

## ABORTION LAW OF JURISDICTIONS AROUND THE WORLD

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Country	Category of abortion law	Other details of law	Year law(s) / regulations changed R = restricted L = liberalised	Codes Statutes Decrees/orders (Date given is date of enactment – some laws came into force at a later date)
Afghanistan	2	L	-	Penal Code of 7 October 1976, Chapter 4, arts 402 - 406
Albania	5	PA GL12	1989 L 1991 L 1992 L 1995 L	Criminal Code of 15 June 1977 s95 Order No. 1765 of 17 June 1989 Directive of 8 June 1991 of Ministry of Health  Law No. 8045 of 7 December 1995 on the interruption of pregnancy
Algeria	3	MH	1976 L 1985 L	Criminal Code of 8 June 1966, arts 304-313 Public Health Code (Ordinance No. 76-79 of 23 October 1976, arts 28 and 414) Law on the Protection and Promotion of Public Health (Act No. 85-05 of 16 February 1985, art 72)
Andorra	1		-	Penal Code of 11 July 1990, arts 185 - 188
Angola	3	MH/R/ F/PA	-	Pre-1975 Portuguese Penal Code, arts 142 - 146
Anguilla (British Overseas Territory)	4	F	-	Criminal Code as amended 15 December 2000 ss 183-185
Antigua & Barbuda	2	L	-	Offences Against the Person Act 1873 cap 58, part IX, ss 53-54 Infant Life (Preservation) Act of 8 December 1937 cap 216
Argentina	5	GL14	1984 L  2012 L 2020 L	Penal Code of 1921 arts 85-88 Law No. 17567 of 6 December 1967 Decree No. 3992/84 of 21 December 1984 Resolution No. 989/2005 of 9 August 2005 of Ministry of Health and Environment F, AL decision F. 259 Libro XLVI Supreme Court, 12 March 2012 Law of Voluntary Interruption of Pregnancy 27.610 of 30 December 2020

Armenia	5	PA GL12	See Russia before 1992 2016 R	Law on Reproductive Health and Reproductive Rights, 11 December 2002  Amendment to art 10 of 2002 law, 29 June 2016
Aruba (Kingdom of the Netherlands)	1	-	-	Penal code, arts 308-312
Australia	5	FS		Varies according to state Australian Capital Territory: Crimes (Abolition of Offence of Abortion) Act No. 24 of 9 September 2002 and Medical Practitioners (Maternal Health) Amendment Act No. 26) of 9 September 2002 New South Wales: Crimes Act 1900 arts 82 - 84, as amended 2003; Abortion Law Reform Act of 2 October 2019 Northern Territory: Criminal Code Act 1900 ss 208B-C and Medical Services Act s 11, as amended 2006; Termination of Pregnancy Law Reform Act of 1 July 2017; Termination of Pregnancy Law Reform Legislation Amendment Act 2021 Queensland: Criminal Code 1899 ss 224-226, 282, 292, 294 and 313, as amended 2009; Termination of Pregnancy Act of 25 October 2018 South Australia: Criminal Law Consolidation Act 1935 ss 81 – 82A, as amended 2003; Termination of Pregnancy Act of 11 March 2021 Tasmania: Reproductive Health (Access to Terminations) Act 2013 Victoria: Abortion Law Reform Act of 10 October 2008 Western Australia: Criminal Code Act, Compilation Act s199 and Health Act 1911 ss 334-335; Law No. 15 of 26 May 1988 s 7(1) <i>Abortion is decriminalised in ACT, New South Wales, Northern Territory, Queensland, South Australia, Tasmania and Victoria</i>
Austria	5	GL90D	1974 L	Penal Code of 1852 (Law No. 117) ss 96-98 Federal law No. 60 of 23 January 1974
Azerbaijan	5	GL12	See Russia before 1992	Law on protection of public health, 26 June 1999, as amended 25 March 2003
Bahamas	3	-	-	Penal Code of 1924, ss 315, 330 and 334, as revised
Bahrain	2		-	Penal Code of 20 March 1976, arts 321-323 Decree-Law No. 24 of 1977 Legislative Decree on the Practice of Human Medicine and Dentistry 1989 art 19
Bangladesh	2		-	Penal Code of India (Act XLV) of 6 October 1860, ss 312-316

				1979 Menstrual regulation noted by Government not to come under Penal Code
Barbados	4	PA/R/I/F	1983 L	Offences Against the Person Act 1868 ss 61 and 62 Medical Termination of Pregnancy Act of 10 May 1983 cap 44A
Belarus	5	GL12	2013 R	Law No. 363-W of 20 June 2008 on Amendments and Supplements to the Law of the Republic of Belarus on Health Care of 1993 Bylaw of the Council of Ministers #23 of 11 January 2013 Law on Healthcare 2014
Belgium	5	GL14	1990 L 2018 L	Penal Code of 1867, arts 348 and 350-352 Law of 20 June 1923 Law of 3 April 1990 on termination of pregnancy Law of 13 August 1991: National Evaluation Committee Law of 15 October 2018: abortion on request removed from Penal Code
Belize	4	F	1980 L	Criminal Code of 2000, Cap 101, ss 111 - 113
Benin	4	GL12	2003 L 2021 L	Penal Code, revised in 1958 Code of Medical Ethics, Ordinance No. 73-14 of 8 February 1973 art 37 Law No. 2003-04 of 3 March 2003 on Reproductive & Sexual Health Ch 4, art 17 Law No. 2021-12 of 21 October 2021
Bermuda (British Overseas Territory)	3	R/F		Criminal Code Amendment Act of 2 August 1983
Bhutan	2	R/I/+	2004 L	Penal Code of 2004, arts 146 and 147
Bolivia	3	R/I/MH	2014 L 2017 L	Penal Code, the ordered text under Law No. 1768 of 10 March 1977, arts 263-269 Plurinational Constitutional Court decision 0206/2014 of 5 February 2014 Revised Penal Code of 15 December 2017
Bosnia-Herzegovina	5	PA GL12		Law 01-501/08 on the conditions and procedures for abortion, 20 March 2008
Botswana	3	R/I/F/MH	1991 L	Penal Code of 1964 Penal Code (Amendment) Act of 11 October 1991
Brazil	2	R/+	2012 L	Penal Code: Decree No. 2.848 of 7 December 1940 arts 124 - 128 Decree Law of 3 October 1941, art 20 Law No. 6734 of 4 December 1979 Order No. 1058/GM of 1 September 2005 of Ministry of Health Supreme Court ruling ADPF 54/DF of 12 April 2012

