section 3(1) defines 'child' as a person:  (a) who is less than 18 years of age; and  (b) in the absence of positive evidence as to age, who is apparently less than 18 years of age; and  (c) who committed or who allegedly committed an offence before the age of 18 years (as per section 19(2)); and  (d) who has reached 18 years of age but who committed an offence referred to in the <i>Prohibited Behaviour Orders Act</i> 2010 section 8(2)(a)(ii) while he or she was under 18 years of age (as per section 20(3)(b)).
	Commissioner for Children and Young People Act 2006	WA	5	Section 5 states that 'children and young people means people under 18 years of age, and child or young person has a corresponding meaning'.
	Criminal Code Compilation Act	WA	1(1)	Section 1(1) defines 'child' as a person who is less than 18 years of age and in the absence of positive evidence as to age,

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	1913			a person who is apparently less than 18 years of age.
			217A	Section 217A states that, for the purposes of Chapter XXV - Child Exploitation Material, 'child' means a person under 16 years of age.
			320	For the purposes of section 320 only, 'child' means a person under 13 years of age. Section 320 deals with sexual offences against a child under 13.
			321	For the purposes of section 321 only, 'child' means a person who is 13 years of age or older, but under the age of 16 years. Section 321 deals with sexual offences against a child who is 13 years of age or older, but under the age of 16 years.
			322	For the purposes of section 322 only, 'child' means a child of or over the age of 16 years of age. Section 322 deals with sexual offences against a child of or over the age of 16.
			557K	For the purposes of section 557K, 'child' means a person under 18 years of age. Section 557K deals with offences by child sex offenders.
	Evidence Act 1906	WA	106A	Section 106A defines 'child' as a person:
				(a) who is less than 18 years of age; and
				(b) in the absence of positive evidence as to age, who is apparently less than 18 years of age; and
				(c) who committed or who allegedly committed an offence before the age of 18 years (as per section 19(2) of the

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				Children's Court of Western Australia Act 1988).
	Family Court Act 1997	WA	5(1)	Section 5(1) defines 'child' for the purposes of Part 5 Division 6 Subdivision 5 as a person who has not attained the age of 18 years.
			202J(5)	For the purposes of section 202J (Evidence of Children), 'child' means a person who is less than 18 years of age.
			214A(3)	For the purposes of section 214A(3) (Children swearing affidavits, being called as witnesses or being present in court), 'child' means a person who is less than 18 years of age.
	Family Legislation Amendment Act	WA	68	For the purposes of section 68 'child' means a person who is less than 18 years of age.
	2006		70(3)	For the purposes of section 70(3) 'child' means a person who is less than 18 years of age.
	Health Act 1911	WA	334(8)(b)	For the purposes of section 334 (Performance of abortions), a woman is a dependant minor if she has not reached the age of 16 years and is being supported by a custodial parent or parents.
	Legal Aid Commission Act 1976	WA	37(3b)	Section 37(3b) defines 'child' as a person who is less than 18 years of age and in the absence of positive evidence as to age, a person who is apparently less than 18 years of age (as per section 3 of the <i>Children and Community Services Act 2004</i> ).
	Parental Support	WA	3	Section 3 defines 'child' as a person who is less than 15 years

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	and Responsibility Act 2008			of age.
	Act 2000		44(2)	For the purposes of section 15A(3)(3a) (Disclosure of Information Relating to Young Offenders) of the <i>Young Offenders Act 1994</i> , 'child' means a person who is less than 15 years of age.
	Prohibited Behaviour Orders Act 2010	WA	3(1)	Section 3(1) defines 'child' as a person who is less than 18 years of age.
	School Education Act 1999	WA	4	Section 4 defines 'child' as a person who is less than 18 years of age.
	Working with Children (Criminal Record Checking) Act 2004	WA	4	Section 4 defines 'child' as a person who is less than 18 years of age.
Young Offenders Act 1994	WA	4	Section 4 states that, if a person commits or allegedly commits an offence before reaching the age of 18 years, the Act applies to the person as a young person for purposes connected with that offence or any order that was made in dealing with the person for that offence.	
		15A	For the purposes of section 15A(3)(3a) (Disclosure of Information Relating to Young Offenders) of the <i>Young Offenders Act 1994</i> , 'child' means a person who is less than 15 years of age.	

