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ARRANGEMENT OF SECTIONS

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An Act to amend the law relating to minors' contracts.

[12 November 1993]

Disapplication of Infants Relief Act 1874

1. The Infants Relief Act 1874 (which invalidates certain contracts made by minors and prohibits actions to enforce contracts ratified after majority) shall not apply to any contract made by a minor after 9 April 1987.

Guarantees

2. Where —

- (a) a guarantee is given in respect of an obligation of a party to a contract made after 9 April 1987; and
- (b) the obligation is unenforceable against him (or he repudiates the contract) because he was a minor when the contract was made,

the guarantee shall not for that reason alone be unenforceable against the guarantor.

Restitution

3.—(1) Where —

- (a) a person (the claimant) has after 9 April 1987 entered into a contract with another (the defendant); and

- (b) the contract is unenforceable against the defendant (or he repudiates it) because he was a minor when the contract was made,

the court may, if it is just and equitable to do so, require the defendant to transfer to the claimant any property acquired by the defendant under the contract, or any property representing it.

[Act 25 of 2021 wef 01/04/2022]

- (2) Nothing in this section shall be taken to prejudice any other remedy available to the claimant.

[Act 25 of 2021 wef 01/04/2022]

Contracts before 12 November 1993

4. Nothing in this Act applies in relation to a contract made after 9 April 1987 and before 12 November 1993 except in so far as it was applicable by virtue of section 5 of the Civil Law Act 1909 in force before 12 November 1993.

Short title

5. This Act may be cited as the Minors' Contracts Act 1987.

LEGISLATIVE HISTORY

MINORS' CONTRACTS ACT 1987

This Legislative History is a service provided by the Law Revision Commission on a best-efforts basis. It is not part of the Act.

1. U.K. 1987, c. 13 — Minors' Contracts Act 1987

Commencement	:	9 June 1987
Application	:	12 November 1993 (except sections 1(b) and 4(1))

Note: This Act (subject to the exceptions in the First Schedule to the Application of English Law Act 1993) was declared by the Application of English Law Act 1993 to apply or continue to apply in Singapore on 12 November 1993.

2. 1994 Revised Edition — Minors' Contracts Act (Chapter 389)

Operation	:	20 May 1994
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3. 2020 Revised Edition — Minors' Contracts Act 1987

Operation	:	31 December 2021
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4. Act 25 of 2021 — Courts (Civil and Criminal Justice) Reform Act 2021 (Amendments made by section 163 of the above Act)

Bill	:	18/2021
First Reading	:	26 July 2021
Second and Third Readings	:	14 September 2021
Commencement	:	1 April 2022

Abbreviations

C.P.	Council Paper
G.N. No. S (N.S.)	Government Notification Number Singapore (New Series)
G.N. No.	Government Notification Number
G.N. No. S	Government Notification Number Singapore
G.N. Sp. No. S	Government Notification Special Number Singapore
L.A.	Legislative Assembly
L.N.	Legal Notification (Federal/Malaysian Subsidiary Legislation)
M. Act	Malayan Act/Malaysia Act
M. Ordinance	Malayan Ordinance
Parl.	Parliament
S.S.G.G. (E) No.	Straits Settlements Government Gazette (Extraordinary) Number
S.S.G.G. No.	Straits Settlements Government Gazette Number