British Virgin Islands (British Overseas Territory)	2	F		Criminal Code of 2 May 1997 ss 139 and 140
Brunei Darussalam	2		-	Penal Code of 22 October 2013 arts 161-164
Bulgaria	5	GL12	1956 L 1968 R 1973 R 1990 L	Ministry of Public Health instructions of 27 April 1956 Decree No. 188 Decree No. 0-27 of 20 April 1973 Decree No. 2 of 1 February 1990
Burkina Faso	3	R/I/F	1996 L	Penal Code Law No. 043/96/ADP of 13 November 1996 amending the Penal Code of 1984, arts 383 – 390 Law No. 049-2005 concerning reproductive health of 9 February 2006, Ch III, art 21
Burundi	3	-	-	Decree-Law No. 16 of 4 April 1981 s 357 Penal Code revision of 22 April 2009 arts 505-511
Cambodia	5	PA GL14	1997 L	Royal Kram No. NS/SKM/0196/06 of 12 November 1997
Cameroon	3	R	-	Penal Code Ch V ss 337-339 of 12 June 1967 (English and French versions are not identical!) Law No. 80-10 of July 1980
Canada	5	GL not specified	1988 L	1892 Criminal Code s 251 Amendments to s 251 of Criminal Code, 28 August 1969 <i>R v Morgentaler</i> 28 January 1988 (Supreme Court of Canada) Canada Health Act 1984 1995 Access to Abortion Services Act <i>Abortion is decriminalised</i>
Cape Verde	5	GL12	1986 L	Law 9/III/86 of 31 December 1986
Cayman Islands (British Overseas Territory)	2	-	-	Penal Code, 2019 revision, arts 199
Central African Rep.	3	F/R/I/+	-	Law No. 06.005 on Reproductive Health of 20 June 2006 Penal Code, Law No. 10.001 of 6 January 2010 arts 78-80
Chad	3	F/R/I/MH	2002 L	Decree No. 55-1591 of 28 November 1995 concerning the Professional Code of Ethics, art 38 Law No. 006/PR/2002 of 15 April 2002 on the Promotion of Reproductive Health Ch 4, arts 14 and 21 Penal Code Law No. 001/PR/2017 of 12 December 2016 arts 356-358
Chile	2	R/F		Penal Code of 12 November 1874 ss 342-345

			1931 L 1989 R 2017 L	Health Code 1931 Health Code No. 725 of 11 December 1967 Law No. 18.826 of 24 August 1989 art 119 Law No. 21.030 of 23 September 2017
China	5	S GL not specified	-       2021 R	Regulations on Contraception and Abortion, August 1953 Criminal Code of 1 July 1979 Law on Maternal and Infant Health Care, 27 October 1994 China (Macao Special Administrative Region) Decree-Law No. 59/95/M of 27 November 1995 Hong Kong retains its Offences Against the Person (Amendment) Ordinance no. 13 of 12 February 1981: category 3 (R/I/F) Ten-year outline for women's development of 27 September 2021
Colombia	5	GL24	2006 L  2009 L 2022 L	Penal Code, promulgated by law 599 of 24 July 2000, arts 122-124 Decision T-355/06 of 10 May 2006 Decree No. 4444 of 13 December 2006 of Ministry of Social Protection Decision T-388/09 of 28 May 2009 Decision of the Constitutional Court of 22 February 2022
Comoros	3	-	-	Penal Code: Act No. 82-03P/AF of 19 November 1982 art 304
Congo (Brazzaville)	1	-	-	Congolese abortion law is based on the Napoleonic Penal Code of 1810, s 317
Cook Islands (New Zealand)	3	-	-	Crimes Act 1969 ss 63 and 202 - 207
Costa Rica	3	-	2019 L	Penal Code (Law No. 4573) of 4 May 1970 ss 118-122 and 381 Law No. 8250 of 2 May 2002 Technical guidance for health professionals of 17 December 2019
Côte d'Ivoire	2	R	-	Law No. 62-248 of 31 July 1962 Penal Code: Law No. 81-640 of 31 July 1981 arts 366 - 369
Croatia	5	PA GL10	-	Law No. 1252-1978 on Contraception, sterilisation, abortion and artificial insemination of 21 April 1978
Cuba	5	PA GL12	1936 L 1965 L	Social Defence Code of April 1936 Penal Code of 15 February 1979 Ch 6, arts 320-324 Penal Code (Act No. 62) of 29 December 1987, arts 267-271
Cyprus	5	GL12	1974 L 1986 L	Criminal Code of 1928 ss 167-169 and 169A Law No. 59 of 1974 Law No. 186 of 1986

