



Guide for use

Abortion notification e-form to notify the Chief Health Officer

Abortion Legislation Reform Act 2023 (WA)

Chief Health Officer [Provision of Abortion Information] Directions 2024

All induced abortions performed in Western Australia must be notified to the Chief Health Officer within 14 days of the abortion being performed.

- For abortions performed:
 - Before 27 March 2024, notification must be via [Form 1](#).
 - From 27 March 2024, notification must be via the [Abortion Notification e-form](#).
For either E-form go to [Abortion](#).
- Submit one notification for each abortion, including fetal reductions.
- Submit notification within 14 days of abortion.
- Provide one response value for every question.
- Do not include additional methods used to manage complications.
- How to notify:
 1. Go to [www.health.wa.gov.au/Articles/A E/Abortion](http://www.health.wa.gov.au/Articles/A_E/Abortion)
 2. Open correct E-Form for date abortion was performed.
 3. Complete form.
 4. Select “Submit” at end of form.
 5. Note message confirming successful submission.
 6. Note unique number allocated.
 7. Select “Download” to retrieve digital copy of notification in PDF format.
 8. PDF format:
 - includes the unique number assigned the submitted form
 - suitable for addition to clinical records
 - suitable for printing.
 9. Select “Next notification” to start a new notification.
 10. Select “Close Survey” when all notifications have been submitted.
- Information below assists with correct completion of each data item on form.

<p>1 Date abortion performed</p> <p>Mandatory to provide 1 value</p>	<p>Date medication was prescribed, or procedure commenced.</p> <p>Use calendar tool and “today” date button OR enter day, month, and year in format DD-MM-YYYY.</p> <p>Validation:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Error displayed if date is more than four days after “today”. • Warning displayed if date is more than 28 days before “today” to ensure date entry errors are checked.
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<p>2 Age range of pregnant person Mandatory to provide 1 value</p>	<p>Age range for age in years of pregnant person at the time abortion commenced. Select the 1 most suitable value from age ranges provided.</p>
<p>3 Region of residence of pregnant person Mandatory to provide 1 value</p>	<p>WA Health geographic region where the home address of the pregnant person is located. Go to page 3 for map of health regions listed. Select the 1 most suitable value from 11 regions provided:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • WA metropolitan – East • WA metropolitan – North • WA metropolitan – South • WA country – Great Southern • WA country – Goldfields • WA country – Kimberley • WA country – Midwest • WA country – Pilbara • WA country – South West • WA country – Wheatbelt • Not within WA describes a person not resident in WA but visiting for reason that may include seeking health care
<p>4 Gestational age of pregnancy Mandatory to provide 1 value</p>	<p>Gestational age range for the gestational age of the pregnancy at the time abortion was commenced. Gestational age calculation should be based on dates (first day of last menstrual period) or earliest formal dating ultrasound. Select the 1 most suitable value from gestational age ranges provided.</p>
<p>5 Reason for abortion Mandatory to provide 1 value</p>	<p>Category of reason the abortion was performed. Select the 1 most suitable value from 3 values provided:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Fetal abnormality includes diagnosed structural and chromosomal anomalies of fetus/placenta • Medical condition includes diagnosed sepsis, eclampsia, congestive heart failure, mental health condition, tumour, severe fetal growth restriction etc • Other includes spontaneous rupture of membranes at pre-viable age, unspecified reason, any other reason not considered a fetal abnormality or diagnosed medical condition.
<p>6 Method of abortion Mandatory to provide 1 value</p>	<p>Category of intervention used to terminate the pregnancy or reduce the number of fetuses. Do not include procedures used to manage complications. Select the 1 most suitable value from 2 values provided:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Medical only includes oral, vaginal, buccal, or intravenous administration of antiprogestogen, prostaglandin, or other medication. Includes fetal interventions but not surgical procedures. • Surgical only includes vacuum aspiration, dilatation and curettage, hysterotomy, laser ablation. Use of “Surgical only”.

<p>7 This notification submitted by Mandatory to provide 1 value</p>	<p>Registration group of health practitioner notifying that abortion performed.</p> <p>Select the 1 most suitable value from 2 values provided:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Medical practitioner • Other registered health practitioner includes endorsed midwife or nurse practitioner.
<p>8 Category of abortion service provider Mandatory to provide 1 value</p>	<p>Category and location of health service, hospital, or practice employing the health professional when they performed the abortion procedure or prescribed the abortion medication.</p> <p>Select the 1 most suitable value from 6 values provided:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • General practice – WA metropolitan • General practice – WA country • Private hospital/clinic – WA limited to services licensed as hospitals or day hospitals • Public hospital – WA metropolitan • Public hospital – WA country • Other includes providers located outside of WA using virtual service delivery protocols.

The web page https://ww2.health.wa.gov.au/Articles/A_E/Abortion-Notification-System provides more information and contact details for the team who manage notifications of abortion to the Chief Health Officer and the Abortion Notification System.

This map displays the Western Australian health regions that align with the “region of residence of pregnant person” in table above.

