Country Profile: Republic of Moldova

Region: 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

Concluding Observations:
- CEDAW
- CEDAW
- CESC
- CRC
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- HRC
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- WG - DWLP

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

List of ratified human rights treaties:
- CERD
- CCPR
- Xst
- OP
- 2nd
- OP
- CESC
- CESC-OP
- CAT
- CAT-OP
- CEDAW
- CEDAW-OP
- CRC
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- CED **

Abortion at the woman's request

- Gestational limit: 12 weeks

Legal Ground and Gestational Limit

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Related documents:
- Regulation on Voluntary Interruption of Pregnancy in Safe Conditions
### WHO Guidance

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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

**Related documents:**
- Regulation on Voluntary Interruption of Pregnancy in Safe Conditions (page 8)

### Gestational limit

**Weeks:** 21
- Regulation on Voluntary Interruption of Pregnancy in Safe Conditions (page 8)

### WHO Guidance

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

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)

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.

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

### Rape

**Related documents:**
- Regulation on Voluntary Interruption of Pregnancy in Safe Conditions (page 13)

### Gestational limit

**Weeks:** 21
- Regulation on Voluntary Interruption of Pregnancy in Safe Conditions (page 13)

### WHO Guidance

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**Source document:** WHO Safe Abortion Guidance (page 102)

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

### Incest

**Related documents:**
- Regulation on Voluntary Interruption of Pregnancy in Safe Conditions (page 13)

### Gestational limit

**Weeks:** 21
- Regulation on Voluntary Interruption of Pregnancy in Safe Conditions (page 8)

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Related documents:
- Regulation on Voluntary Interruption of Pregnancy in Safe Conditions (page 8)
- Law on Patient Rights and Responsibilities (page 5)

**Gestational limit**

Week: 21

Related documents:
- Regulation on Voluntary Interruption of Pregnancy in Safe Conditions (page 8)

**WHO Guidance**

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

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.

Related documents:
- WHO Safe Abortion Guidance (page 102)
- WHO Safe Abortion Guidance (page 103)

**Additional notes**

The gestational limit for abortion in the case of the listed diseases and conditions is the end of week 21.

Authorization of health professional(s)

Yes

Related documents:
- Regulation on Voluntary Interruption of Pregnancy in Safe Conditions (page 6)
- Criminal Code (page 66)

Number and cadre of health-care professional authorizations required

Medical Advisory Board

Abortions after 12 weeks of gestation need to be approved by a Medical Advisory Board of a public health care facility. The Board is composed of a specialist obstetrician gynecologist, the medical director of the public medical institution, the institution's lawyer and its obstetrics chief and a specialist in internal medicine.

Related documents:
- Regulation on Voluntary Interruption of Pregnancy in Safe Conditions (page 6)
### Authorization in specially licensed facilities only

**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**

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### Judicial authorization for minors

**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)

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### Judicial authorization in cases of rape

**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. Safe Abortion Guidelines, § 4.2.2.

**Source document:** WHO Safe Abortion Guidance (page 105)

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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
Police report required in case of rape

- Not specified

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Related documents:
- Regulation on Voluntary Interruption of Pregnancy in Safe Conditions
- Standards for Pregnancy Termination in Safe Conditions
- Reproductive Health Law

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Additional notes

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Parental consent required for minors

- Yes

Related documents:
- Regulation on Voluntary Interruption of Pregnancy in Safe Conditions (page 4)
- Reproductive Health Law (page 4)
- Law on Patient Rights and Responsibilities (page 6)

**Can another adult consent in place of a parent?**

- Yes

Pregnant women under the age of 16 require the consent of their legal representative unless the pregnancy endangers the life of the pregnant woman. If it is impossible to obtain the consent of the representative and when medical services are required to preserve a minor's life and her health, her voluntary consent is sufficient. In this situation, the decision is taken by the advisory service providers in the best interest of the minor, in accordance with the regulations of the Ministry of Health.

- Regulation on Voluntary Interruption of Pregnancy in Safe Conditions (page 4)
- Reproductive Health Law (page 4)
- Law on Patient Rights and Responsibilities (page 6)

**Age where consent not needed**

- 16

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- Regulation on Voluntary Interruption of Pregnancy in Safe Conditions (page 4)
- Reproductive Health Law (page 4)
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**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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Spousal consent

- Not specified

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Ultrasound images or listen to foetal heartbeat required

- Regulation on Voluntary Interruption of Pregnancy in Safe Conditions
- Standards for Pregnancy Termination in Safe Conditions
- Reproductive Health Law

WHO Guidance

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Related documents:
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- Standards for Pregnancy Termination in Safe Conditions
- Reproductive Health Law

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.

Source document: WHO Safe Abortion Guidance (page 19)

Compulsory counselling

- Regulation on Voluntary Interruption of Pregnancy in Safe Conditions
- Standards for Pregnancy Termination in Safe Conditions
- Reproductive Health Law

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.