			2018 L	Law amending the Penal Code of 30 March 2018
Czech Republic	5	PA GL12	1950 L 1957 L 1986 L	Penal Code: Law No. 86/1950 ss 227-229 Law No. 68 of 19 December 1957 Laws 63 and 77 of 23 October 1986 Enactment of Czech Ministry of Health, No 11, 1993
Dem People's Rep of Korea	5	GL not specified	-	Criminal Code of March 1950
Dem Rep of Congo	3	R/I/F/MH	-	Penal Code of 31 May 1982 ss 165 and 166 Maputo Protocol ratified on 14 March 2018
Denmark	5	PA GL12	1937 L 1956 L 1970 L 1973 L	Law No. 163 of 18 May 1937 Law No. 177 of 23 June 1956 Law No. 120 of 24 March 1970 Law No. 350 of 13 June 1973 Law No. 350 of 24 May 1989 Law No. 389 of 14 June 1995 Law No. 430 of 31 May 2000 Law No. 546 of 24 June 2005 Health Act of 2015 Cap 25 ss 92-94
Djibouti	3	-	-	Penal Code of 1995 ss 447 - 450
Dominica	2	-	-	Offences Against the Person Act 1873 ss 56-57
Dominican Rep	1	-	-	Penal Code of 1948 s 317 Art 30 of Constitution revised 2009 giving right to life from conception
Ecuador	3	+	2021 L	Constitution arts 24 and 25 Public Health Code of 14 December 2006 ch III, arts 29-30 Penal Code of 2014 ss 148-150 Constitutional Court ruling 34-19-IN/21 of 28 April 2021 declared art 150 No 2 of Penal Code unconstitutional
Egypt	1	-	-	Penal Code of 31 July 1937 ss 260-264 Law No. 120 of 1962
El Salvador	1	-	1973 L 1997 R	1973 Penal Code Ch 2, art 169 Decree No. 1030 of 26 April 1997, Ch II, arts 133-137
Equatorial Guinea	3	SA/PA	1991 L	Law No. 1/1991 of 4 April 1991
Eritrea	3	R/I/MH/+	-	Penal Code of 2015 art 83

Estonia	5	GL12	See Russia before 1992	Changes as per former USSR prior to independence in 1992 Minor changes since by Decrees 930402 of 1992 and 930625 of 1993 of Ministry of Social Affairs Termination of pregnancy and sterilisation Act of 25 November 1998
Eswatini (formerly Swaziland)	3	R/I/F/MH	2005 L	Constitution of 26 July 2005 art 15(5)
Ethiopia	4	R/I/F/+	2005 L	Penal Code 158/1957 of 1957 ss 528-535 Proclamation No. 414/2004 of 9 May 2005, arts 545-552 Technical and Procedural Guideline for Safe Abortion Services in Ethiopia, May 2006.
Faroe Islands (Denmark)	2	F/L/R		Law No. 177 of 23 June 1956
Fiji	4	F/I/R/PA	1976 L 2009 L	Penal Code of 1945 arts 172-174, cap 17 <i>Emberson v Emberson</i> , Criminal Case No. 16 of 1976, Supreme Court of Fiji Crimes Decree 2009 of 4 November 2009 No. 44 part 14, arts 234, 252(2) and 265
Finland	4	R/F/+	1970 L 1978 L 1985 L	Law No. 82 of 17 February 1950 Law No. 239 of 24 March 1970 Law No. 564 of 19 July 1978 Law No. 572 of 12 July 1985 Law No. 328 of 6 April 2001 Law No. 374 of 29 May 2009
France	5	GL16	1975 L 1979 L  2001 L	Penal Code, art L2212-7 Law No. 75-17 of 18 January 1975 Law No. 79-1204 of 31 December 1979 Decree No. 80-285 of 17 April 1980 Law No. 82-1172 of 31 December 1982 Decree No. 88-59 of 18 January 1988 Circular 90-06 of 22 February 1990 Law No. 93-121 of 27 January 1993 Law No. 2001-588 of 4 July 2001 Decree No. 2002-796 of May 2002 Decree No. 2004-636 of 1 July 2004 Decree No. 2009-516 of May 2009 Circular No. 09-304 of October 2009 Decree No. 2013-248 of 25 March 2013

			2014 L 2014 L 2016 L 2022 L 2022 L	2014 removal of wording “dans une situation de détresse” from art L2212-1 of the Code de la Santé Publique Decree No. 2014-873 of 4 August 2014 7-day waiting period repealed by Law No. 2016-41 of 26 January 2016 Telemedicine up to 9 weeks permitted by Law No. 2022-212 of 19 February 2022 Gestational limit extended from 14 to 16 weeks by Law No. 799 of 23 February 2022
Gabon	2	R/I/F/+	-	Penal Code: Law No. 21-63 of 31 May 1963 arts 244 and 245
Gambia	2	F	-	Criminal Code of 1 October 1934 ss 140-142, 198-199
Georgia	5	PA GL12	See Russia before 1992	Changes as per former USSR prior to independence in 1992 Law of 21 July 2000 on healthcare and its provisions concerning abortion (Ch XXVIII, Family Planning, arts 139 and 140)
Germany	5	GL14	1972 L (GDR) 1975 L (GFR)  1993 L	Penal Code § 218 and 219 Decision by Federal Constitutional Court 25 February 1975 Pregnancy conflict law of 27 July 1992 Decision by Federal Constitutional Court 28 May 1993 Pregnant Women’s and Family Aid (Amendment) Act of 21 August 1995 In February 2019, the Bundestag voted to make a minor modification to § 219a on advertising
Ghana	3	R/I/F/MH/ +	1985 L	Criminal Code of 1960: Act 29, ss 58-59 and 67 Criminal Code (Amendment) Law No. 102 of 22 February 1985
Gibraltar (British Overseas Territory)	4	GL12	2021 L	Crimes Act 2011 ss 162 and 163 Crimes (Amendment) Act 2019 Referendum of 24 June 2021 in favour of implementing 2019 Act
Greece	5	PA GL12	1978 L 1986 L	Penal Code of 1950, arts 304 and 305 Law No. 821 of 14 October 1978 Law No. 1609 of 28 June 1986 ss 2-5 Law No. 3418/2005
Grenada	3	-	-	Criminal Code of 20 January 1987 ss 234, 247 and 250
Guatemala	2		1973 L	Congressional Penal Code Decree 17-73 of 1 September 1973 arts 133-140 Constitution arts 3 and 47
Guinea	3	R/I/F	2000 L	Penal Code Law No. 98/036 of 31 December 1998 arts 306-308 Law No. 2000/010/AN of 10 July 2000 adopting and promulgating the Law on Reproductive Health, Ch III, art 10

