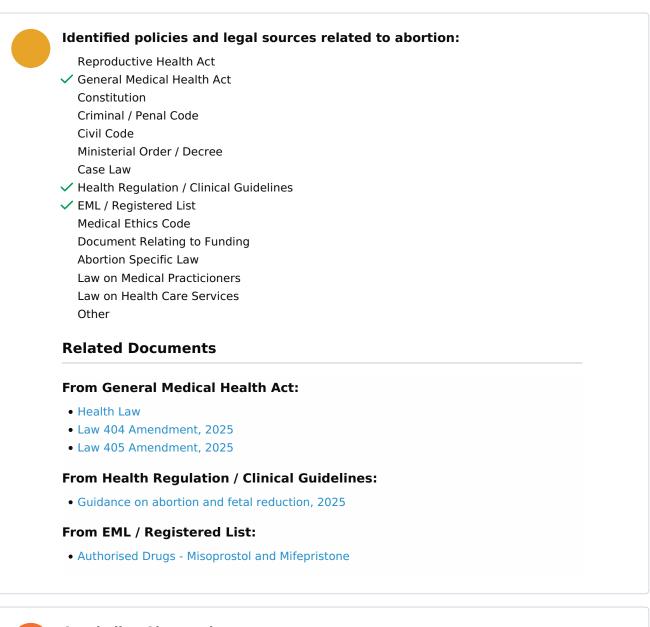
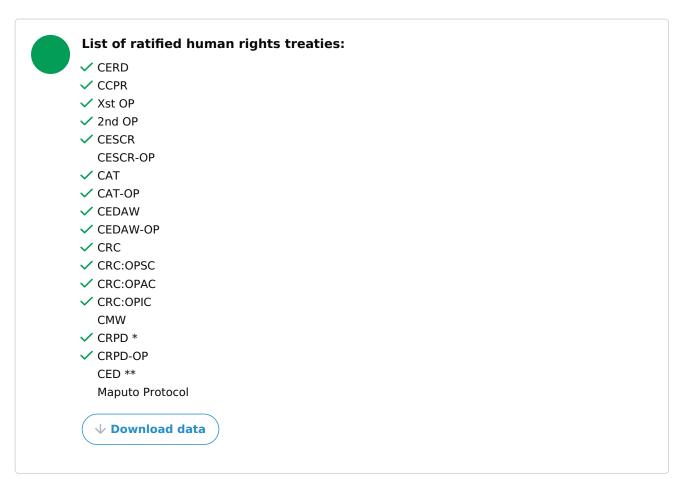
# Country Profile: Denmark

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# **Concluding Observations:**

- CEDAW
- CEDAW
- CRC



# Persons who can be sanctioned:

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

Abortion at the woman's request

Gestational limit: 18 weeks

Legal Ground and Gestational Limit

# **Economic or social** reasons

Yes

#### **Related documents:**

- Law 404 Amendment, 2025 (page 2)
- Guidance on abortion and fetal reduction, 2025 (page 12)

#### **Gestational limit**

Weeks: viability

A fetus is generally considered viable from week 23+0 of pregnancy onwards. The assessment of fetal viability will always be based on an individual and specific medical assessment, and depends on a wide range of factors such as the length of pregnancy and the condition of the fetus. If the fetus is assumed to be viable, permission for abortion can only be granted if there is a significant risk that the child will develop a serious illness as a result of the fetus having a genetic condition, disease, malformation or having been exposed to harmful exposure.

- Law 404 Amendment, 2025 (page 2)
- Guidance on abortion and fetal reduction, 2025 (page 28)



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Source document: WHO Abortion Care Guideline (page 16)

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 Abortion Care Guideline (page 103)



### **Additional notes**

According to the Act, a pregnancy can be terminated if the pregnancy, birth or care of the child must be assumed to cause a serious burden on the pregnant woman due to her social circumstances, including financial, housing and family circumstances, if the social circumstances cannot be remedied in another way.

