Country Profile: Latvia

Region: Northern Europe

Identified policies and legal sources related to abortion:
- Reproductive Health Act
- General Medical Health Act
- Constitution
- Criminal / Penal Code
- Civil Code
- Ministerial Order / Decree
- Case Law
- Health Regulation / Clinical Guidelines
- EML / Registered List
- Medical Ethics Code
- Document Relating to Funding
- Abortion Specific Law
- Law on Medical Practitioners
- Law on Health Care Services
- Other

Related Documents

From Reproductive Health Act:
- Sexual and Reproductive Health Law, 2007

From General Medical Health Act:
- Medical Treatment Law

From Criminal / Penal Code:
- Criminal Law

From Health Regulation / Clinical Guidelines:
- Organisational Procedure for Termination of Pregnancy, 2003
- The Official Description of the Medical Technology of Surgical Abortion
- The Official Description of the Medical Technology of Medical Abortion

From EML / Registered List:
- Mifepristonum (Mifepristone) Official Drug Registry
- Misoprostolum (Misoprostol) Official Drug Registry

From Document Relating to Funding:
- Healthcare Organisation and Financing Cabinet

From Other:
- Law on Requirements for Medical Institutions

List of ratified human rights treaties:
- CERD
- CCPR
- Xst
- OP
- 2nd
- OP
- CESCR
- CESCR-OP
- CAT
- CAT-OP
- CEDAW
- CEDAW-OP
- CRC
- CRC:OPSC
- CRC:OPAC
- CRC:OPIC
- CMW
- CRPD *
- CRPD-OP
- CED **
- Maputo Protocol

Concluding Observations:
- CRC

Persons who can be sanctioned:
- A woman or girl can be sanctioned
- Providers can be sanctioned
- A person who assists can be sanctioned

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## Abortion at the woman’s request

**Gestational limit:** 12

## Legal Ground and Gestational Limit

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### WHO Guidance

The following descriptions and recommendations were extracted from WHO guidance on safe abortion.

WHO defines health for member states as a state of complete physical, mental and social well-being and not merely the absence of disease or infirmity. Safe Abortion Guidelines, § 4.2.1.5.

**Source document:** WHO Safe Abortion Guidance (page 103)

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A woman is entitled to know the status of her pregnancy and to act on this information; health protection or social reasons can be interpreted to include distress of the pregnant woman caused by the diagnosis of fetal impairment. Prenatal tests and other medical diagnostic services cannot legally be refused because the woman may decide to terminate her pregnancy. Safe Abortion Guidelines, § 4.2.1.4.

**Source document:** WHO Safe Abortion Guidance (page 103)

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### Related documents:

- Organisational Procedure for Termination of Pregnancy, 2003 (page 1)
- Sexual and Reproductive Health Law, 2007 (page 6)
- The Official Description of the Medical Technology of Surgical Abortion (page 1)

### WHO Guidance

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The protection of women from cruel, inhuman and degrading treatment requires that those who have become pregnant as the result of coerced or forced sexual acts can lawfully access safe abortion services. Prompt, safe abortion services should be provided on the basis of a woman’s complaint rather than requiring forensic evidence or police examination. Safe Abortion Guidelines, § 4.2.1.3.
Laws or policies that impose time limits on the length of pregnancy may have negative consequences for women, including forcing them to seek clandestine abortions and suffer social inequities. Safe Abortion Guidelines, § 4.2.1.7.

Incest

- Not specified

When there is no explicit reference to an issue covered in the questionnaire in the relevant document(s), this is noted and no interpretation was made.

Related documents:
- Organisational Procedure for Termination of Pregnancy, 2003

Mental health

- Not specified

When there is no explicit reference to an issue covered in the questionnaire in the relevant document(s), this is noted and no interpretation was made.

Related documents:
- Organisational Procedure for Termination of Pregnancy, 2003

Physical health

- Not specified

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Related documents:
- Organisational Procedure for Termination of Pregnancy, 2003

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Related documents:
- Organisational Procedure for Termination of Pregnancy, 2003

WHO Guidance

The following descriptions and recommendations were extracted from WHO guidance on safe abortion.

The scope of mental health includes psychological distress or mental suffering caused by, for example, coerced or forced sexual acts and diagnosis of severe fetal impairment. Safe Abortion Guidelines, § 4.2.1.2.

Related documents:
- Organisational Procedure for Termination of Pregnancy, 2003

WHO Guidance

The following descriptions and recommendations were extracted from WHO guidance on safe abortion.

