

Country	Grounds to permit abortion	Date of current legislation	Maximum penalty (+ fine)	Time limit
Afghanistan	1	1976	Imprisonment	-
Algeria	1,2,3,	1966, 1976	5 years + suspension	before foetal viability
Azerbaijan	1,2,4,5,6,7	1955	8 years	12 weeks
Bahrain	1,2,3,4,5,6,7	1976	10 years	-
Bangladesh	1	1860	10 years	Before 'quickening' has occurred (15/16 weeks approx)
Benin	1	1958	-	-
Brunei	1	1951, 1984	15 years	Before 'quickening' has occurred (15/16 weeks approx)
Burkina Faso	1,2,3,4,5	1996	5 years	10 weeks
Cameroon	1,2,3,4	1992	2 years	-
Chad	1	1967	5 years	-
Comoros	1,2,3	1982	5 years	-
Djibouti	1	1994	5 years	Necessity [Islamic law]
Egypt	1	1937	Imprisonment	Necessity [Islamic law]
Gabon	1	1963	5 years	Necessity [Islamic law]
Guinea	1,2,3	1965	Life imprisonment	Necessity [Islamic law]
Guinea-Bissau	1	1974	-	12 weeks
Guyana	1,2,3,4,5,6,7	1995		8, 12, 16, 16+ weeks
Indonesia	1	1992	5.5 years + suspension	Necessity [Islamic law]
Iran	1	1991		120 days
Iraq	1,5	1969, 1994	1 year	Necessity [Islamic law]
Ivory Coast	1	1981	5 years	-
Jordan	1,2,3	1971	4 years	Necessity [Islamic law]
Kazakhstan	1,2,3,4,5,6,7	1955, 1982	-	12 weeks
Kuwait	1,2,3,5	1981	10 years	16 weeks; necessity
Kyrgyzstan	1,2,3,4,5,6,7	1955, 1982	-	12 weeks
Lebanon	1	1983	10 years + suspension	Necessity [Islamic law]
Libya	1	1953, 1973	6 years	Necessity [Islamic law]
Malaysia	1,2,3	1989	20 years	Before 'quickening' has occurred (15/16 weeks approx)
Maldives	1,2,5	-	-	Necessity [Islamic law]
Mali	1	1961	5 years + suspension	Necessity [Islamic law]

Mauritania	1	1983	10 years + suspension	Necessity [Islamic law]
Morocco	1,2,3	1967	10 years + suspension	-
Mozambique	1,2,3	1981	-	-
Niger	1	1961	10 years + suspension	Necessity [Islamic law]
Nigeria	1,2,3	1959 (N), 1916 (S)	14 years	Necessity [Islamic law]
Oman	1	1974	7 years	Necessity [Islamic law]
Pakistan	1,2,3	1990	7 years	Necessity [Islamic law]
Palestine	1,2,3,5	1971	10 years	Necessity [Islamic law]
Saudi Arabia	1,2,3	1989		Necessity [Islamic law]
Senegal	1	1939	10 years	-
Sierra Leone	1,2,3	1988	-	Necessity [Islamic law]
Sudan	1,4	1983, 1991	5 years	90 days (rape); necessity
Suriname	1	-	15 years + suspension	Necessity [Islamic law]
Syria	1	1949	3 years	Necessity [Islamic law]
The Gambia	1,2,3	1934	14 years	Necessity [Islamic law]
Togo	1	1981		-
Tunisia	1,2,3,4,5,6,7	1965	5 years	3 months
Turkey	1,2,3,4,5,6,7	1983		10 weeks
Turkmenistan	1,2,3,4,5,6,7	1955, 1982, 1987		28 weeks
UAE	1	1987	7 years	Necessity [Islamic law]
Uganda	1,2,3	1950	14 years	Necessity [Islamic law]
Uzbekistan	1,2,3,4,5,6,7	1955, 1982, 1987		28 weeks
Yemen	1	1990		Necessity [Islamic law]
United Kingdom	1,2,3,5,6	1967	-	28 weeks
France	1,2,3,4,5,6,7	1975, 1979	10 years	10 weeks
United States	1,2,3,4,5,6,7	1973	-	28 weeks; state dependent

Key (UN factors)	1. Save woman's life	2. Preserve health	3. Preserve mental health
4. Rape or incest	5. Foetal impairment	6. Economic/Social	7. Available on request

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Necessity [Islamic law]: abortion is permitted when the pregnant woman's life is threatened, regardless of the length of gestation.