#### Foetal impairment

Yes

#### **Related documents:**

- Law 404 Amendment, 2025 (page 2)
- Guidance on abortion and fetal reduction, 2025 (page 12)

#### **Gestational limit**

Weeks: No limit specified

- Law 404 Amendment, 2025 (page 2)
- Guidance on abortion and fetal reduction, 2025 (page 28)



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Until they are replaced with abortion on request, any existing grounds should be formulated and applied in a manner consistent with international human rights law. This requires that abortion is available when carrying a pregnancy to term would cause the woman, girl or other pregnant person substantial pain or suffering, including but not limited to situations where the pregnancy is not viable. Grounds-based approaches that require fetal impairments to be fatal for abortion to be lawful frustrate providers and leave women no choice but to continue with pregnancy. Being required to continue with a pregnancy that causes significant distress violates numerous human rights. Abortion Care Guideline § 2.2.2.

Source document: WHO Abortion Care Guideline (page 64)

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**Source document**: WHO Abortion Care Guideline (page 103)

Rape

Yes

#### **Related documents:**

- Law 404 Amendment, 2025 (page 2)
- Guidance on abortion and fetal reduction, 2025 (page 12)

#### **Gestational limit**

Weeks: viability

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Until they are replaced with abortion on request, any existing grounds should be formulated and applied in a manner consistent with international human rights law. This requires that abortion is available when carrying a pregnancy to term would cause the woman, girl or other pregnant person substantial pain or suffering, including but not limited to situations where the pregnancy is the result of rape or incest Abortion Care Guideline § 2.2.2.

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Incest

Yes

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- Guidance on abortion and fetal reduction, 2025 (page 12)

#### **Gestational limit**

Weeks: viability

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Source document: WHO Abortion Care Guideline (page 103)

Intellectual or cognitive disability of the woman

# **Related documents:**

- Law 404 Amendment, 2025 (page 2 )
- Guidance on abortion and fetal reduction, 2025 (page 12)

#### Mental health

Yes

#### **Related documents:**

- Law 404 Amendment, 2025 (page 2)
- Guidance on abortion and fetal reduction, 2025 (page 12)

#### **Gestational limit**

Weeks: No limit specified

• Law 404 Amendment, 2025 (page 2)



# **WHO Guidance**

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Source document: WHO Abortion Care Guideline (page 103)



# Additional notes

The assessment of the pregnant woman's health is carried out by a specialist.

#### Physical health

Yes

#### **Related documents:**

- Law 404 Amendment, 2025 (page 2)
- Guidance on abortion and fetal reduction, 2025 (page 12)

#### **Gestational limit**

**Weeks: No limit specified** 

• Law 404 Amendment, 2025 (page 2)



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# Health



# Not specified

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# Related documents:

- Health Act
- Guidance on abortion and fetal reduction, 2025
- Law 404 Amendment, 2025



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Source document: WHO Abortion Care Guideline (page 16)

Life

Yes

#### **Related documents:**

- Law 404 Amendment, 2025 (page 2)
- Guidance on abortion and fetal reduction, 2025 (page 12)

#### **Gestational limit**

Weeks: No limit specified

• Law 404 Amendment, 2025 (page 2)



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Until they are replaced with abortion on request, any existing grounds should be formulated and applied in a manner consistent with international human rights law. This requires that abortion is available where the life and health of the woman, girl or other pregnant person is at risk. Abortion Care Guideline § 2.2.2.

Source document: WHO Abortion Care Guideline (page 64)

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Source document: WHO Abortion Care Guideline (page 103)

Other

The pregnant woman cannot care for the child in a responsible manner due to young age; Care of the child entails a significant risk of deterioration of the pregnant woman's physical or mental health; Fetal reduction

#### Related documents:

- Law 404 Amendment, 2025 (page 2)
- Guidance on abortion and fetal reduction, 2025 (page 28)



#### **Additional notes**

The gestational limit is viability.

### Additional Requirements to Access Safe Abortion

# Authorization of health professional(s)

No

# **Related documents:**

- Health Act (page 25 )
- $\bullet$  Guidance on abortion and fetal reduction, 2025 (page 19 )
- Law 404 Amendment, 2025 (page 2)
- Law 404 Amendment, 2025 (page 2)
   Law 405 Amendment, 2025 (page 1)



# **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.

Third-party authorization requirements are incompatible with international human rights law, which provides that States may not restrict women's access to health services on the ground that they do not have the authorization of husbands, partners, parents or health authorities, because they are unmarried, or because they are women. The Abortion Care Guideline recommends that abortion be available on the request of the woman, girl or other pregnant person without the authorization of any other individual, body or institution. Abortion Care Guideline § 3.3.2.