Guinea-Bissau	5	GL not specified	-	Penal Code Law No. 4/93 of 13 October 1993 art 112
Guyana	5	GL8	1995 L	Criminal Law (Offences) Act of 1894 part 1, title 7, s100 Medical Termination of Pregnancy Act No. 7 of 14 June 1995
Haiti	1	-	-	Penal code art 262 (based on art 317 of Napoleonic Code of 1810)
Honduras	1	-	-  2021 R	Constitution, Decree No. 131 of 11 January 1982, art 67 Penal Code of 1983 Decree No. 144-83 arts 126 – 128 and 132 Fundamental Law with regard to the Association of Physicians of Honduras of 25 June 1964 Decree 13-85 of 26 February 1985 Constitutional amendment of 21 January 2021 to art 67: total prohibition of abortion
Hungary	5	GL12	1953 L 1956 L 1973 R 1988 L 1992 L 2000 R	Decision No. 1040 of 18 October 1973 Ordinance 3 of 23 July 1986 Act LXXXVII of 20 June 2000 amending Act LXXIX of 17 December 1992 on the Protection of Fetal Life The Fundamental Law of Hungary of 25 April 2011, art II
Iceland	5	GL22	1935 L 1975 L  2019 L	Law No. 38 of 28 January 1935 Law No. 25/1975 of 27 May 1975 on counselling and education concerning sex and childbirth and on termination of pregnancy and sterilization, amended 2011 Law No. 45, Termination of Pregnancy Act, of 22 May 2019
India	4	PA/R/F	1971 L 2002 L 2021 L	Penal Code: Act XLV of 6 October 1860, ss 312 - 316 Medical Termination of Pregnancy Act No. 34 of 1971 Medical Termination of Pregnancy (Amendment) Act No. 64 of 18 December 2002 Medical Termination of Pregnancy Amendment Rules 2021
Indonesia	2	F/R/SA	1992 L  2009 L  2014 R	Penal Code of 1982 Ch XIX, arts 346-349 Health Law 23/1992 art 15 of 17 September 1992 Regulation No. 61/2004 Law No. 52 of 15 September 2009 on population growth and development of the family, art 75 Presidential regulation (PP) No. 61/2014: Amendment to 2009 law of 8 August 2014
Iran	2	F	1976 L 1979 R	Civil Penal Code on abortion and sterilisation of 28 October 1976, art 42, s 3 Law on Islamic Penalties, Law No. 586 of 1991 arts 487-492

			2005 L 2021 R	Therapeutic Abortion Act of 15 June 2005 Youthful Population and Protection of the Family law of 1 November 2021
Iraq	1	F/MH	-	Penal Code of 19 August 1969 arts 417 - 419
Ireland	5	GL12	2018 L	Offences Against the Persons Act 1861 Eighth Amendment of the Irish Constitution Act of 7 October 1983, art 40.3.3 <i>Attorney General v X</i> 1992 Regulation of Information (Services outside the State for Termination of Pregnancies) Act 1995 Protection of Life during Pregnancy Act No. 35 of 30 July 2013 Eighth Amendment repealed after referendum in May 2018 Health (Regulation of Termination of Pregnancy) Act No. 31 of 20 December 2018
Israel	3	R/I/F/MH/ +	1977 L 1979 R	Penal Law 5737-1977 of 1994 arts 312-321 Criminal Law Amendment (Interruption of Pregnancy) of 31 January 1977
Italy	5	GL90D	1978 L	Penal Code of 1930 art 545 Law No. 194 of 22 May 1978 arts 1-22
Jamaica	1		-	Offences Against the Person Act 1864 ss 72 and 73
Japan	4	SA/R	1948 L	Criminal Code of 1908 Maternal Protection Law No. 105 of 26 June 1996 revising Eugenic Protection Act, Law No. 156 of 1948
Jordan	3	-	-	Penal Code: Law No. 16 of 1960 arts 321 - 325 Public Health Law No. 20 of 1971 s 62(a) National Health Law of 2008
Kazakhstan	5	GL12	See Russia before 1992	Changes as per former USSR prior to independence in 1992 Order 620 of Ministry of Health, December 1996 Order 687 of Ministry of Health, July 2001 Law on reproductive rights, June 2004 Law on Health, 29 September 2009
Kenya	3	-	2010 L	<i>Mehar Singh Bansel v R</i> 1959 Penal Code, as amended in 2009, cap 63, ss 158-160, 228 and 240 Constitution 2010, art 26 (2) and (4)
Kiribati	2		-	Penal Code of the Gilbert Islands of 1965 Ch 67 arts 214 and 215
Kosovo	5	PA/S GL10		

