

Country Profile: Liberia

Region: Western Africa

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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 Criminal / Penal Code:

- [Penal Law - Title 26 - Liberian Code of Laws Revised. § 16.3. Abortion.](#)

From Health Regulation / Clinical Guidelines:

- [Liberia National Guidelines for Comprehensive Abortion Care, 2019](#)
- [Liberia Clinic Treatment Guidelines, 2023](#)

From EML / Registered List:

- [National Therapeutic Guidelines and Essential Medicines List, 2017](#)

List of ratified human rights treaties:

- ✓ CERD
- ✓ CCPR
- Xst OP
- ✓ 2nd OP
- ✓ CESC
- CESCR-OP
- ✓ CAT
- ✓ CAT-OP
- ✓ CEDAW
- CEDAW-OP
- ✓ CRC
- CRC:OPSC
- CRC:OPAC
- CRC:OPIC
- CMW
- ✓ CRPD *
- CRPD-OP
- CED **
- ✓ Maputo Protocol

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Concluding Observations:

- [CRC](#)
- [HRC](#)
- [CEDAW](#)

Persons who can be sanctioned:

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

Abortion at the woman's request

Legal Ground and Gestational Limit

Economic or social reasons



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.

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WHO Guidance

The following descriptions were extracted from WHO Abortion Care Guideline. Where there is a specific Recommendation, this is stated. Otherwise, these are excerpts.

Health grounds shall reflect WHO's definitions of health, which entails a state of complete physical, mental and social well-being and not merely the absence of disease or infirmity. Abortion Care Guideline § 2.2.2.

Source document: [WHO Abortion Care Guideline \(page 16\)](#)