Source document: WHO Abortion Care Guideline (page 81)



# **Additional notes**

Abortions require permission in some circumstances from an Abortion Board. Under 18 weeks, permission is needed if the pregnant woman is under 15 years of age without parental consent, or the pregnant woman is unable to understand the significance of the procedure. After 18 weeks, permission is needed for certain grounds including of there is significant risk that the child will develop a serious illness as a result of the fetus having a genetic condition, disease, malformation or having been exposed to harmful exposure; The pregnancy is due to circumstances as mentioned in the Criminal Code; Pregnancy, childbirth or caring for the child entails a significant risk of deterioration of the pregnant woman's physical or mental health; The pregnant woman cannot care for the child in a responsible manner due to young age, significant functional impairment due to physical illness, mental illness or disturbance of intellectual development; and Pregnancy, childbirth or caring for the child must be assumed to place a serious burden on the pregnant woman due to her social circumstances.

Authorization in specially licensed facilities only

No

# **Related documents:**

- Guidance on abortion and fetal reduction, 2025 (page 3 )
- Law 404 Amendment, 2025 (page 2)



# 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.

To establish an enabling environment, there is a need for abortion care to be integrated into the health system across all levels (including primary, secondary and tertiary) – and supported in the community – to allow for expansion of health worker roles, including self-management approaches. To ensure both access to abortion and achievement of Universal Health Coverage (UHC), abortion must be centred within primary health care (PHC), which itself is fully integrated within the health system, facilitating referral pathways for higher-level care when needed. Abortion Care Guideline § 1.4.1.

**Source document**: WHO Abortion Care Guideline (page 52)



# Additional notes

Abortion after the end of the 18th week of pregnancy and fetal reduction may only be performed by specialists at regional hospitals.

# Judicial authorization for minors



#### Not specified

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#### **Related documents:**

- Health Act
- Guidance on abortion and fetal reduction, 2025
- Law 404 Amendment, 2025



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# Judicial authorization in cases of rape



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- Health Act
- Guidance on abortion and fetal reduction, 2025
- Law 404 Amendment, 2025



#### **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.

There shall be no procedural requirements to "prove" or "establish" satisfaction of grounds, such as requiring judicial orders or police reports in cases of rape or sexual assault (for sources to support this information). These restrictions subject the individual to unnecessary trauma, may put them at increased risk from the perpetrator, and may cause women to resort to unsafe abortion.

The Abortion Care Guideline recommends abortion be available on the request of the woman, girl or other pregnant person. Abortion Care Guideline § 2.2.2.

Source document: WHO Abortion Care Guideline (page 64)

# Police report required in case of rape



# Not specified

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#### **Related documents:**

- Health Act
- Guidance on abortion and fetal reduction, 2025
- Law 404 Amendment, 2025



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# Parental consent required for minors

Yes

#### **Related documents:**

• Guidance on abortion and fetal reduction, 2025 (page 6)

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

Yes

**Abortion Board** 

• Guidance on abortion and fetal reduction, 2025 (page 6)

#### Age where consent not needed

15

• Guidance on abortion and fetal reduction, 2025 (page 6)



### **WHO Guidance**

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While parental or partner involvement in abortion decision-making can support and assist women, girls or other pregnant persons, this must be based on the values and preferences of the person availing of abortion and not imposed by third-party authorization requirements. Third-party authorization requirements are incompatible with international human rights law, which provides that States may not restrict women's access to health services on the ground that they do not have the authorization of husbands, partners, parents or health authorities, because they are unmarried, or because they are women. The Abortion Care Guideline recommends that abortion be available on the request of the woman, girl or other pregnant person without the authorization of any other individual, body or institution. Abortion Care Guideline § 3.3.2.

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#### Additional notes

In the case of shared parental authority, consent must generally be obtained from both holders of parental authority. In special cases the Abortion Board can grant permission not to obtain parental consent, or can grant permission for abortion or foetal reduction even though parental consent is denied.