Kuwait	3	SA/PA/F	1981 L	Penal Code: Law No. 16 of 2 June 1960 Practice of Medicine, Dentistry and Paramedicine, Law No. 25 of 1981 s 12 Ministerial Decree No. 55 of 1984
Kyrgyzstan	5	GL12	See Russia before 1992	Changes as per former USSR prior to independence in 1992 Order No. 249 of Ministry of Health of 20 October 1998 Order No. 167 of Ministry of Health of 10 July 2002 Law No. 147 of 10 August 2007 on reproductive rights and guarantees of their realisation Law about Health Care art 37 of 17 April 2009 Order No. 618 of Ministry of Health of 24 August 2009
Laos	1	-	-	Criminal Code of 1990 Regulation on Maternal and Child Health 2004
Latvia	5	PA GL12	See Russia before 1992 2002 R  2003 R	Changes as per former USSR prior to independence in 1992 1993 Regulation of Ministry of Welfare Sexual and Reproductive Health Law of 31 January 2002 as amended by law of 29 January 2004 Cabinet Regulation No. 590 of 23 October 2003 Sexual and Reproductive Health Law of 29 March 2007
Lebanon	2		-	Penal Code of 1 March 1943, arts 539-546 Presidential Decree No. 13187 of 20 October 1969
Lesotho	3	R/I/F	2012 L	Penal Code Act No. 6 of 9 March 2012, art 45
Liberia	3	R/I/F/MH	-	Penal Law, Title 26, of 3 April 1978 s 16.3
Libya	2	-	-	Penal Code of 1953 Health Law No. 106/1973 Law No. 17 of 3 November 1986
Liechtenstein	3	R/PA/+	2005 L	Penal Code of 24 June 1987 ss 96-98 Law of November 2005 after referendum of 27 November 2005
Lithuania	5	PA GL12	See Russia before 1992	Changes as per former USSR prior to independence in 1992 Order No. 50 of 28 January 1994 of the Ministry of Health on abortion procedures
Luxembourg	5	GL14	1978 L  2012 L	Penal Code Act of 1879 ss 348 - 353 Law of 15 November 1978 on sexual information, illegal abortion and termination of pregnancies art 353 Law of 22 November 2012 Health Code of 24 July 2015 Ch II arts 12-15

Madagascar	1		-	Penal Code of 17 June 1972 art 317 Decree No. 98-945 of 4 December 1998 setting forth the Code of Medical Ethics Health Code No. 2011-002 of 2011
Malawi	2	-	-	Penal Code of 1930 Chs XIV – XXII, ss 149-151, 231 and 243
Malaysia	3	MH	1989 L	Penal Code of 1997, Ch XVI, Act 727 ss 312 – 315 (derived from Indian Penal Code 1871) Penal Code (Amendment) Act No. A727 of 19 April 1989 Penal Code of 1997, Act 574, Ch XVI, arts 312-316
Maldives	5	GL120D	-	Penal Code Law No. 6/2014 s416
Mali	2	I/R	2002 L	Penal Code: Law No. 01-019 of 20 August 2001, arts 211 - 213 Law No. 02-44 of 24 June 2002 on Reproductive Health, art 13
Malta	1		-	Criminal Code of 2003, arts 241-243A
Marshall Islands	2	U	-	Marshall Islands Revised Code does not mention abortion.
Mauritania	1		-	Penal Code (Ordinance No. 83.162) of 9 July 1983 arts 293 and 294
Mauritius	3	F/MH/PA/ R/I	2012 L	Criminal Code of 1968 derived both from Napoleonic Code of 1810 and Offences Against the Persons Act 1861 s 235 Criminal Code (Amendment) Act 2012, Act No. 11 s235A
Mexico	2 (4 in Federal District and 5 other States)	FS/R/F	-	Penal Code, Decree No. 165, as amended in 2009 Criminal Code for the Federal District (= Mexico City): Decree of 2 January 1931, arts 329-334 Federal District Decree of 26 April 2007 Decisions 146/2007 and 147/2007, 28 August 2008 Law liberalised in Oaxaca on 25 September 2019 Law liberalised in Hidalgo on 30 June 2021 Law liberalised in Veracruz on 20 July 2021 Supreme Court decision of 7 September 2021 that criminal sanctions in Coahuila are unconstitutional. Law liberalised in Colima on 2 December 2021
Micronesia	2	U	-	
Moldova	5	PA GL12	See Russia before 1992	Changes as per former USSR prior to independence in 1992 Law No. 411 of 28 March 1995 art 32 Law No. 185-XV of 24 May 2001 Order No. 647 of 21 September 2010, arts 19, 36 and 37 Order No. 482 of 14 June 2011 Reproductive Health Law No. 138 of 15 June 2012

Monaco	3	R/F/I	2009 L	Penal Code: Law No. 829 of 28 September 1967 art 248 Law No. 1.359 of 20 April 2009 creating a Center for prenatal coordination and family support and amending Art 248 of the Penal Code and Art 323 of the Civil Code
Mongolia	5	GL90D	1989 L	Criminal Code of 1960, as amended in 1986 Decree No. 200 of 23 December 1989. Amendment to the Health Protection Law, para 56 Health Law of Mongolia 1998, art 36
Montenegro	5	PA/S GL12		Law on the conditions and procedures for abortion of 27 July 2009
Montserrat (British Overseas Territory)	3			Penal Code of 1 July 1984
Morocco	3	SA	1967 L 2016 L	Penal Code of 26 November 1962 arts 449 - 458 Royal Decree No. 181-66 of 1 July 1967 Amendment to Penal Code of 9 June 2016
Mozambique	5	GL12	1981 L 2014 L	Ministry of Health Decree of 1981 Revised Penal Code of 18 December 2014, Law 35/2014 art 166-168 Ministerial decree on abortion No. 60/2017 of 20 September 2017
Myanmar	2	-	-	Penal Code arts 312 - 316
Namibia	3	R/I/F/MH	-	South African Abortion and Sterilization Act 1975 Act 48 of 1982
Nauru	3	R/F/I/+	-	Crimes Act No. 18 of 2016 ss 63 and 64
Nepal	5	S GL12	2002 L 2009 L 2018 L	Country Code (Penal Code) No. 28, revised in 1963, ch 10, nos. 28 – 28(b) Country Code (11 <sup>th</sup> Amendment) Act on Women's Rights of 26 September 2002 An Act to Amend some Nepal Acts for Maintaining Gender Equality 2006 <i>Lakshmi Dhikta v Nepal</i> 2009 (Supreme Court) Safe Motherhood and Reproductive Health Rights Act of 18 September 2018
Netherlands	5	GLViability	1981 L	Penal Code of 1886, art 296 Termination of Pregnancy Law of 1 May 1981 Decree of 17 May 1984
New Zealand	5	GL20	1977 L 2020 L	Crimes Act 1961 ss 182-187A Contraception, Sterilization and Abortion Act (No. 112) of 16 December 1977 Crimes Amendment Acts of 16 December 1977 and 10 July 1978 Abortion Legislation Act 2020 of 23 March 2020
Nicaragua	1		2006 R	Penal Code arts 398 - 402