Physical health is widely understood to include conditions that aggravate pregnancy and those aggravated by pregnancy. Safe Abortion Guidelines, § 4.2.1.2.

Related documents:
- Organisational Procedure for Termination of Pregnancy, 2003
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The fulfillment of human rights requires that women can access safe abortion when it is indicated to protect their health. WHO defines health for member states as a state of complete physical, mental and social well-being and not merely the absence of disease or infirmity. Safe Abortion Guidelines, § 4.2.1.2.

Source document: WHO Safe Abortion Guidance (page 102)

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**Life**

**Not specified**

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Related documents:
- Organisational Procedure for Termination of Pregnancy, 2003

**WHO Guidance**

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The human right to life requires protection by law, including when pregnancy is life-threatening or a pregnant woman’s life is otherwise endangered. Both medical and social conditions can constitute life-threatening conditions. Safe Abortion Guidelines, § 4.2.1.1.

Source document: WHO Safe Abortion Guidance (page 102)

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**Other**

Illness during pregnancy and medical indications

Related documents:
- Organisational Procedure for Termination of Pregnancy, 2003 (page 1)
- Sexual and Reproductive Health Law, 2007 (page 6)
- https://abortion-policies.srhr.org/documents/countries/

**Additional notes**

Abortion is permitted in case of illness during pregnancy and medical indications up to 24 weeks of gestation.

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**Additional Requirements to Access Safe Abortion**

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- Sexual and Reproductive Health Law, 2007 (page 6)
- https://abortion-policies.srhr.org/documents/countries/

**Number and cadre of health-care professional authorizations required**

Doctor's Council
Specialist Doctor, Including OB/GYN

Authorisation for medically indicated abortion is given as follows: After an assessment of health of the woman, the course of pregnancy and development of foetus or on the basis of a statement of rape issued by a law-enforcement institution a gynaecologist (obstetrician) or family doctor shall act as follows: convokе a doctor's council; if due to the illness of woman complications in the course of pregnancy are possible or have emerged; or if the pregnancy is a result of rape; and send the woman for additional examination to the Latvian State Medical Genetics Centre if complications in the development of foetus are possible or have emerged. If due to the illness of the woman complications in the course of the pregnancy are possible or have emerged the following persons shall participate in doctor's council: a gynaecologist (obstetrician), family doctor and the respective specialist - in an outpatient medical treatment institution; and a gynaecologist (obstetrician), family doctor and the head of the gynaecological department – in an inpatient medical treatment institution. If the pregnancy is a result of rape, gynaecologists (obstetricians) shall participate in the doctor's council. The doctor's council shall be organised by the Latvian State Medical Genetics Centre if complications in development of foetus are possible or have emerged. In such case a geneticist, a gynaecologist (obstetrician), as well as a gynaecologist (obstetrician) who is certified to perform ultrasonic examination in obstetrics and gynaecology shall participate in doctor's council.

Related documents:
- Organisational Procedure for Termination of Pregnancy, 2003 (page 1)
- Sexual and Reproductive Health Law, 2007 (page 6)
WHO Guidance

The following descriptions and recommendations were extracted from WHO guidance on safe abortion.

Third-party authorization should not be required for women to obtain abortion services. The requirement for authorization by hospital authorities may violate the right to privacy and women's access to health care on the basis of equality of men and women. Safe Abortion Guidelines, § 4.2.2.2.

Source document: WHO Safe Abortion Guidance (page 105)

Additional notes

Authorization in specially licensed facilities only

Not specified

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Related documents:
- Organisational Procedure for Termination of Pregnancy, 2003
- Sexual and Reproductive Health Law, 2007

WHO Guidance

The following descriptions and recommendations were extracted from WHO guidance on safe abortion.

Restrictions on the range of providers or facilities that are authorized to provide abortion reduce the availability of services and their equitable geographic distribution. Safe Abortion Guidelines, § 4.2.2.4.

Source document: WHO Safe Abortion Guidance (page 106)

Judicial authorization for minors

Not specified

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Related documents:
- Organisational Procedure for Termination of Pregnancy, 2003
- Sexual and Reproductive Health Law, 2007

WHO Guidance

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Third-party authorization should not be required for women to obtain abortion services. Safe Abortion Guidelines, § 4.2.2.

