

UNCROC Summary Table

UNCROC Article	Summary of rights / principles
1	UNCROC applies to everyone under 18 years of age
2	The right to protection from discrimination or punishment on any grounds*
3	The best interests of the child should be a primary consideration*
4	The Government should make UNCROC rights a reality
5	Government should respect the rights and responsibilities of families to direct and guide their children
6	The rights to life, survival and development*
7	The right to a name, to acquire a nationality and to know and be cared for by parents
8	The right to an identity
9	Children should not be separated from their parents unless it is in their best interests
10	Families who live in different countries should be allowed to move between those countries so that parents and children can stay in contact or reunite as a family
11	Children should not be taken out of the country illegally
12	The right for children to have an opinion and for that opinion to be heard in all matters affecting the child*
13	The right to freedom of expression*
14	The right to freedom of thought, conscience and religion*
15	The rights to freedom of association and peaceful assembly*
16	The right to privacy
17	The right of access to all media
18	The principle that parents have primary responsibility for upbringing of child and States to give assistance and ensure institutions, services for care of children
19	The right to protection from harm or maltreatment
20	The right to special protection and support for children who cannot live with their parents
21	Best interests of child to be the paramount consideration in system of adoption, and that adoption take place on basis of informed consent, limiting intercountry adoptions and ensuring intercountry adoptions have same safeguards as national adoptions, and preventing financial gain in intercountry adoptions.
22	The right to special protection and support for refugees and children seeking refugee status
23	The right to special care and education for children who are mentally or physically disabled
24	The right to the highest attainable standard of health and to facilities for treatment and rehabilitation
25	The right for children placed away from home to have their treatment reviewed regularly
26	The right to benefit from social security

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27	The right to an adequate standard of living, including material assistance and support to parents or others responsible for care regarding nutrition food, clothing and housing
28	The right to education, and to dignity in administering school discipline
29	The right to the kind of education that develops one's personality and abilities and encourages a respect for people's rights and values and the environment
30	The right for indigenous children and children in minority groups defined by race, religion or language to enjoy their own culture, practise their own religion, and use their own language
31	The right to recreation and participation in cultural life and the arts
32	The right to protection from economic exploitation and work that is bad for health or interferes with education
33	The right to be protected from dangerous drugs
34	The right to be protected from sexual exploitation and abuse
35	The right to protection from abduction and sale and trafficking
36	The right to protection from any other kind of exploitation
37	The right not be punished in a cruel, degrading or hurtful way or deprivation of liberty unlawfully or arbitrarily, and that arrest, detention or imprisonment to be as a last resort and for the shortest appropriate period; the right, if deprived of liberty to be treated with humanity and respect for dignity.
38	The right to protection in times of armed conflict; under-15-year-olds should not be eligible to join an armed forces or participate in hostilities
39	The right to help and support for children who have been abused or maltreated
40	The right to a range of protections for children accused of breaking the law
41	States may provide for further compatible rights offered to children above and beyond UNCROC
42	Information about UNCROC should be widely disseminated by the Government

Articles 43 - 54 detail the processes by which States' UNCROC commitments are entered into, reported on and administered

***General principles of UNCROC as determined by the UN Committee on the Rights of the Child**

Optional Protocols to UNCROC	Optional Protocol to the Convention on the Involvement of Children in Armed Conflict (ratified by NZ in 2001)
	The Optional Protocol to the Convention on the Rights of the Child on the Sale of Children, Child Prostitution and Child Pornography (signed by NZ in 2000 but not yet ratified)

* These rights may be subject to limitations prescribed in law necessary for the protection of rights or freedoms of others, or the national security, public safety or order, health or morals