#### Spousal consent

No

#### **Related documents:**

- Law 404 Amendment, 2025 (page 1)
- Guidance on abortion and fetal reduction, 2025 (page 1)



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Source document: WHO Abortion Care Guideline (page 81)

#### Ultrasound images or listen to foetal heartbeat required



# Not specified

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# Related documents:

- Health Act
- Guidance on abortion and fetal reduction, 2025
- Law 404 Amendment, 2025



# **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.

The right to refuse information, including the right to refuse viewing ultrasound images, must be respected. The Abortion Care Guideline recommends against the use of ultrasound scanning as a prerequisite for providing abortion services for both medical and surgical abortion. Abortion Care Guideline § 3.3.5.

Source document: WHO Abortion Care Guideline (page 85)

# Compulsory counselling

No

# Related documents:

• Guidance on abortion and fetal reduction, 2025 (page 3)



# **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.

While counselling should be made available and accessible, it should always be voluntary for women to choose whether or not they want to receive it. The right to refuse counselling when offered must be respected. Where provided, counselling must be available to individuals in a way that respects privacy and confidentiality.

Counselling should be person-centred and may need to be tailored according to the needs of the individual; young people, survivors of sexual and gender-based violence or members of marginalized groups may have different information or counselling requirements.

The content of and approach to counselling will need to be adjusted depending on the reason for seeking abortion services. Therefore, it is important for the counsellor to be aware of and sensitive to the individual's situation and needs. Abortion Care Guideline § 3.2.2.

**Source document**: WHO Abortion Care Guideline (page 77)

# Compulsory waiting period



#### Not specified

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#### **Related documents:**

- Health Act
- Guidance on abortion and fetal reduction, 2025
- Law 404 Amendment, 2025



#### **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.

Mandatory waiting periods delay access to abortion, sometimes to the extent that women's access to abortion or choice of abortion method is restricted. The Abortion Care Guideline recommends against mandatory waiting periods for abortion. Abortion Care Guideline § 3.3.1.

Source document: WHO Abortion Care Guideline (page 79)

# Mandatory HIV screening test



#### **Not specified**

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#### **Related documents:**

- Health Act
- Guidance on abortion and fetal reduction, 2025
- Law 404 Amendment, 2025



# **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.

Regulatory, policy and programmatic barriers – as well as barriers in practice – that hinder access to and timely provision of quality abortion care should be removed. Abortion Care Guideline § Box 2.1.

Source document: WHO Abortion Care Guideline (page 59)

# Other mandatory STI screening tests



# Not specified

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#### **Related documents:**

- Health Act
- Guidance on abortion and fetal reduction, 2025
- Law 404 Amendment, 2025



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**Source document**: WHO Abortion Care Guideline (page 59)

#### Prohibition of sexselective abortion



# Not specified

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# Related documents:

- Health Act
- Guidance on abortion and fetal reduction, 2025
- Law 404 Amendment, 2025



# **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.

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.

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

# Restrictions on information provided to the public

No data found



# **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.

Dissemination of misinformation, withholding of information and censorship should be prohibited.

Information should be accessible and understandable, including formats catering to low-literacy and differently abled populations. Different modalities exist for the provision of information on abortion, e.g. remote access via hotlines and telemedicine, and through approaches such as harm reduction and community-based outreach, as well as in-person interactions with health workers. Abortion Care Guideline § 3.2.1.

Source document: WHO Abortion Care Guideline (page 74)

Restrictions on methods to detect sex of the foetus



#### Not specified

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#### **Related documents:**

- Guidance on abortion and fetal reduction, 2025
- Law 404 Amendment, 2025



### **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.

A woman is entitled to know the status of her pregnancy and to act on this information. 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 Abortion Care Guideline (page 103)

Other

### Clinical and Service-delivery Aspects of Abortion Care

# National guidelines for induced abortion

Yes, guidelines issued by the government

#### **Related documents:**

• Guidance on abortion and fetal reduction, 2025 (page 1)



#### **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.

National standards and guidelines for abortion care should be evidence based and periodically updated and should provide the necessary guidance to achieve equal access to comprehensive abortion care. Leadership should also promote evidence-based SRH services according to these standards and guidelines. Abortion Care Guideline § 1.3.3.