Source document: WHO Safe Abortion Guidance (page 105)

Additional notes

Termination of the pregnancy for a patient younger than 16 years due to medical indications or in the case of a pregnancy resulting from rape is allowed only if there is a confirmation by the council of doctors or a certificate on a case of rape issued by a law enforcement institution, and if at least one of the patient's parents or her guardian has given written consent. It is necessary to obtain a decision of the Orphans Court (Parish Court) in order to terminate the pregnancy if there is any dispute between a patient younger than 16 years and her parents or her guardian regarding the preservation of the pregnancy.

Related documents:
- Sexual and Reproductive Health Law, 2007 (page 6)
Judicial authorization in cases of rape

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Related documents:

- Organisational Procedure for Termination of Pregnancy, 2003
- Sexual and Reproductive Health Law, 2007

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Laws, policies and practices that restrict access to abortion information and services can deter women from care seeking and create a “chilling effect” (suppression of actions because of fear of reprisals or penalties) for the provision of safe, legal services. Examples of barriers include: requiring third-party authorization from one or more medical professionals or a hospital committee, court or police, parent or guardian or a woman’s partner or spouse. Safe Abortion Guidelines, § 4.2.2

Source document: WHO Safe Abortion Guidance (page 104)

Police report required in case of rape

Yes

Related documents:

- Organisational Procedure for Termination of Pregnancy, 2003 (page 1)
- Sexual and Reproductive Health Law, 2007 (page 6)

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Source document: WHO Safe Abortion Guidance (page 104)

Additional notes

An abortion in case of rape may proceed “on the basis of a statement of rape issued by a law-enforcement institution” (1) or “on the grounds of certificate regarding a case of rape issued by a law enforcement institution.” (2)

Parental consent required for minors

Yes

Related documents:

- Organisational Procedure for Termination of Pregnancy, 2003 (page 1)
- Sexual and Reproductive Health Law, 2007 (page 6)
- https://abortion-policies.srhr.org/documents/countries/

Can another adult consent in place of a parent?

Yes

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- Organisational Procedure for Termination of Pregnancy, 2003 (page 1)
- Sexual and Reproductive Health Law, 2007 (page 6)

Age where consent not needed

16

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- Organisational Procedure for Termination of Pregnancy, 2003 (page 1)
- Sexual and Reproductive Health Law, 2007 (page 6)
Spousal consent

Not specified

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Related documents:
- Organisational Procedure for Termination of Pregnancy, 2003
- Sexual and Reproductive Health Law, 2007

WHO Guidance

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Third-party authorization should not be required for women to obtain abortion services. The requirement for authorization by parents may violate the right to privacy and women’s access to health care on the basis of equality of men and women. Safe Abortion Guidelines, § 4.2.2.2.

Source document: WHO Safe Abortion Guidance (page 105)

Ultrasound images or listen to foetal heartbeat required

Not specified

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Related documents:
- Organisational Procedure for Termination of Pregnancy, 2003
- Sexual and Reproductive Health Law, 2007

WHO Guidance

The following descriptions and recommendations were extracted from WHO guidance on safe abortion.

Regulatory, policy and programmatic barriers, one example of which is the requirement for mandatory ultrasound prior to abortion, that hinder access to and timely provision of safe abortion care should be removed. Safe Abortion Guidelines, Executive Summary, Box 7 - Recommendation.

Source document: WHO Safe Abortion Guidance (page 19)

Compulsory counselling

Yes

Related documents:
- Sexual and Reproductive Health Law, 2007 (page 6)

WHO Guidance

The following descriptions and recommendations were extracted from WHO guidance on safe abortion.

Many women have made a decision to have an abortion before seeking care, and this decision should be respected without subjecting a woman to mandatory counselling. Provision of counselling to women who desire it should be voluntary, confidential, non-directive and by a trained person. Safe Abortion Guidelines, § 2.1.8.1.

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| **Waiting period** |     |
| **When Counseled** | 72 HOURS |

**WHO Guidance**

The following descriptions and recommendations were extracted from WHO guidance on safe abortion.

States should consider eliminating waiting periods that are not medically required, and expanding services to serve all eligible women promptly. Safe Abortion Guidelines, § 4.2.2.6.

Source document: WHO Safe Abortion Guidance (page 107)

| **Mandatory HIV screening test** | Not specified |
| **Related documents:** |     |
| - Organisational Procedure for Termination of Pregnancy, 2003 |     |
| - Sexual and Reproductive Health Law, 2007 |     |

**WHO Guidance**

The following descriptions and recommendations were extracted from WHO guidance on safe abortion.

Requirements for HIV and other tests that are not clinically indicated are potential service-delivery barriers. Safe Abortion Guidelines, p 88.

