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## I. STATEMENT OF POLICY

In Louisiana, the age of majority is eighteen years of age. Child support normally terminates when the child reaches the age of eighteen, or upon emancipation. LA Civil Code provides for three kinds of emancipation:

- judicial emancipation, (See [LA CC 366](#))
- emancipation by marriage, (See [LA CC 367](#)) and
- limited emancipation by authentic act. (See [LA CC 368](#))

When there is a child support award in a specific amount per child, the award for each child shall terminate automatically without any action by the obligor upon each child's attaining the age of majority, or upon emancipation.

When there is **\* an inglobo child support award \*\*** for two or more children, the award shall terminate automatically and without any action by the obligor when the youngest child for whose benefit the award was made attains the age of majority or is emancipated.

Exceptions to child support ending upon reaching the age of majority:


- 18 year old who is a full-time student in good standing at a secondary school and is dependent on either parent;
- a developmentally disabled child up to age 22;
- a child placed under continuing tutorship by the court.

### B-611 18 YEAR OLD

- [LA R.S. 9:315.22](#) provides for child support to continue to age nineteen for a child who attains the age of majority (or has been emancipated) if the child is unmarried, is dependent on either parent, and is a full-time student in good standing in a secondary school or its equivalent. Under this exception, child support may continue to age nineteen or until the child graduates, whichever occurs first.

In those situations in which the child reaches the age of eighteen and is a full-time student in good standing in a secondary school, the CP or the child may request that child support continue. If the CP requests to be removed from the case or that the case be closed, the eighteen-year-old may apply for services and become payee of the case. In this case, no application fee is charged. If the eighteen-year-old child applies in his or her own name and there are other children in the order, child support is pro-rated for the new case.

School attendance for the eighteen-year-old must be verified. Send the form [CSE 240](#) to the CP or the child, as appropriate, to verify school attendance. When school attendance is verified, send form [CSE 242](#) to the NCP to provide notice that support must continue. Change the end-date of the court

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order and debt, in LASES, to correspond to the last day of school or the day before the child's nineteenth birthday, whichever will occur first.

## B-612 DEVELOPMENTAL DISABILITY

An award of child support continues until age 22 for a child who has a developmental disability as long as the child is a full-time student in a secondary school. Developmental disability means a severe chronic disability of a person that is attributable to **\* an intellectual or physical impairment or combination of intellectual and physical impairments. This can result in substantial functional limitations in three or more areas of life activity and is not attributed solely to mental illness. \*\***

The disability must be manifested before the person reaches age 22, and must continue indefinitely. Send form [CSE 240](#) to the CP for verification of school attendance and medical verification of disability. Upon receipt of the verification, set the matter for a modification hearing.

Upon receipt of the court's adjudication, send form [CSE 242](#) to the NCP to provide notice to continue paying child support.

## B-613 CONTINUING TUTORSHIP

**\* CSE is permitted to accept applications for a child placed under continuing tutorship. \*\*** A court may place a child under continuing tutorship if **\* a \*\*** child possesses less than two-thirds of the intellectual functioning of a **\*\*\*** person of the same age **\*\*\***. In such cases, the child does not attain the age of majority and child support is continued until further order of the court. (Refer to [LA Civil Code Article 355](#)).


## B-614 ADULT DISABLED CHILD

An award of child support may continue or shall be set for any unmarried child who, whether institutionalized or not, is incapable of self-support and requires substantial care and personal supervision because of an intellectual or physical disability that is manifested before the child attains the age of majority.

When the Department of Children and Family Services is providing support enforcement services, those services will only continue if the major child, his tutor, or curator obtains and submits to the Department before the child attains the age of majority, a judgment ordering the continuation of support for the child. Otherwise, the support obligation will terminate upon the child attaining the age of majority. DCFS will not file the action or obtain a judgment for the continuation of support.

## II. PROCEDURES

There are no procedures related to this policy.

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### III. FORMS AND INSTRUCTIONS

[CSE 240](#)

[CSE 242](#)

### IV. REFERENCES

[LA CC 366](#)

[LA CC 367](#)

[LA CC 368](#)

[LA R.S. 9:315.22](#)

[LA Civil Code Article 355](#)