Source document: WHO Abortion Care Guideline (page 50)

#### **Methods allowed**

#### **Vacuum aspiration**

Not specified

• Guidance on abortion and fetal reduction, 2025

### Dilatation and evacuation

Not specified

• Guidance on abortion and fetal reduction, 2025

# Combination mifepristone-misoprostol

Not specified

• Guidance on abortion and fetal reduction, 2025

# Misoprostol only

Not specified

• Guidance on abortion and fetal reduction, 2025

# Other (where provided)

The abortion can either be performed as a medical abortion (initiation with the help of medication) or as a surgical procedure (surgical removal of the pregnancy tissue under short-term anesthesia). Fetal reduction is a specialist task that is performed at selected hospitals.

• Guidance on abortion and fetal reduction, 2025 (page 3)



# **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.

Vacuum aspiration is recommended for surgical abortions at or under 14 weeks to be provided by traditional and complementary medicine professionals, nurses, midwives, associate/advanced associate clinicians, generalist medical practitioners and specialist medical practitioners.

The Abortion Care Guideline recommends against the practice of dilatation and sharp curettage (D&C), including for sharp curette checks (i.e. to "complete" the abortion) following vacuum aspiration. Abortion Care Guideline § 3.4.1.

Source document: WHO Abortion Care Guideline (page 101)

Dilation and evacuation (D&E) is recommended for surgical abortions at or over 14 weeks to be provided by generalist medical practitioners and specialist medical practitioners. Vacuum aspiration can be used during a D&E. Abortion Care Guideline § 3.4.1.

Source document: WHO Abortion Care Guideline (page 103)

The recommended method for medical abortion is mifepristone followed by misoprostol (regimen differs by gestational age). Abortion Care Guideline § 3.4.2.

Source document: WHO Abortion Care Guideline (page 106)

The Abortion Care Guideline recommends the use of misoprostol alone, with a regime that differs by gestational age. Evidence demonstrates that the use of combination misoprostol en misoprostol is more effective than misoprostol alone. Abortion Care Guideline § 3.4.2.

Source document: WHO Abortion Care Guideline (page 106)

Country recognized approval (mifepristone / mifemisoprostol)

Yes

#### **Related documents:**

• Official Medical Agency - Authorised Drugs - Misoprostol and Mifepristone (page 1)

#### **Pharmacy selling or distribution**



#### Not specified

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• Official Medical Agency - Authorised Drugs - Misoprostol and Mifepristone



#### **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.

Mifepristone and misoprostol should be listed in relevant national EMLs (NEMLs) or their equivalent and should be included in the relevant clinical care/service delivery guidelines.

Inclusion in the NEML is one important component of ensuring that quality medicines are available.

For induced abortion, Mifepristone (200 mg) and misoprostol (200  $\mu$ g), are recommended in the WHO EML. The EML specifically mentions the following co-packaged formulation: 1 tablet mifepristone (200 mg) + 4 tablets misoprostol (200  $\mu$ g).

Restrictions on prescribing authority for some categories of health workers may need to be modified or other mechanisms put in place to make the medicines available for these health workers within the regulatory framework of the health system. Abortion Care Guideline § 1.4.4.

Source document: WHO Abortion Care Guideline (page 55)

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**Source document**: WHO Abortion Care Guideline (page 55)

Country recognized approval (misoprostol)

Yes, for gynaecological indications

### Related documents:

• Official Medical Agency - Authorised Drugs - Misoprostol and Mifepristone (page 1)

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



# 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.

• Official Medical Agency - Authorised Drugs - Misoprostol and Mifepristone



# **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.

Mifepristone and misoprostol should be listed in relevant national EMLs (NEMLs) or their equivalent and should be included in the relevant clinical care/service delivery guidelines.

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# Where can abortion services be provided

#### **Related documents:**

- Health Act (page 27)
- Law 404 Amendment, 2025 (page 2)

#### **Primary health-care centres**

Not specified

- Health Act
- Guidance on abortion and fetal reduction, 2025
- Law 404 Amendment, 2025

#### Secondary (district-level) health-care facilities

Yes

• Health Act (page 27 03-DENMARK-ABORTION-PROVISION-GUIDANCE-2006.pdf)

#### Specialized abortion care public facilities

Yes

• https://abortion-policies.srhr.org/documents/countries/03-DENMARK-ABORTION-PROVISION-GUIDANCE-2006.pdf#page=2

#### **Private health-care centres or clinics**

Yes

• https://abortion-policies.srhr.org/documents/countries/03-DENMARK-ABORTION-PROVISION-GUIDANCE-2006.pdf#page=2

#### **NGO** health-care centres or clinics

Not specified

- Health Act
- Guidance on abortion and fetal reduction, 2025
- Law 404 Amendment, 2025

#### Other (if applicable)

Abortion after the end of the 18th week of pregnancy and fetal reduction may only be performed by specialists at regional hospitals.