Source document: WHO Safe Abortion Guidance (page 46)

Compulsory waiting period

- Regulation on Voluntary Interruption of Pregnancy in Safe Conditions
- Standards for Pregnancy Termination in Safe Conditions
- Reproductive Health Law

WHO Guidance

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Not specified

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

- 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

- Yes, guidelines issued by the government

**Related documents:**
- Standards for Pregnancy Termination in Safe Conditions (page 1)

### Methods allowed

#### Vacuum aspiration
- Yes (12 WEEKS)
  - Regulation on Voluntary Interruption of Pregnancy in Safe Conditions (page 5)
  - Standards for Pregnancy Termination in Safe Conditions (page 2)

#### Dilatation and evacuation
- Not specified
  - Regulation on Voluntary Interruption of Pregnancy in Safe Conditions
  - Standards for Pregnancy Termination in Safe Conditions

#### Combination mifepristone-misoprostol
- Yes (21 WEEKS)
  - Regulation on Voluntary Interruption of Pregnancy in Safe Conditions (page 5)
  - Standards for Pregnancy Termination in Safe Conditions (page 8)

#### Misoprostol only
- Yes (13-21 WEEKS)
  - Standards for Pregnancy Termination in Safe Conditions (page 10)

#### Other (where provided)
- Dilation and Curettage (12 WEEKS)
  - Dilation and curettage is specified but not recommended.
  - Standards for Pregnancy Termination in Safe Conditions (page 4)

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**WHO Guidance**

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Vacuum aspiration is the recommended technique of surgical abortion for pregnancies of up to 12 to 14 weeks of gestation. The procedure...
Country recognized approval (mifepristone / mifepristone / mifepristone)

Yes

Related documents:

Pharmacy selling or distribution

Not specified

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WHO Guidance

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The combination of mifepristone and misoprostol for medical abortion is included on the WHO model list of essential medicines. Safe Abortion Guidelines, § 2.2.5

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)

Country recognized approval (misoprostol)

Yes, for gynaecological indications

Related documents:

Misoprostol allowed to be sold or distributed by pharmacies or drug stores

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Where can abortion services be provided

Related documents:

Primary health-care centres

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- **Private health-care centres or clinics**
  
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- **NGO health-care centres or clinics**
  
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Other (if applicable)

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- **WHO Guidance**

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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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| Contraception included in post-abortion care     | Yes |
| Related documents:                               | Regulation on Voluntary Interruption of Pregnancy in Safe Conditions (page 5) |
| 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. |
Who can provide abortion services

- Nurse
  - No
- Midwife/nurse-midwife
  - No
- Doctor (specialty not specified)
  - No
- Specialist doctor, including OB/GYN
  - Yes
  - Regulation on Voluntary Interruption of Pregnancy in Safe Conditions (page 3)

Other (if applicable)

Residents in obstetrics and gynecology can perform voluntary interruption of pregnancy under the supervision of those responsible for their training.

- Regulation on Voluntary Interruption of Pregnancy in Safe Conditions (page 3)

Insurance to offset end user costs

- Yes

Related documents:
- Reproductive Health Law (page 1)

Induced abortion for all women

- Yes
- Reproductive Health Law (page 1)

Induced abortion for poor women only

- No
- Reproductive Health Law (page 1)

Abortion complications

- Not specified
- Reproductive Health Law

Private health coverage

- No data found

Other (if applicable)

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**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.

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**WHO Guidance**

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

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.
Conscientious Objection

**Extra facility/provider requirements for delivery of abortion services**

- **Referral linkages to a higher-level facility**
  - Not specified
  - Regulation on Voluntary Interruption of Pregnancy in Safe Conditions
  - Standards for Pregnancy Termination in Safe Conditions

- **Availability of a specialist doctor, including OB/GYN**
  - Yes
  - Regulation on Voluntary Interruption of Pregnancy in Safe Conditions (page 3)
  - Standards for Pregnancy Termination in Safe Conditions (page 1)

- **Minimum number of beds**
  - Not specified
  - Regulation on Voluntary Interruption of Pregnancy in Safe Conditions
  - Standards for Pregnancy Termination in Safe Conditions

**Other (if applicable)**

### 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:**  
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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)

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

1.a.2 Proportion of total government spending on essential services (education, health and social protection)

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

3.7.1 Proportion of women of reproductive age (aged 15-49 years) who have their need for family planning satisfied with modern methods

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

3.8.2 Number of people covered by health insurance or a public health system per 1,000 population

3.c.1 Health worker density and distribution

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

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

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

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

5.3.1 Proportion of women aged 20-24 years who were married or in a union before age 15 and before age 18
5.3.2 Proportion of girls and women aged 15-49 years who have undergone female genital mutilation/cutting, by age

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

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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

5.b.1 Proportion of individuals who own a mobile telephone, by sex

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

17.8.1 Proportion of individuals using the Internet

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### Additional Reproductive Health Indicators

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