

Global Drinking and Purchase Age Requirements

Country	Drinking Age: On premise	Purchasing Age: Off premise
Argentina	18	18
Australia	18	18
Austria	16/18 (see notes)	16/18 (see notes)
Belgium	16 for beer and wine; 18 for spirits	16 for beer and wine;18 for spirits
Brazil	18	18
Cameroon	18	21
Chile	18	18
China, People's Republic of	18	18
Colombia	18	18
Denmark	18	16
Ethiopia	18	18
Germany	16 for beer and wine;18 spirits	16 for beer and wine; 18 spirits
Ghana	18	None
Greece	18	None
India	18 to 25, depending on state	18 to 25, depending on state
Ireland	18	18
Italy	18	18
Jamaica	16	16
Japan	20	20
Kenya	18	18
Lebanon	None	None
Mexico	18	18
Netherlands	18	18
Nigeria	18	18
Norway	18, but 20 for spirits defined as 22% ABV	18, but 20 for spirits defined as 22% ABV
Peru	18	18
Philippines	18	18
Poland	None	None
Portugal	18	18
Russia	18	18
South Africa	18	18

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South Korea	19	19
Spain	16-18	16-18
Sweden	18	20, but 18 for beer with ABV of 3.5% or less
Switzerland	16/18, depending on the canton, for beer and wine; 18 in all cantons for spirits	16/18, depending on the canton, for beer and wine; 18 in all cantons for spirits
Taiwan (Republic of China)	18	18
Tanzania	None	None
Thailand	20	20
Turkey	18	18
Uganda	18	18
United Kingdom	18	18
United States	21	21
Uruguay	18	18
Venezuela	18	18
Vietnam	18	18

Source: International Alliance for Responsible Drinking (<http://iard.org/>)