				Law No. 641, Penal Code, 16 November 2007 ch 11, arts 143 - 145
Niger	3	F	2006 L	Penal Code of 15 July 1961: Law No. 61-27, arts 295-297 Act of 24 May 2006 on reproductive health art 16
Nigeria	2	-	-	Northern part: Penal Code revised 1990, Ch 345, arts 232 - 236 Southern part: Criminal Code of 1916, revised 1990, arts 228 – 230, 297, 309 and 328
Niue	3	-	-	Based on law of Cook Islands (Niue Act 1966 ss 166-168 repealed)
North Macedonia	5	PA GL22	2013 R 2019 L	Law on Termination of Pregnancy, June 1972; amended May 1976 Law on Termination of Pregnancy of 10 June 2013 art 21 Law on Termination of Pregnancy of 14 March 2019
Norway (including Svalbard)	5	PA GL12	1964 L 1975 L 1978 L	Penal Code s 245 Law No. 2 of 11 November 1960 Law No. 50 of 13 June 1975 Law 66, ss 1-4 of 16 June 1978 Abortion Regulations of 15 June 2001 Abortion Registry Regulations of 14 December 2007
Oman	2	-	-	Penal Code of 16 February 1974 (Law No. 7/1974) arts 242 - 246
Pakistan	3	-	-	Penal Code of India (Act XLV) of 6 October 1860, s 338 A-C Criminal Law Ordinance VII s 338 of 5 September 1990
Palau	1	U	-	Penal Code s 1309
Panama	2	PA/R/F	-	Penal Code of 22 September 1982 Ministry of Health Resolution No. 02007 of 2 August 1988 Ministry of Health Resolution No. 1 of 21 April 1989 Law No. 14 of 18 May 2007, the Penal Code
Papua New Guinea	2	-	-	Criminal Code Act 1974 Ch262 s312
Paraguay	2	-	-	Penal Code: Law No. 1160/97 of 26 November 1997 Law No. 3440 of 16 July 2008 art 109
Peru	3	-	1969 L  2014 L	Criminal Code of 11 January 1924 as amended in 1991, arts 114 - 120 Health Code of 18 March 1969 arts 19-23 Legislative Decree 121 of 12 June 1981 s 21 Penal Code of 3 April 1991 Ch 11, arts 114 – 120 Ministry of Health Protocol on therapeutic abortion June 2014
Philippines	1	-	-	Spanish Penal Code, Royal Decree of 4 September 1884

				Revised Penal Code of 8 December 1930 (Act 3815) as amended arts 256 - 259 Constitution of 1987, art 11 section 12
Poland	3	PA/R/I	1932 L 1956 L 1959L 1990 R 1993 R  1996 L 1997 R  2020 R	Penal Code 1932 Abortion Act of 27 April 1956 Ministry of Health Executive Order of December 1959 Ordinance of 30 April 1990 Law of 7 January 1993 on Family Planning, Protection of the Human Fetus and Conditions for Termination of Pregnancy Act of 30 August 1996 Amendment to 1993 law, 23 December 1997 art 4a.1 (1-3) Penal Code 1999 Constitutional Court ruling of 22 October 2020: ground of fetal abnormality withdrawn
Portugal	5	PA GL10	1984 L 1997 L 2007 L 2015 R	Criminal code of 16 September 1886 s 358 Law No. 6/84 of 11 May 1984, ss 139-141 Law No. 90/97 of 30 July 1997 Law No. 16/2007 of 17 April 2007 art 1, pt 1, no 75 Law of 22 July 2015
Puerto Rico	5	GLViability	1973 L	Penal Code 1937 <i>Roe v Wade</i> US colony: US Supreme Court overrules Supreme Court of Puerto Rico
Qatar	3	F	-	Penal Code of 25 August 1975 arts 170 - 174 Law No. 2/1983 Law No. 3/1983
Rep. of Korea (South Korea)	5	-	1973 L	Criminal Code of 1953 ss 269 and 270 Maternal and Child Health Law of 10 May 1973 Mother-Child Health Act of 10 May 1986 Constitutional Court ruled abortion law unconstitutional <i>Abortion decriminalised from 1 January 2021</i>
Romania	5	GL14	1957 L 1966 R 1984 R 1985 R 1989 L	Decree No. 770 of 29 September 1966  Decree 411 of 26 December 1985 Ministry of Health Order 605/28.12.89 of 27 December 1989 Law No. 140 of 5 November 1996, art 185

				Penal Code, 17 July 2009 art 201
Russia	5	-	1920 L 1936 R 1955 L 1982 L 1987 L  2003 R  2007 R 2011 R 2012 R	Criminal Code 1996  Decree of 23 November 1955 (former USSR) Law No. 324 of 1982 (former USSR) Order of 31 December 1987 Law No. 5487-1 art 36 of 22 July 1993 Decree No. 485 of 11 August 2003 Law No. 38-F3 of 13 March 2006 Decree No. 335 of 2007 Decree No. 736 of 2007 Public Health Care Law No. 323-FZ of 21 November 2011, arts 56 and 70(3) Government Decree No. 98 of 6 February 2012 Federal Law of 2013 #317-FZ art 7 pt 9
Rwanda	4	+/I/F/R	1977 L  2012 L  2019 L	Penal Code: Law 21-77 of 18 August 1977 title 4 s 2 arts 325 - 328 Law No. 27/2001 of 20 April 2001 on the rights of and protection of children against violence Organic Law No. 01/2012/OL of 2 May 2012 Ch III s 5 arts 162 – 168 instituting the Penal Code art 165 Ministerial Order No. 002/MOH/2019
St Kitts & Nevis	3	-	-	Offences Against the Person Act 1873, revised 31 December 2002 ss 53 and 54
St Lucia	3	R/I/MH	2004 L	Criminal Code 1992, arts 117-119 Revised Criminal Code of 2004 arts 164-166
St Vincent & the Grenadines	4	R/I/F	-	Criminal Code: Act no. 23 of 6 October 1988 ss 149 - 151
Samoa	3	MH	-	Crimes Ordinance of 1961 s 73A, as amended by the Crimes Amendment Act 1969 Crimes Act 2013 No. 10 ss 111-117
San Marino	1	-	2021 L	Penal Code Law No. 17 of 25 February 1974 arts 153 and 154 Referendum 26 September 2021
São Tomé & Príncipe	5	GL12	2012 L	Portuguese Penal Code of 1886 Revised Penal Code Law. 6/2012 of 2012 arts 137-140
Saudi Arabia	3	SA/PA	-	General Islamic principles

