Country Profile: Latvia

Region: Northern Europe

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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
- Sexual and Reproductive Health Amended, 2018

From General Medical Health Act:
- Medical Treatment Law

From Criminal / Penal Code:
- Criminal Code, 2020

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

Concluding Observations:
- CRC
- CRC
- CRC

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

Abortion at the woman’s request

- Gestational limit: 12

Legal Ground and Gestational Limit
Economic or social reasons

- Not specified

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- Medical Treatment Law
- Sexual and Reproductive Health Amended, 2018

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)

Foetal impairment

- Yes

Related documents:
- Sexual and Reproductive Health Law, 2007 (page 2)

Gestational limit

Weeks: Not specified

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

WHO Guidance

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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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Source document: WHO Safe Abortion Guidance (page 103)

Rape

- Yes

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

Gestational limit

Weeks: 12

- 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.

Source document: WHO Safe Abortion Guidance (page 102)

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Incest

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Intellectual or
cognitive disability of
the woman

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  - Sexual and Reproductive Health Amended, 2018

Mental health

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  - Sexual and Reproductive Health Amended, 2018

  WHO Guidance
  - 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.

  Source document: WHO Safe Abortion Guidance (page 102)

Physical health

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  - Sexual and Reproductive Health Law, 2007
  - The Official Description of the Medical Technology of Surgical Abortion
  - Medical Treatment Law
  - Sexual and Reproductive Health Amended, 2018

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

  Source document: WHO Safe Abortion Guidance (page 102)
Additional Requirements to Access Safe Abortion

### Health

- **Yes**

  **Related documents:**
  - Organisational Procedure for Termination of Pregnancy, 2003 (page 2)

**Gestational limit**

- **Weeks:** 24

  **Related documents:**
  - Organisational Procedure for Termination of Pregnancy, 2003 (page 2)

**WHO Guidance**

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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.

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### Life

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**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)

### Other

- **Medical indications**

  **Related documents:**
  - Sexual and Reproductive Health Law, 2007 (page 6)
  - Organisational Procedure for Termination of Pregnancy, 2003 (page 1)
  - Sexual and Reproductive Health Amended, 2018 (page 1)

**Additional notes**

The gestational limit is 24 weeks.
Authorization of health professional(s)

- Yes

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

Number and cadre of health-care professional authorizations required

Doctor's Council
Specialist Doctor, Including OB/GYN

Authorization 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: convocate 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 organized 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.

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

WHO Guidance

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- Not specified
- Medical Treatment Law

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.

Additional notes

- Organisational Procedure for Termination of Pregnancy, 2003
- Medical Treatment Law
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Parental consent required for minors

Yes

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- 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
- Sexual and Reproductive Health Law, 2007

Age where consent not needed

16

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- 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.

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WHO Guidance

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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.

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Vacuum aspiration
Yes (Up to 12 WEEKS)
- The Official Description of the Medical Technology of Surgical Abortion (page 1)

Dilatation and evacuation
Yes (Up to 12 WEEKS)
- The Official Description of the Medical Technology of Surgical Abortion (page 1)

Combination mifepristone-misoprostol
Yes (63 DAYS)
- The Official Description of the Medical Technology of Medical Abortion (page 1)

Misoprostol only
Not specified
- The Official Description of the Medical Technology of Medical Abortion

Other (where provided)

**WHO Guidance**

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)
### Where can abortion services be provided

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| 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. |

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**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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The facilities and skills required to manage most abortion complications are similar to those needed to care for women who have had a spontaneous abortion (miscarriage). Safe Abortion Guidelines § 2.2.6.

**Source document:** WHO Safe Abortion Guidance (page 57)

### 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.

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)

### Insurance to offset end user costs

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:**

- Healthcare Organisation and Financing Cabinet

**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)
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)
### Conscientious Objection

#### 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

**WHO Guidance**

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

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*Source document: WHO Safe Abortion Guidance (page 106)*
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- *Source document: WHO Safe Abortion Guidance (page 106)*

### Provider type not specified

**Yes**

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

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### Neither Type of Provider Permitted

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

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### Public facilities

**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

1.1.1 Proportion of population below the international poverty line, by sex, age, employment status and geographical location (urban/rural)  
No data

1.3.1 Proportion of population covered by social protection floors/systems, by sex, distinguishing children, unemployed persons, older persons, persons with disabilities, pregnant women, newborns, work-injury victims and the poor and the vulnerable  
No data

1.4.2 Proportion of total government spending on essential services (education, health and social protection)  
No data

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

3.1.1 Maternal mortality ratio
3.1.2 Proportion of births attended by skilled health personnel
No data

3.7.1 Proportion of women of reproductive age (aged 15-49 years) who have their need for family planning satisfied with modern methods
No data

3.7.2 Adolescent birth rate (aged 10-14 years; aged 15-19 years) per 1,000 women in that age group
13.5 (2015-2020)

3.8.2 Number of people covered by health insurance or a public health system per 1,000 population
No data

3.c.1 Health worker density and distribution
No data

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

4.1.1 Proportion of children and young people: (a) in grades 2/3; (b) at the end of primary; and (c) at the end of lower secondary achieving at least a minimum proficiency level in (i) reading and (ii) mathematics, by sex
No data

Goal 5. Achieve gender equality and empower all women and girls

5.1.1 Whether or not legal frameworks are in place to promote, enforce and monitor equality and nondiscrimination on the basis of sex
No data

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
No data

5.2.2 Proportion of women and girls aged 15 years and older subjected to sexual violence by persons other than an intimate partner in the previous 12 months, by age and place of occurrence
No data

5.3.1 Proportion of women aged 20-24 years who were married or in a union before age 15 and before age 18
No data

5.3.2 Proportion of girls and women aged 15-49 years who have undergone female genital mutilation/cutting, by age
No data

5.6.1 Proportion of women aged 15-49 years who make their own informed decisions regarding sexual relations, contraceptive use and reproductive health care
No data

5.6.2 Number of countries with laws and regulations that guarantee women aged 15-49 years access to sexual and reproductive health care, information and education
No data

5.a.1 (a) Proportion of total agricultural population with ownership or secure rights over agricultural land, by sex; and (b) share of women among owners or rights-bearers of agricultural land, by type of tenure
No data

5.b.1 Proportion of individuals who own a mobile telephone, by sex
No data

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

16.2.3 Proportion of young women and men aged 18-29 years who experienced sexual violence by age 18

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

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

16.6.1 Primary government expenditures as a proportion of original approved budget, by sector (or by budget codes or similar)

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

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

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

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

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

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

17.8.1 Proportion of individuals using the Internet

**Additional Reproductive Health Indicators**

- Percentage of married women with unmet need for family planning
- Percentage of births attended by trained health professional
- Percentage of women aged 20-24 who gave birth before age 18
- Total fertility rate
- Legal marital age for women, with parental consent
- Legal marital age for women, without parental consent
- Gender Inequalities Index (Value)
- Gender Inequalities Index (Rank)
- Mandatory paid maternity leave
- Median age
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