• Law 404 Amendment, 2025 (page 2)



# **WHO Guidance**

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Source document: WHO Abortion Care Guideline (page 48)

# National guidelines for post-abortion care

Yes, guidelines issued by the government

# Related documents:

• Guidance on abortion and fetal reduction, 2025 (page 1)



# **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.

National standards and guidelines for abortion care should be evidence based and periodically updated and should provide the necessary guidance to achieve equal access to comprehensive abortion care. Leadership should also promote evidence-based SRH services according to these standards and guidelines. Abortion Care Guideline § 1.3.3.

**Source document**: WHO Abortion Care Guideline (page 50)

Where can post abortion care services be provided

### **Primary health-care centres**

Not specified

- Health Act
- Guidance on abortion and fetal reduction, 2025
- Law 404 Amendment, 2025

#### Secondary (district-level) health-care facilities

Not specified

- Health Act
- Guidance on abortion and fetal reduction, 2025
- Law 404 Amendment, 2025

#### **Specialized abortion care public facilities**

Not specified

- Health Act
- Guidance on abortion and fetal reduction, 2025
- Law 404 Amendment, 2025

#### **Private health-care centres or clinics**

Not specified

- Health Act
- Guidance on abortion and fetal reduction, 2025
- Law 404 Amendment, 2025

#### NGO health-care centres or clinics

Not specified

- Health Act
- Guidance on abortion and fetal reduction, 2025
- Law 404 Amendment, 2025



# **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.

The Abortion Care Guideline recommends the option of telemedicine as an alternative to in-person interactions with the health worker to deliver medical abortion services in whole or in part.

Telemedicine services should include referrals (based on the woman's location) for medicines (abortion and pain control medicines), any abortion care or post-abortion follow-up required (including for emergency care if needed), and for post-abortion contraceptive services. Abortion Care Guideline § 3.6.1.

Source document: WHO Abortion Care Guideline (page 133)

Contraception included in post-abortion care

### Yes

# Related documents:

• Guidance on abortion and fetal reduction, 2025 (page 5)



# **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.

All contraceptive options may be considered after an abortion. For individuals undergoing surgical abortion and wishing to use contraception, Abortion Care Guideline recommends the option of initiating the contraception at the time of surgical abortion. For individuals undergoing medical abortion, for those who choose to use hormonal contraception, the Abortion Care Guideline suggests that they be given the option of starting hormonal contraception immediately after the first pill of the medical abortion regimen. For those who choose to have an IUD inserted, Abortion Care Guideline suggests IUD placement at the time that success of the abortion procedure is determined. Abortion Care Guideline § 3.5.4.

**Source document**: WHO Abortion Care Guideline (page 126)

# Insurance to offset end user costs

Yes

#### **Related documents:**

• Health Act (page 62)

#### Induced abortion for all women

Yes

• Health Act (page 62)

#### Induced abortion for poor women only

Nο

• Health Act (page 62)

#### **Abortion complications**

VΔc

• Health Act (page 62)

#### **Private health coverage**

Not specified

Health Act



### **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.

Where user fees are charged for abortion, this should be based on careful consideration of ability to pay, and fee waivers should be available for those who are facing financial hardship and adolescent abortion seekers. As far as possible, abortion services and supplies should be mandated for coverage under insurance plans as inability to pay is not an acceptable reason to deny or delay abortion care. Furthermore, having transparent procedures in all health-care facilities can ensure that informal charges are not imposed by staff. Abortion Care Guideline § 1.4.2.

