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Robert Davidson lost BC government support at age 19.
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Successful foster kids: Robert Davidson 📖

It is hard for foster kids to finish high school. Only 32 percent graduate by age 19.

Foster kids move a lot. They change homes and schools often. This makes keeping up at school difficult.

The BC government stops supporting youth in foster care at age 19. They must

start paying for their own costs. Getting a job becomes the most important thing. Going to school is harder.

Many people think foster kids should be supported until they are 21 years old. It would help them finish high school and get more training. That would help them get better jobs with more income.



Turning 19 is very different for foster kids.
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Robert Davidson started in foster care at age 16. His mother died.

Davidson wants to be a nurse. He is a good student.

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He graduated from high school. He is 19 years old.

He is working removing asbestos. He is trying to save up money to go to school.

“The work I do is labour, pretty much,” Davidson said. “I wish the pay was more so I could save up for school.”

Adapted from *The Vancouver Sun*



People at work removing asbestos
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Answer key for exercise on page 3:

1. It is hard for foster kids to finish high school.
2. Foster kids move a lot.
3. They change homes and schools often.
4. They must start paying for their own costs.
5. Getting a job becomes the most important thing.
6. Going to school is harder.
7. Davidson wants to be a nurse.
8. He is a good student.
9. He is 19 years old.
10. He graduated from high school.

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Word scramble

Re-arrange these words. Make a sentence. Remember to put a period (.) at the end of the sentence.

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