				Rules of Implementation for Regulations of the Practice of Medicine and Dentistry, Ministerial Resolution No. 218/17/L of 26 June 1989, art 24 Law pertaining to Practice of Health Professions 2005
Senegal	1	-	-	Criminal Code based on Napoleonic Code and French decree of 1939, art 305 Basic Law No. 65-60 of 21 July 1965 Ch 1 s II arts 305 and 305 bis
Serbia	5	PA GL12	1952 L 1969 L 1974 L 1978 L 1995 L	Criminal Code  Law 1252-1978 of 21 April 1978 (former Yugoslavia) 1995 Law on Conditions and Procedures for Induced Abortion in Health Care Institutions (former Yugoslavia)
Seychelles	3	R/I/F/MH/ +	1981 L 1994 L	Termination of Pregnancy Act 1981 Termination of Pregnancy Act No. 6 of 3 June 1994
Sierra Leone	1	-	-	Offences Against the Person Act 1861 ss 58 and 59
Singapore	5	GL24	1969 L 1974 L	Penal Code, Ch 119, ss 312-316 Abortion Act of 29 December 1969 Termination of Pregnancy Act No. 24 of 27 December 1974 Act No. 12 of 1980 1974 Act amended in 1985
Slovakia	5	PA GL12	1957 L 1986 L  2004 R 2009 R	Changes as per former Czechoslovakia prior to independence in 1993 (see Czech Republic) Law No. 73 of 23 October 1986 Law No. 419/1991 Law No. 576/2004 Law No. 345/2009
Slovenia	5	PA GL12	1977 L	Criminal Code Law of 21 February 1978 of the former Yugoslavia
Solomon Islands	2	-	-	Penal Code of 1963: Ch 26 of the 1996 Revised Laws of the Solomon Islands s221
Somalia	2	-		Penal Code of 1979, Ch 3 art 419(2) Legislative Decree No. 5 of 16 December 1962 Constitution 1 August 2012, Ch 2 art 15(5)
South Africa	5	GL12	1975 L 1996 L 2008 L	Abortion and Sterilization Act No. 2 of 1975 Choice on Termination of Pregnancy Act 1996, Act No.92 art 2 Choice on Termination of Pregnancy Act, Law No. 30790 of 2008

				Choice on Termination of Pregnancy Amendment Act (Act No. 1 of 2008), 17 February 2008.
South Sudan	2	-		Penal Code Act 2008 arts 216-221
Spain	5	PA GL14	1985 L  2010 L	Penal Code of 1944 arts 411- 417 Decree No. 3096 of 14 September 1973 Organic Law No. 9 of 5 July 1985 on reform of art 417b of the Penal Code Order of the Ministry of Health of 16 June 1986 Crown Decree No. 2409/1986 of 21 November 1986 Organic Law 10/1995 of 23 November 1995 Organic Law 2/2010 of 4 March 2010 Title II, art 14
Sri Lanka	2	-	-	Penal Code of 1883 Ch XVI arts 303 - 307
Sudan	2	R	-	Penal Code as amended in 1991 arts 135 - 137
Suriname	1	-	-	Criminal Code of 2015 arts 355-359
Sweden	5	GL18	1938 L 1946 L 1974 L	Abortion Act 1938  Abortion Act No. 595 of 14 June 1974 Act No. 660/1995 of 18 May 1995 Act No. 998/2007
Switzerland	5	GL12	2002 L	Penal Code of 21 December 1937 arts 118-121 Amendment of art 119(2) of the Penal Code of 23 March 2001; referendum 2 June 2002; came into force 10 October 2002
Syria	2	SA/PA	-	Penal Code Legislative Decree No. 148 of 22 June 1949 Legislative Decree No. 96 of 26 September 1952 s 8 Law on the exercise of medical professionals No. 12/1970
Taiwan	4	SA/PA/I/R/ F		Eugenics and Health Care Act 1984
Tajikistan	5	- GL12	See Russia before 1992	Changes as per former USSR prior to independence in 1992 Law No. 179 of 15 May 1997 Order No. 121 of Ministry of Health of 28 April 2000 Law No. 72 of 2 December 2002 Law No. 532 of 19 May 2009 Order No. 204 of 21 April 2011