**Source document**: WHO Abortion Care Guideline (page 53)

# Who can provide abortion services

#### **Related documents:**

• Guidance on abortion and fetal reduction, 2025 (page 4)

### Nurse

Not specified

- Health Act
- Guidance on abortion and fetal reduction, 2025
- Law 404 Amendment, 2025

### Midwife/nurse-midwife

Not specified

- Health Act
- Guidance on abortion and fetal reduction, 2025
- Law 404 Amendment, 2025

# **Doctor (specialty not specified)**

Yes

• Guidance on abortion and fetal reduction, 2025 (page 4)

# Specialist doctor, including OB/GYN

Yes

• Guidance on abortion and fetal reduction, 2025 (page 4)



# **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.

The Abortion Care Guideline recommends against regulation on who can provide and manage abortion that is inconsistent with WHO guidance. Abortion Care Guideline § 3.3.8.

**Source document**: WHO Abortion Care Guideline (page 97)

Extra facility/provider requirements for delivery of abortion services

#### Referral linkages to a higher-level facility

Not specified

- Health Act
- Guidance on abortion and fetal reduction, 2025
- Law 404 Amendment, 2025

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

Not specified

- Health Act
- Guidance on abortion and fetal reduction, 2025
- Law 404 Amendment, 2025

#### Minimum number of beds

Not specified

- Health Act
- Guidance on abortion and fetal reduction, 2025
- Law 404 Amendment, 2025

### Other (if applicable)



#### **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.

There is no single recommended approach to providing abortion services. The choice of specific health worker(s) (from among the recommended options) or management by the individual themself, and the location of service provision (from among recommended options) will depend on the values and preferences of the woman, girl or other pregnant person, available resources, and the national and local context. A plurality of service-delivery approaches can co-exist within any given context. Given that service-delivery approaches can be diverse, it is important to ensure that for the individual seeking care, the range of service-delivery options taken together will provide access to scientifically accurate, understandable information at all stages; access to quality-assured medicines (including those for pain management); back-up referral support if desired or needed; linkages to an appropriate choice of contraceptive services for those who want post-abortion contraception. Best Practice Statement 49 on service delivery. Abortion Care Guideline § 3.6.1.

**Source document**: WHO Abortion Care Guideline (page 132)

## Conscientious Objection

Public sector providers

#### **Related documents:**

• Guidance on abortion and fetal reduction, 2025 (page 17)

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

Yes

05-Denmark-Guidance-on-abortion-and-fetal-reduction-2025.pdf#page=17

• Guidance on abortion and fetal reduction, 2025 (page 17)



# **WHO Guidance**

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Source document: WHO Abortion Care Guideline (page 98)



# **Additional notes**

Doctors, nurses, midwives, nursing assistants and social and health assistants, as well as students within these professions

Private sector providers

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# Provider type not specified

Yes

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#### Neither Type of Provider Permitted

#### **Related documents:**

• Guidance on abortion and fetal reduction, 2025 (page 17)

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# **Public facilities**



# Not specified

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# Related documents:

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Source document: WHO Abortion Care Guideline (page 48)

# Private facilities



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Goal 4. Ensure inclusive and equitable quality education and promote lifelong learning opportunities for all

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

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

No data

No data

6.10.1 Number of verified cases of killing, kidnapping, enforced disappearance, arbitrary detention and torture of journalists, associated nedia personnel, trade unionists and human rights advocates in the previous 12 months	No data
6.b.1 Proportion of population reporting having personally felt discriminated against or harassed in the previous 12 months on the basis of a round 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	
7.8.1 Proportion of individuals using the Internet	No data
Additional Reproductive Health Indicators	
ercentage of married women with unmet need for family planning	No data
ercentage of births attended by trained health professional	<b>94.4</b> (2016)
ercentage of women aged 20-24 who gave birth before age 18	No data
otal fertility rate	<b>1.71</b> (2018)
egal marital age for women, with parental consent	No data
egal marital age for women, without parental consent	<b>18</b> (2009-2017)
ender Inequalities Index (Value)	<b>0.04</b> (2017)
ender Inequalities Index (Rank)	<b>2</b> (2017)
andatory paid maternity leave	<b>yes</b> (2020)
edian age	<b>42.3</b> (2020)
opulation, urban (%)	<b>87.8</b> (2018)
ercentage of secondary school completion rate for girls	<b>0.99</b> (2013)
ender parity in secondary education	<b>1.029</b> (2016)
ercentage of women in non-agricultural employment	<b>49.6</b> (2013)
oportion of seats in parliament held by women	<b>37.4</b> (2017)
ex ratio at birth (male to female births)	<b>1.06</b> (2018)