

# When can I leave school?

You can leave school on the last Friday in June if you'll be 16 by the end of the summer holidays.

You must then do one of the following until you're 18:

- stay in full-time education, for example at a college.
- start an apprenticeship or traineeship.
- spend 20 hours or more a week working or volunteering, while in part-time education or training.

Under previous legislation it was compulsory for young people to remain in education until the age of 16. However, as a result of legislation introduced in September 2013, the law now requires that young people continue in education, employment or training until the age of 18.