				Law No. 1201 of 18 March 2015
Tanzania	2	-	-	Penal Code of 1945, Ch 16 ss 150-152, 219 and 230, revised 2002 Standard Treatment Guidelines and Essential Medicines List 2013 Section 12.0
Thailand	5	GL12	-  2021 L	Constitution of 2017, ss 27 and 28 Penal Code BE2499 of 13 November 1956 Title X Ch 3 ss 301-305 Thai Medical Council's Regulation on Criteria for Performing Therapeutic Termination of Pregnancy in Accordance with s 305 of the Penal Code, 15 December 2005 Abortion law ruled unconstitutional by Constitutional Court on 19 February 2020 Sections 301 and 305 of Penal Code amended 25 January 2021
Timor-Leste	2	PA	2009 L 2009 R	Penal Code, 3 March 2009 art 141 Law No. 6/2009 3 July 2009
Togo	3	R/I/F	2007 L	Criminal Code of Togo, Law No. 80-1 of 13 August 1981 Law No. 2007-005 of 10 January 2007 on Reproductive Health art 42 Public Health Code 2009-007 of 2009 arts 106-109
Tonga	1	-	-	Criminal Offences Act 1988 ss 103-105
Trinidad & Tobago	3	-	-	Offences Against the Person Act of 3 April 1925 Code of Ethics in the Practice of Medicine
Tunisia	5	GL90D	1965 L 1973 L	Legislative Decrees of 1920 and 1940 Law No. 65-24 of 1 July 1965 Law No. 73-2 of 26 September 1973 Penal Code of 22 October 2011 art 214
Turkey	5	SA/PA GL10	1965L 1983 L	Penal Code of 1 March 1936 First Population Planning Law of 1965 Second Population Planning Law of 24 May 1983: Law no. 2827 ss 5 and 6 Ordinance No. 83/7395 of 14 November 1983
Turkmenistan	5	GL12	-	Changes as per former USSR prior to independence in 1992 Law on Public Health
Tuvalu	2	-	-	Penal Code of 18 October 1865 ss 150-152, 214 and 227, revised 2008 Tuvalu Standard Treatment Guidelines 2010 pp 192-193
Uganda	2	-	-	Penal Code Act of 15 June 1950 ss 136-138, 205 and 217 Constitution 1995, art 22(2) Penal Code Amendment Act 2007, ss 141 – 143, 212 and 224
Ukraine	5	GL12	-	Changes as per former USSR prior to independence in 1992

				<p>Law No. 2801-XII of 19 November 1992  Order No. 111 of Ministry of Health of 28 June 1994  Order No. 192 of Ministry of Health of 5 May 2003  Decree No. 144 of 15 February 2006  Order No. 508 of Ministry of Health of 20 July 2006  Order No. 1177 of Ministry of Health of 31 December 2010</p>
United Arab Emirates	2	SA/PA/F	1975 L	<p>Penal Code of 20 December 1987  Law No. 7 of 1975 on the practice of medicine art 22  Medical Liability Law 2008 s 13</p>
United Kingdom	4	F	1937 L 1967 L	<p>Offences Against the Person Act 1861 ss 58 and 59 (does not apply in Scotland)  <i>R v Bourne</i> 1937  Abortion Act of 27 October 1967 (does not apply in Northern Ireland)  Human Fertilisation &amp; Embryology Act of 24 April 1990 s 37  Northern Ireland (Executive Formation etc) Act 2019 = Category 5  Crown Dependencies included here, although strictly not part of the UK: Guernsey and Jersey = Category 4, Isle of Man = Category 5</p>
United States of America	5	FS/PA	1973 L 1976 R 1992 R 2003 R 2007 R	<p><i>Roe v Wade</i> 1973; <i>Doe v Bolton</i> 1973  <i>Planned Parenthood of Central Missouri v Danforth</i> 1976  <i>Planned Parenthood of Southeastern Pennsylvania v Casey</i> 1992  Partial-Birth Abortion Ban Act 2003  <i>Gonzales v Carhart</i> 2007  States also have their own laws (see Guttmacher Institute for details).</p>
Uruguay	5	PA GL12	2012 L	<p>Criminal Code: Law 9.155 of 4 December 1933 as amended, arts 325-328  Law No. 9763 of 28 January 1938  Order No. 369 of 6 August 2004 of Ministry of Public Health  Law 1699/2012 of 9 October 2012</p>
Uzbekistan	5	GL12	See Russia before 1992	<p>Changes as per former USSR prior to independence in 1992  Order 500 of 15 September 1992  Orders 721 and 722 of 29 October 1996  Induced Abortion Standards 2013</p>
Vanuatu	3	-	-	<p>Penal Code: Act No. 17 of 7 August 1981 ss 113 and 117</p>
Venezuela	2	-	-	<p>Criminal Code of 2 June 1964 arts 432 - 436  Code of Medical Ethics of 1971</p>

Vietnam	5	-	1975 L	1986 Criminal Code Law on the Protection of Public Health of 30 June 1989, Ch VII art 44 Penal Code Law No. 15/1999/QH10 Ch XVII art 243, 1999
West Bank/Gaza	2	-	-	
Western Sahara	Unavailable	U		
Yemen	2	SA	-	Law on Crimes and Punishments
Zambia	4	F	-	Penal Code of 1 November 1931 Termination of Pregnancy Act No. 26 of 13 October 1972 Standards and Guidelines for Comprehensive Abortion Care in Zambia 2017
Zimbabwe	3	R/I/F	1977 L	Termination of Pregnancy Act No. 29 of 9 December 1977, Ch 15:10 Criminal Law (Codification and Reform) Act (Act No. 23 of 2004), 2004

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**Key:**

*Column 2*

1. Prohibited altogether
2. To save a woman's life
3. To preserve health
4. Broad social or economic grounds
5. On request (gestational limits vary)

*Column 3*

R abortion permitted in cases of rape

R<sub>1</sub> abortion permitted in the case of rape of a woman with learning disability or psychosis

I abortion permitted in cases of incest

F abortion permitted in cases of fetal impairment

SA spousal authorisation required

PA parental authorisation/notification required

+ abortion permitted on additional enumerated grounds relating to such factors as the woman's age or capacity to care for a child

S sex selection abortion prohibited

x legislation eliminated all exceptions to prohibition on abortion; availability of defence of necessity highly unlikely

U law unclear

FS Federal system: abortion law determined by states. In Australia and Mexico, state laws fall into different categories of restrictiveness. Classification reflects law affecting largest number of people

MH recognises an exception to preserve a woman's mental health

Gestational limits: GD + number of weeks (or number of days if followed by D) from last menstrual period; some laws give gestation from conception

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