

**COMMENCEMENT OF CERTAIN SECTIONS OF THE CHILDREN'S ACT, 2005 (ACT NO.38 OF 2005)**

**1. COMMENCEMENT OF THE ACT**

Certain sections of the Children's Act, 2005 (Act No. 38 of 2005), herein after referred to as the Act came into operation on 1 July 2007 (see Government Gazette number 8706 dated 29 June 2007).

**2. PURPOSE OF THE ACT**

To give effect to certain rights of children as contained in the Constitution and to implement legislation applicable to children.

**3. AGE OF MAJORITY**

A child, whether male or female, becomes a major upon reaching the age of eighteen years (Section 17 of the Act).

**4. IMPACT OF ACT ON DEEDS OFFICE OPERATIONS**

It is a cardinal principle of South African Law that legislation does not operate retrospectively. Thus all transactions entered into before the coming into operation of the Act will continue to be governed by the law as it was when the said transactions were entered into. Thus assistance by a guardian or the consent of the Master or the Court should be insisted upon in respect registrations pursuant to contracts entered into before 1 July 2007 by or behalf of persons who were below 21 years on the said date.



**CHIEF REGISTRAR OF DEEDS**

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