Country Profile: Singapore

Region: South-Eastern Asia

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 Code, 2008

From Health Regulation / Clinical Guidelines:
- Termination of Pregnancy Guidelines, 2015
- Termination of Pregnancy Regulations as Amended, 1999

From Abortion Specific Law:
- Termination of Pregnancy Act as Amended, 1985

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:
- None

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

- Gestational limit: 24 weeks

Legal Ground and Gestational Limit

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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)

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- Penal Code, 2008 (page 145) |
| Rape | No | - Termination of Pregnancy Act as Amended, 1985 (page 2)  
- Penal Code, 2008 (page 145) |
| Incest | No | - Termination of Pregnancy Act as Amended, 1985 (page 2)  
- Penal Code, 2008 (page 145) |
| Intellectual or cognitive disability of the woman | No | - Termination of Pregnancy Act as Amended, 1985 (page 2)  
- Penal Code, 2008 (page 145) |
| Mental health | Yes | - Termination of Pregnancy Act as Amended, 1985 (page 2) |

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)

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

Weeks: No limit specified

Termination of pregnancy can be carried out after 24 week if “the treatment is immediately necessary to save the life or to prevent grave permanent injury to the physical or mental health of the pregnant woman.”

- Termination of Pregnancy Act as Amended, 1985 (page 2)

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**WHO Guidance**

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

Physical health

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)

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)

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Weeks: No limit specified

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- Termination of Pregnancy Act as Amended, 1985 (page 2)

- Termination of Pregnancy Act as Amended, 1985 (page 2)

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**WHO Guidance**

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Physical health

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)

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

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**Health**

No

Related documents:

- Termination of Pregnancy Act as Amended, 1985 (page 2)

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**WHO Guidance**

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

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**

Yes

Related documents:

- Termination of Pregnancy Act as Amended, 1985 (page 2)
### Additional Requirements to Access Safe Abortion

**Authorization of health professional(s)**

- **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:**

- Termination of Pregnancy Act as Amended, 1985
- Termination of Pregnancy Regulations as Amended, 1999
- Penal Code, 2008

**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.

**Authorization in specially licensed facilities only**

- Yes

**Related documents:**

- Termination of Pregnancy Regulations as Amended, 1999

**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.

**Judicial authorization for minors**

- 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.

**Additional notes**

- Facilities must seek authorisation from Ministry of Health.
Judicial authorization in cases of rape

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)

Police report required in case of rape

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

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)

Parental consent required for minors

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:

- Termination of Pregnancy Act as Amended, 1985
- Termination of Pregnancy Regulations as Amended, 1999
- Penal Code, 2008

Spousal consent

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:

- Termination of Pregnancy Act as Amended, 1985
- Termination of Pregnancy Regulations as Amended, 1999
- Penal Code, 2008
### Ultrasound images or listen to foetal heartbeat required

- **Source document**: WHO Safe Abortion Guidance (page 105)
- **Related documents**:
  - Termination of Pregnancy Act as Amended, 1985
  - Termination of Pregnancy Regulations as Amended, 1999
  - Penal Code, 2008

### Compulsory counselling

- **Source document**: WHO Safe Abortion Guidance (page 19)

### Compulsory waiting period

- **Yes**
- **Related documents**:
  - Termination of Pregnancy Regulations as Amended, 1999 (page 2)

### Waiting period

- **End of first counseling session**
- **Two days (at least 48 hours), unless termination is immediately necessary to save the life or prevent grave permanent injury to the physical or mental health of a pregnant woman**

### Mandatory HIV screening test

- **Not specified**
- **Source document**: WHO Safe Abortion Guidance (page 107)
### Related documents:
- Termination of Pregnancy Act as Amended, 1985
- Termination of Pregnancy Regulations as Amended, 1999
- Penal Code, 2008

### 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**

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**Related documents:**
- Termination of Pregnancy Act as Amended, 1985
- Termination of Pregnancy Regulations as Amended, 1999
- Penal Code, 2008

### Prohibition of sex-selective abortion

**Not specified**

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**Related documents:**
- Termination of Pregnancy Act as Amended, 1985
- Termination of Pregnancy Regulations as Amended, 1999
- Penal Code, 2008

### 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.

**Source document:** Preventing Gender-Biased Sex Selection (page 17)

### Restrictions on information provided to the public

**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:**
- Termination of Pregnancy Act as Amended, 1985
- Termination of Pregnancy Regulations as Amended, 1999
- Termination of Pregnancy Guidelines, 2015
- Penal Code, 2008

