

# Country Profile: Eswatini

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Region: Southern Africa

## 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 General Medical Health Act:

- [Health Act, 2023](#)

#### From Constitution:

- [The Constitution, 2005](#)

#### From Health Regulation / Clinical Guidelines:

- [Standard Treatment Guidelines and EML, 2021](#)

#### From Abortion Specific Law:

- [Essential Healthcare Package, 2010](#)

#### From Other:

- National Policy on Sexual and Reproductive Health, 2013

## List of ratified human rights treaties:

- ✓ CERD
- ✓ CCPR
- Xst OP
- 2nd OP
- ✓ CESC
- ✓ CESC-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:

- [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

No

### Related documents:

- [The Constitution, 2005 \(page 15 \)](#)
- [Health Act, 2023 \(page 24 \)](#)



### 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 \(page 16\)](#)































