

Notice

On December 20, 2019, federal legislation was signed into law that raises the legal age to purchase any kind of tobacco product to 21.

The new law, which amends Section 906(d) of the Federal Food, Drug, and Cosmetic Act, reads as follows:

MINIMUM AGE OF SALE

It shall be unlawful for any retailer to sell a tobacco product to any person younger than 21 years of age.

The U.S. Food and Drug Administration has also posted the following notice on its website (www.fda.gov):

Note: On December 20, 2019, the President signed legislation to amend the Federal Food, Drug, and Cosmetic Act, and raise the federal minimum age of sale of tobacco products from 18 to 21 years. It is now illegal for a retailer to sell any tobacco product – including cigarettes, cigars and e-cigarettes – to anyone under 21. FDA will provide additional details on this issue as they become available.

This new legal age of purchase law went into effect on December 20, 2019. The new federal law prohibits a retailer from selling any kind of tobacco product (i.e., cigarettes, cigars, smokeless tobacco, pipe tobacco, electronic cigarettes, nicotine vapor products, hookah tobacco, etc.) to anyone that is under the age of 21. The law **does not** include an exemption to purchase tobacco products for those persons who were 18, 19 or 20-years-old as of December 20, 2019 or for active U.S. military personnel under 21 years of age.