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<b>ARTICLE 1</b> : For the purposes of the present Convention, a child means every human being below the age of eighteen years unless under the law applicable to the child, majority is attained earlier.	Adoption of Children Act	NT	3(1)	Section 3(1) defines a 'non-citizen child' as a child who has not attained the age of 18 years, who has entered the Territory as a non-citizen for the purposes of being adopted by a permanent resident of Australia and who is intended to become a permanent resident of Australia.  (The definition of 'child' in the Act does not specify any age.)
	Anti-Discrimination Act	NT	4(1)	Section 4(1) defines a 'child' as a person who has not attained the age of 18 years.
	Bail Act	NT	3(1)	Section 4(1) defines a 'child' as a person under the age of 18 years.
	Care and Protection of Children Act	NT	13	Section 13 defines 'child' as a person who is less than 18 years of age or a person who is apparently less than 18 years of age where that person's age cannot be proved.
	Child Protection (Offender Reporting and Registration) Act	NT	3	Section 3 defines a 'child' as a person under the age of 18 years.
	Criminal Code Act	NT	1	Section 1 defines 'child' as a person who is not an adult.
				Section 1 defines 'adult' as a person who is of or over the age of 18 years.

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	Domestic and Family Violence Act	NT	4	Section 4 defines a 'child' as a person under the age of 18 years.
	<b>Education Act</b>	NT	4(1)	Section 4(1) defines a 'child' as a person who has not attained the age of 18 years.
	Evidence Act	NT	21A(1)	For the purposes of Part 11A (Vulnerable Witnesses), 'child' means a person who is under 18 years of age.
	Youth Justice Act	NT	6(1)	Section 6(1) defines a 'youth' as a person who is less than 18 years of age, a person who is apparently less than 18 years of age where that person's age cannot be proved or if the context requires, a person who committed an offence as a youth but has since turned 18 years of age.

### 8. Tasmania

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ARTICLE 1: For the purposes of the present Convention, a child means every human being below the age of eighteen years unless under the law applicable to the child, majority is attained	Adoption Act 1988	TAS	3(1)	Section 3(1) states that 'child' means a person who has not attained the age of 18 years or a person who has attained that age in respect of whom an adoption order is sought.
earlier.	Age of Majority Act 1973	TAS	3(1)	Section 3(1)(a) states that a person attaining the age of 18 years after the date of commencement of the Act will attain full age and full capacity under the law.  Section 3(1)(b) states that a person who is over the age of 18 years but under the age of 21 years at the date of commencement of the Act will attain full age and full capacity under the law on the date of commencement.
	Anti-Discrimination Act 1998	TAS	3	Section 3 defines 'adult' as a person who has attained the age of 18 years.
	Births, Deaths and Marriages Registration Act 1999	TAS	3	Section 3 defines 'adult' as a person who is over 18 years of age or a person who, despite not being over 18 years, is or has been married.  By extension, a person who is under the age of 18 years who is not and has never been married is a child.  ('Child' is defined in the Act as 'includes a still-born child').
	Child Care Act 2001	TAS	3(1)	Section 3(1) states that 'child' means a person who has not attained the age of 13 years.

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	Child Protection (International Measures) Act 2003	TAS	4(1)	Section 4(1) states that 'child' means a person who is under 18 years.
	Children, Young Persons and Their Families Act 1997	TAS	3(1)	Section 3(1) states that 'child' means a person who is under 18 years.
	Classification (Publications, Films and Computer Games) Enforcement Act 1995	TAS	71	Section 71 states that 'child' means a person who is under 18 years.
	Commonwealth Powers (Family Law) Act 1987	TAS	3(3)	Section 3(3) states that for the purpose of section 3 of this Act, references to 'children' are to be read as references to persons under the age of 18 years.
	Criminal Code Act 1924	TAS	Schedule 1, Part 1, Chapter 1, clause 1	'Child Exploitation Material' is defined as exploitation material that depicts a person who is or who appears to be under the age of 18 years.
	Education Act 1994	TAS	3	Section 3 states that 'child' means a person who has not attained the age of 16 years.
	Evidence Act 2001	TAS	3	Section 3 states that 'child' means a child of any age.
	Evidence (Children and Special	TAS	3	Section 3 states that 'child' means a person who is under 17

