

LEGISLATION & COST OF ABORTION IN HIGH INCOME COUNTRIES

Across the world, 60% or 1.12 billion women live in countries where abortion is broadly legal, including Australia. In the past 30 years, more than 60 countries have decriminalised abortion.¹



In comparison to our international counterparts, financial costs remain a major barrier for women accessing abortion services in Australia.²

Comprehensive abortion care includes the provision of information, abortion management and post-abortion care.²

Making these services more accessible within the healthcare system is part of achieving the United Nations Sustainable Development Goals:³



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	Australia 	Canada 	Sweden 	New Zealand 	Denmark 	England 
Abortion access decriminalised						
Cost of medical and surgical abortions	\$605- ^{4,5} \$1,330 AUD					

➤ In Australia, the financial costs to a patient accessing medical abortion includes the cost of blood tests, ultrasounds, follow-up appointments and treatments.⁴

➤ This cost varies depending on which state you live in, whether you hold Medicare card or health care card, and whether it is being provided via a private or public service.⁴

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