Source document: WHO Safe Abortion Guidance (page 88)

| **Other mandatory STI screening tests** | Not specified |
| **Related documents:** |     |
| - Organisational Procedure for Termination of Pregnancy, 2003 |     |
| - Sexual and Reproductive Health Law, 2007 |     |

**WHO Guidance**

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Source document: WHO Safe Abortion Guidance (page 88)

| **Prohibition of sex-selective abortion** | Not specified |
| **Related documents:** |     |
| - Organisational Procedure for Termination of Pregnancy, 2003 |     |
| - Sexual and Reproductive Health Law, 2007 |     |

**WHO Guidance**

The following descriptions and recommendations were extracted from WHO guidance on safe abortion.

In situations where abortion is restricted for sex selection purposes, terminating a pregnancy for this reason is likely to involve an unsafe procedure carrying high risks. Any policies or guidelines on the use of technology in obstetric and fetal medicine should take into account the need to ensure women’s access to safe abortion and other services - efforts to manage or limit sex selection should also not hamper or limit access to safe abortion services. Preventing gender-biased sex selection: an interagency statement, p 10 - Recommendation.
### Clinical and Service-delivery Aspects of Abortion Care

#### National guidelines for induced abortion

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Other (where provided)
The following descriptions and recommendations were extracted from WHO guidance on safe abortion.

Vacuum aspiration is the recommended technique of surgical abortion for pregnancies of up to 12 to 14 weeks of gestation. The procedure should not be routinely completed by dilatation and sharp curettage (D&C). Safe Abortion Guidelines, Executive Summary, Box 1- Recommendation.

**Source document:** WHO Safe Abortion Guidance (page 123)

Dilatation and evacuation (D&E) and medical methods (mifepristone and misoprostol; misoprostol alone) are both recommended methods for abortion for gestations over 12 to 14 weeks. Safe Abortion Guidelines, Executive Summary, Box 3- Recommendation.

**Source document:** WHO Safe Abortion Guidance (page 123)

The recommended method for medical abortion is mifepristone followed by misoprostol (regimen differs by gestational age). Safe Abortion Guidelines, Executive Summary, Box 2- Recommendation.

**Source document:** WHO Safe Abortion Guidance (page 13)

Where mifepristone is not available, the recommended method for medical abortion is misoprostol (regimen differs by gestational age). Safe Abortion Guidelines, Executive Summary, Box 2- Recommendation.

**Source document:** WHO Safe Abortion Guidance (page 14)

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**Source document:** WHO Safe Abortion Guidance (page 54)

Chemists/pharmacists can help women avoid unintended pregnancy through provision of accurate contraceptive information, pregnancy tests, contraceptive methods and referral to safe abortion services. Safe Abortion Guidelines, § 3.3.1.1.

**Source document:** WHO Safe Abortion Guidance (page 13)

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Where can abortion services be provided

Primary health-care centres  
Yes  
- Organisational Procedure for Termination of Pregnancy, 2003 (page 2)

Secondary (district-level) health-care facilities  
Yes  
- Organisational Procedure for Termination of Pregnancy, 2003 (page 2)

Specialized abortion care public facilities  
Not specified  
- Organisational Procedure for Termination of Pregnancy, 2003
- Sexual and Reproductive Health Law, 2007

Private health-care centres or clinics  
Not specified  
- Organisational Procedure for Termination of Pregnancy, 2003
- Sexual and Reproductive Health Law, 2007

NGO health-care centres or clinics  
Not specified  
- Organisational Procedure for Termination of Pregnancy, 2003
- Sexual and Reproductive Health Law, 2007

Other (if applicable)

In-hospital service is compulsory in case the pregnancy is the woman's first; the woman is under 16 years of age; the woman has any serious genital/extragenital morbidity; the gestational age is above 8 weeks. In all other cases, abortion can be undertaken in one-day-out-patient services.

- Organisational Procedure for Termination of Pregnancy, 2003 (page 2)

WHO Guidance

The following descriptions and recommendations were extracted from WHO guidance on safe abortion.

Abortion services should be available at primary-care level, with referral systems in place for all required higher-level care. Safe Abortion Guidelines, Executive Summary, Box 6- Recommendation.

↓ Source document: WHO Safe Abortion Guidance (page 18)

Additional notes

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WHO Guidance

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Standards and guidelines should be developed and updated with the intent of eliminating barriers to obtaining the highest attainable standard of sexual and reproductive health. Safe Abortion Guidelines, § 3.3. Standards and guidelines should cover: types of abortion service, where and by whom they can be provided; essential equipment, instruments, medications, supplies and facility capabilities; referral mechanisms; respect for women’s informed decision-making, autonomy, confidentiality and privacy. Safe Abortion Guidelines, p. 63.