### WHO Guidance

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

States should refrain from limiting access to means of maintaining sexual and reproductive health, including censoring, withholding or intentionally misrepresenting health-related information. Safe Abortion Guidelines, § 4.2.2.7.
Restrictions on methods to detect sex of the foetus

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:
- Termination of Pregnancy Act as Amended, 1985
- Termination of Pregnancy Regulations as Amended, 1999
- Termination of Pregnancy Guidelines, 2015
- Penal Code, 2008

Citizenship/Residency Requirements - To be eligible to receive an abortion in Singapore, women must be:
- 1. Citizens of Singapore, or a wife of a citizen of Singapore
- 2. A holder, or the wife of a holder, of a work pass issued under the Employment of Foreign Manpower Act
- 3. A resident in Singapore for a period of at least 4 months immediately preceding the date on which such treatment is to be carried out
- 4. Persons in exceptional circumstances, where an abortion is necessary to save the life of the pregnant woman.

Referral of unmarried girls below 16 years of age for pre-abortion counselling at the Institute of Health Counselling Centre (IOH) where a certificate of Attendance (COA) will be issued which the girl needs to produce in order to access an abortion

Related documents:
- Termination of Pregnancy Act as Amended, 1985 (page 2)
- Termination of Pregnancy Regulations as Amended, 1999 (page 2)
- Termination of Pregnancy Regulations as Amended, 1999 (page 1)
- Termination of Pregnancy Guidelines, 2015 (page 4)

Clinical and Service-delivery Aspects of Abortion Care

National guidelines for induced abortion

Yes, guidelines issued by the government

Related documents:
- Termination of Pregnancy Act as Amended, 1985 (page 1)
- Termination of Pregnancy Regulations as Amended, 1999 (page 1)
- Termination of Pregnancy Guidelines, 2015 (page 1)

Methods allowed

Vacuum aspiration

Not specified

- Termination of Pregnancy Act as Amended, 1985
- Termination of Pregnancy Regulations as Amended, 1999
- Termination of Pregnancy Guidelines, 2015

Dilatation and evacuation

Not specified

- Termination of Pregnancy Act as Amended, 1985
- Termination of Pregnancy Regulations as Amended, 1999
- Termination of Pregnancy Guidelines, 2015


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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### Country recognized approval (mifepristone / mife-misoprostol)

- Termination of Pregnancy Act as Amended, 1985
- Termination of Pregnancy Regulations as Amended, 1999
- Termination of Pregnancy Guidelines, 2015

### Combination mifepristone-misoprostol

Not specified

- Termination of Pregnancy Act as Amended, 1985
- Termination of Pregnancy Regulations as Amended, 1999
- Termination of Pregnancy Guidelines, 2015

### Misoprostol only

Not specified

- Termination of Pregnancy Act as Amended, 1985
- Termination of Pregnancy Regulations as Amended, 1999
- Termination of Pregnancy Guidelines, 2015

### Other (where provided)

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### WHO Guidance

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)

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### Country recognized approval (misoprostol)

No data found

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### Related documents:

- Termination of Pregnancy Act as Amended, 1985 (page 2)
- Termination of Pregnancy Regulations as Amended, 1999 (page 1)
National guidelines for post-abortion care

Where can post-abortion care services be provided

Primary health-care centres
Yes
The facilities must be approved by the Ministry of Health.

Secondary (district-level) health-care facilities
Not specified

Specialized abortion care public facilities
Not specified

Private health-care centres or clinics
Not specified

NGO health-care centres or clinics
Not specified

Other (if applicable)
Medical facilities other than hospitals which have been approved by the Ministry of Health.

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.

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 18)
### Contraception included in post-abortion care

- Yes

**Related documents:**
- Termination of Pregnancy Guidelines, 2015 (page 10)

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### Insurance to offset end user costs

- No data found

**Other (if applicable)**

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### Who can provide abortion services

- Nurse
  - Not specified
- Midwife/nurse-midwife

**Related documents:**
- Termination of Pregnancy Act as Amended, 1985 (page 2)
- Termination of Pregnancy Regulations as Amended, 1999 (page 1)
- Termination of Pregnancy Guidelines, 2015 (page 2)

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**WHO Guidance**

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

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)

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**WHO Guidance**

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)

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**WHO Guidance**

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)
Abortions can be performed by “medical practitioner who is authorised under any regulations made under this Act to carry out treatment to terminate pregnancy”

The Termination of Pregnancy Regulations specify: (1) A medical practitioner who —

(a) after being registered under the Medical Registration Act; and

(b) has had 24 months experience or such period as the Minister may determine, in an obstetric and gynaecological unit of a hospital recognised by the Minister,

may apply to the Minister for an authorisation to carry out treatment to terminate any pregnancy which is of not more than 16 weeks duration.