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	Witnesses Act) 2001			years.
	Magistrates Court (Children's Division) Act 1998	TAS	3	Section 3 states that 'child' means a person who is under 18 years.
	Minors Contracts Act 1988	TAS	3	Section 3 states that 'minor' means a person who is under 18 years.
	Police Offences Act 1935	TAS	3	Section 3 states that 'minor' means a person who is under 18 years.
				Section 3 also states that 'youth' means a person who is under 18 years.
	Youth Justice Act 1997	TAS	3(1)	Section 3(1) states that 'youth' means a person who is 10 or more years old but less than 18 years old at the time when the offence the person has committed, or is suspected of having committed, occurred.
	Youth Participation in Education and Training (Guaranteeing	TAS	5	Section 5 states that a 'young person' means a person who has not yet attained the age of 16 years or who is in the required participation phase.
	Futures) Act 2005			Pursuant to section 8, a person's required participation phase:
				(a) starts when the person attains the age of 16 years; and
				(b) ends when the first of the following occurs:
				(i) the person has participated in eligible options (defined in

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				section 7) for one year after attaining the age of 16 years; or
				(ii) the person gains a certificate III (defined in section 5); or
				(iii) the person attains the age of 17 years.

# 9. Australian Capital Territory

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ARTICLE 1: For the purposes of the present Convention, a child means every human being below the age of eighteen years unless under the law applicable to the child, majority is attained earlier.	Adoption Act 1993	ACT	Dictionary	The Dictionary of this Act states that a 'child', if age rather than descendancy is relevant, means a person who is under 12 years old.  The Dictionary also states that 'young person' means:  (a) a person who is 12 years old or older, but not yet an adult; and  (b) in relation to an application for an adoption order—a person who is an adult but for whom the application for an adoption order was filed in the court before the person became an adult.  ('Adult' is defined in the Legislation Act, dictionary, pt 1.)
	Children and Young People Act 2008	ACT	11	Section 11 states that a 'child' is a person who is under 12 years old.  Section 11 also states that a 'young person' means a person who is 12 years old or older, but not yet an adult.  ('Adult' is defined in the Legislation Act, dictionary, pt 1.)
	Crimes Act 1900	ACT	Dictionary Section 56(1)	The Dictionary of this Act states that 'child' means a person who has not attained the age of 18 years.  The Dictionary also states that 'young person' means a

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				person under 16 years old.  Section 56(1) (Maintaining a sexual relationship with a young person) defines a 'young person' as a person who is under the age of 16 years.
	Crimes (Sentence Administration) Act 2005	ACT	Dictionary 320B	The Dictionary defines 'young offender' as a person who has been convicted or found guilty of an offence by a court and was under 18 years old when the offence was committed.  The Dictionary defines 'young remandee' as a remandee who is under 18 years old or who is over 18 years old but under 21 years old and is on remand in relation to an offence alleged to have been committed when he or she was under 18 years old.  Section 320B states that 'CYP young offender' means a young offender serving a sentence of imprisonment at a detention place or a young offender serving a sentence (other than a sentence of imprisonment):  (i) who is under 18 years old; or  (ii) who is over 18 years old but for whom the CYP directorgeneral is responsible in accordance with a decision under section 320F (Young offenders -administration of sentences other than imprisonment).
	Crimes (Sentencing) Act 2005	ACT	133(B)	Section 133(B) states that 'young offender' means a person who has been convicted or found guilty of an offence by a court and was under 18 years old when the offence was committed.

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	Legislation Act 2001	ACT	Dictionary	The Dictionary defines 'adult' as an individual who is at least 18 years old.  The Dictionary also defines 'child', if age rather than descendancy is relevant, as an individual who is under 18 years old.
	Public Advocate Act 2005	ACT	Dictionary	The Dictionary defines 'child' as a person who is under 12 years old.  The Dictionary defines 'young person' as a person who is 12 years old or older, but not yet an adult.  ('Adult' is defined in the <i>Legislation Act</i> , dictionary, pt 1.)
	Smoking in Cars with Children (Prohibition) Act 2011	ACT	Dictionary	The Dictionary defines 'child' as a person who is under 16 years old.