↓ Source document: WHO Safe Abortion Guidance (page 75)

National guidelines for post-abortion care  
Yes, guidelines issued by the government

Related documents:
- The Official Description of the Medical Technology of Surgical Abortion (page 1)
- The Official Description of the Medical Technology of Medical Abortion (page 1)

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↓ Source document: WHO Safe Abortion Guidance (page 75)
Contraception included in post-abortion care

- Organisational Procedure for Termination of Pregnancy, 2003
- Sexual and Reproductive Health Law, 2007

Secondary (district-level) health-care facilities

Not specified

- Organisational Procedure for Termination of Pregnancy, 2003
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- Sexual and Reproductive Health Law, 2007

NGO health-care centres or clinics

Not specified

- Organisational Procedure for Termination of Pregnancy, 2003
- Sexual and Reproductive Health Law, 2007

Other (if applicable)

WHO Guidance

The following descriptions and recommendations were extracted from WHO guidance on safe abortion.

All women should receive contraceptive information and be offered counselling for and methods of post-abortion contraception, including emergency contraception, before leaving the health-care facility. Safe Abortion Guidelines, § 2.3.

Source document: WHO Safe Abortion Guidance (page 62)

Contraception included in post-abortion care

Yes

Related documents:

- Organisational Procedure for Termination of Pregnancy, 2003 (page 2)

WHO Guidance

The following descriptions and recommendations were extracted from WHO guidance on safe abortion.

Financing of abortion services should take into account costs to the health system while ensuring that services are affordable and readily available to all women who need them. Safe Abortion Guidelines, Executive Summary, Box 6 - Recommendation. Abortion services should be mandated for coverage under insurance plans; women should never be denied or delayed because of the inability to pay. Safe Abortion Guidelines, § 3.6.2.

Source document: WHO Safe Abortion Guidance (page 18)

Insurance to offset end user costs

Not specified

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Related documents:

- Healthcare Organisation and Financing Cabinet

WHO Guidance

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Financing of abortion services should take into account costs to the health system while ensuring that services are affordable and readily available to all women who need them. Safe Abortion Guidelines, Executive Summary, Box 6 - Recommendation. Abortion services should be mandated for coverage under insurance plans; women should never be denied or delayed because of the inability to pay. Safe Abortion Guidelines, § 3.6.2.

Source document: WHO Safe Abortion Guidance (page 18)

Who can provide abortion services

- Organisational Procedure for Termination of Pregnancy, 2003
**Extra facility/provider requirements for delivery of abortion services**

- **Sexual and Reproductive Health Law, 2007**

**Nurse**
Not specified
- Organisational Procedure for Termination of Pregnancy, 2003
- Sexual and Reproductive Health Law, 2007

**Midwife/nurse-midwife**
Not specified
- Organisational Procedure for Termination of Pregnancy, 2003
- Sexual and Reproductive Health Law, 2007

**Doctor (specialty not specified)**
Not specified
- Organisational Procedure for Termination of Pregnancy, 2003
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**Specialist doctor, including OB/GYN**
Not specified
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**Other (if applicable)**

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**WHO Guidance**

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Subject to gestational age and method, abortion care can be safely provided by any properly trained health-care provider, including specialist doctors, non-specialist doctors; associate and advanced associate clinicians; midwives; and nurses. Health Worker Roles in Safe Abortion Care, p 33- Recommendation.

*Source document: Health Worker Roles in Safe Abortion Care and Post-Abortion Contraception (page 33)*

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**Referral linkages to a higher-level facility**
Not specified
- Organisational Procedure for Termination of Pregnancy, 2003
- Sexual and Reproductive Health Law, 2007

**Availability of a specialist doctor, including OB/GYN**
Not specified
- Organisational Procedure for Termination of Pregnancy, 2003
- Sexual and Reproductive Health Law, 2007

**Minimum number of beds**
Not specified
- Organisational Procedure for Termination of Pregnancy, 2003
- Sexual and Reproductive Health Law, 2007

**Other (if applicable)**
Minimal requirements for medical treatment institutions are set by the Regulations of the Cabinet of Ministers No. 60 of January 20, 2009 “Rules on the Indispensable Requirements for Medical Treatment Institutions and their Constituent Bodies.” Medical treatment can be provided only by those medical treatment institutions whose eligibility have been assessed in conformity with The Regulations of the Cabinet of Ministers No. 60 of January 20, 2009 and which have been registered in the Register of Medical Treatment Institutions.