(2) A medical practitioner who —

(a) holds the degree of Master of Medicine (Obstetrics and Gynaecology) of the University of Singapore or the National University of Singapore; or

(b) is a Member or Fellow of a Royal College of Obstetricians and Gynaecologists,

may apply to the Minister for an authorisation to carry out treatment to terminate any pregnancy which is of not more than 24 weeks duration.

(3) The authorisation of the Minister to carry out treatment to terminate any pregnancy may be subject to such conditions as he thinks fit.

(4) The Minister may revoke the authorisation given to a medical practitioner under this regulation without giving any reason.

However, only specialists with Obstetrics & Gynaecology qualifications will be given approval to terminate pregnancies that are up to 24 weeks duration.

References:
- Termination of Pregnancy Act as Amended, 1985 (page 1)
- Termination of Pregnancy Regulations as Amended, 1999 (page 1)
- Termination of Pregnancy Guidelines, 2015 (page 3)
Conscientious Objection

- **Public sector providers**

  - **Related documents:**
    - Termination of Pregnancy Act as Amended, 1985 (page 3 see note)

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

    - **Not specified**
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    - Termination of Pregnancy Act as Amended, 1985

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

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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.

- **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

- Termination of Pregnancy Act as Amended, 1985
- Termination of Pregnancy Regulations as Amended, 1999
- Termination of Pregnancy Guidelines, 2015

**Availability of a specialist doctor, including OB/GYN**

- Not specified

- Termination of Pregnancy Act as Amended, 1985
- Termination of Pregnancy Regulations as Amended, 1999
- Termination of Pregnancy Guidelines, 2015

**Minimum number of beds**

- Not specified

- Termination of Pregnancy Act as Amended, 1985
- Termination of Pregnancy Regulations as Amended, 1999
- Termination of Pregnancy Guidelines, 2015

**Other (if applicable)**

-An approved institution must maintain its premises in a reasonable state of cleanliness and to provide a qualified medical practitioner, a nurse, a trained counsellor and, where general anaesthesia is to be induced, an anaesthetist during the termination of a pregnancy.

- Termination of Pregnancy Act as Amended, 1985
- Termination of Pregnancy Regulations as Amended, 1999
- Termination of Pregnancy Guidelines, 2015

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**WHO Guidance**

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

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

Health-care professionals who claim conscientious objection must refer the woman to another willing and trained provider in the same, or another easily accessible health-care facility. Where referral is not possible, the health-care professional who objects, must provide safe abortion to save the woman’s life, to prevent serious injury to her health and provide urgent care when women present with complications from an unsafe or illegal abortion. Safe Abortion Guidelines, § 4.2.2.5.

**Additional notes**

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**Related documents:**
- Termination of Pregnancy Act as Amended, 1985 (page 3 see note)

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**Neither Type of Provider Permitted**

**Related documents:**
- Termination of Pregnancy Act as Amended, 1985 (page 3 see note)

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Source document: WHO Safe Abortion Guidance (page 106)

**Additional notes**

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**Public facilities**

Not specified

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**Related documents:**
- Termination of Pregnancy Act as Amended, 1985
- Termination of Pregnancy Regulations as Amended, 1999
- Termination of Pregnancy Guidelines, 2015

**WHO Guidance**

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

The respect, protection and fulfilment of human rights require that governments ensure abortion services, that are allowable by law, are accessible in practice. Safe Abortion Guidelines, § 4.2.2.5.

Source document: WHO Safe Abortion Guidance (page 106)

**Private facilities**

Not specified

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**Related documents:**
- Termination of Pregnancy Act as Amended, 1985
- Termination of Pregnancy Regulations as Amended, 1999
- Termination of Pregnancy Guidelines, 2015

**WHO Guidance**

The following descriptions and recommendations were extracted from WHO guidance on safe abortion.
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.a.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  8 (2017)
### 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

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No data

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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

No data

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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

3.7 (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

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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

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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

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 to 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

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### Additional Reproductive Health Indicators

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