- Law on Requirements for Medical Institutions (page 1)

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**WHO Guidance**

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Abortion facilities within both the public and private sectors should be available at all levels of the health system, with appropriate referral mechanisms between facilities. Safe Abortion Guidelines, § 3.3.1.

*Source document: WHO Safe Abortion Guidance (page 75)*
### Public sector providers

**Related documents:**
- Medical Treatment Law (page 8)

**Individual health-care providers who have objected are required to refer the woman to another provider**

*Not specified*

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- Medical Treatment Law

### Private sector providers

**Related documents:**
- Medical Treatment Law (page 8)

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- Medical Treatment Law

### Provider type not specified

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Indicators

Country specific information related to sexual and reproductive health indications. As data for the Sustainable Development Goal (SDG) indicators related to sexual and reproductive health become available, these will be provided, through periodic updates.

Goal 1. End poverty in all its forms everywhere

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Goal 3. Ensure healthy lives and promote well-being for all at all ages

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Goal 4. Ensure inclusive and equitable quality education and promote lifelong learning opportunities for all

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<td>5.2.1 Proportion of ever-partnered women and girls aged 15 years and older subjected to physical, sexual or psychological violence by a current or former intimate partner in the previous 12 months, by form of violence and by age</td>
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<td>Proportion of women aged 20-24 years who were married or in a union before age 15 and before age 18</td>
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**Goal 8. Promote sustained, inclusive and sustainable economic growth, full and productive employment and decent work for all**

| 8.5.2  | Unemployment rate, by sex, age and persons with disabilities | No data |

**Goal 10. Reduce inequality within and among countries**

| 10.2.1 | Proportion of people living below 50 per cent of median income, by age, sex and persons with disabilities | No data |
| 10.3.1 | Proportion of the population reporting having personally felt discriminated against or harassed within the previous 12 months on the basis of a ground of discrimination prohibited under international human rights law | No data |

**Goal 16. Promote peaceful and inclusive societies for sustainable development, provide access to justice for all and build effective, accountable and inclusive institutions at all levels**

| 16.1.3 | Proportion of population subjected to physical, psychological or sexual violence in the previous 12 months | No data |
| 16.2.2 | Number of victims of human trafficking per 100,000 population, by sex, age and form of exploitation | No data |
| 16.2.3 | Proportion of young women and men aged 18-29 years who experienced sexual violence by age 18 | No data |
| 16.3.1 | Proportion of victims of violence in the previous 12 months who reported their victimization to competent authorities or other officially recognized conflict resolution mechanisms | No data |
| 16.5.1 | Proportion of persons who had at least one contact with a public official and who paid a bribe to a public official, or were asked for a bribe by those public officials, during the previous 12 months | No data |
16.6.1 Primary government expenditures as a proportion of original approved budget, by sector (or by budget codes or similar)

No data

16.6.2 Proportion of the population satisfied with their last experience of public services

No data

16.7.1 Proportions of positions (by sex, age, persons with disabilities and population groups) in public institutions (national and local legislatures, public service, and judiciary) compared to national distributions

No data

16.9.1 Proportion of children under 5 years of age whose births have been registered with a civil authority, by age

No data

16.10.1 Number of verified cases of killing, kidnapping, enforced disappearance, arbitrary detention and torture of journalists, associated media personnel, trade unionists and human rights advocates in the previous 12 months

No data

16.b.1 Proportion of population reporting having personally felt discriminated against or harassed in the previous 12 months on the basis of a ground of discrimination prohibited under international human rights law

No data

Goal 17. Strengthen the means of implementation and revitalize the Global Partnership for Sustainable Development

17.8.1 Proportion of individuals using the Internet

No data

**Additional Reproductive Health Indicators**

Percentage of married women with unmet need for family planning

16.8 (1995)

Percentage of births attended by trained health professional

99.9 (2016)

Percentage of women aged 20-24 who gave birth before age 18

No data

Total fertility rate

1.6 (2018)

Legal marital age for women, with parental consent

16 (2009-2017)

Legal marital age for women, without parental consent

18 (2009-2017)

Gender Inequalities Index (Value)

0.20 (2017)

Gender Inequalities Index (Rank)

42 (2017)

Mandatory paid maternity leave

yes (2020)

Median age

43.9 (2020)
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