










Cabo Verde

Women, Business and the Law 2020 presents an index covering 190 economies and structured around the life cycle of a working woman. In total, 35 questions are scored across the eight indicators. Overall scores are then calculated by taking the average of each indicator, with 100 representing the highest possible score. Based on this approach, **Cabo Verde scores 86.3 out of 100**. The overall score for Cabo Verde is higher than the regional average observed across Sub-Saharan Africa (69.9).

Cabo Verde - Scores for Women, Business and the Law 2020

								
Mobility	Workplace	Pay	Marriage	Parenthood	Entrepreneurship	Assets	Pension	WBL 2020 Index Score
100	100	75	100	40	100	100	75	86.3

Relative Strengths

When it comes to constraints on freedom of movement, laws affecting women's decisions to work, constraints related to marriage, constraints on women's starting and running a business, and gender differences in property and inheritance, Cabo Verde gets a perfect score.

Areas for Improvement

However, when it comes to laws affecting women's pay, laws affecting women's work after having children, and laws affecting the size of a women's pension, Cabo Verde could consider reforms to improve legal equality for women.

For example, one of the lowest scores for Cabo Verde is on the indicator related to laws affecting women's work after having children (the WBL2020 Parenthood Indicator). To improve on the Parenthood Indicator, Cabo Verde may wish to consider making paid leave of at least 14 weeks available to mothers, making the government administer 100% of maternity leave benefits, and making paid parental leave available.

Recent Reforms (2018-2019)

No reforms impacting the WBL2020 indicators have been observed during the past two years.

Cabo Verde - Data Summary

INDICATOR	QUESTION	ANSWER	LEGAL BASIS
Mobility	Can a woman choose where to live in the same way as a man?	Yes	Civil Code, Art. 1630
	Can a woman travel outside her home in the same way as a man?	Yes	No restrictions could be located
	Can a woman apply for a passport in the same way as a man?	Yes	Passport application procedures; Passport application form
	Can a woman travel outside the country in the same way as a man?	Yes	No restrictions could be located
Workplace	Can a woman get a job in the same way as a man?	Yes	Civil Code, Art. 1632
	Does the law prohibit discrimination in employment based on gender?	Yes	Legislative-Decree n. 5 of 2007, Art. 15
	Is there legislation on sexual harassment in employment?	Yes	Penal Code, Art. 152; Labor Code, Art. 410
	Are there criminal penalties or civil remedies for sexual harassment in employment?	Yes	<i>Criminal:</i> Penal Code, Art. 152; Labor Code, Art. 410 <i>Civil:</i> Penal Code, Art. 100
Pay	Does the law mandate equal remuneration for work of equal value?	No	No applicable provisions could be located
	Can women work the same night hours as men?	Yes	No restrictions could be located
	Can women work in jobs dangerous in the same way as men?	Yes	(See website for details by job)
	Are women able to work in the same industries as men?	Yes	(See website for details by industry)
Marriage	Is there no legal provision that requires a married woman to obey her husband?	Yes	Civil Code, Art. 1672
	Can a woman be head of household in the same way as a man?	Yes	No restrictions could be located
	Is there legislation specifically addressing domestic violence?	Yes	Act N. 84/VII/2011 on Gender Based Violence
	Can a woman obtain a judgment of divorce in the same way as a man?	Yes	No restrictions could be located
	Does a woman have the same rights to remarry as a man?	Yes	No restrictions could be located
Parenthood	Is paid leave of at least 14 weeks available to mothers?	No	Legislative-Decree n. 5 of 2007, Art. 271
	Does the government pay 100% of maternity leave benefits?	No	Decree-Law n. 50 of 2009, Art. 44; Legislative-Decree n. 5 of 2007, Art. 212
	Is there paid paternity leave?	Yes	Legislative-Decree n. 5 of 2007, Arts. 186(2)(j) and 189
	Is there paid parental leave?	No	No applicable provisions could be located
	Is dismissal of pregnant workers prohibited?	Yes	Legislative-Decree n. 5 of 2007, Art. 275 and 409
Entrepreneurship	Does the law prohibit discrimination in access to credit based on gender?	Yes	Penal Code, Art. 161(1)
	Can a woman sign a contract in the same way as a man?	Yes	No restrictions could be located
	Can a woman register a business in the same way as a man?	Yes	No restrictions could be located
	Can a woman open a bank account in the same way as a man?	Yes	Civil Code, Art. 1633
Assets	Do men and women have equal ownership rights to immovable property?	Yes	Civil Code, Art. 1638(1)
	Do sons and daughters have equal rights to inherit assets from their parents?	Yes	Civil Code, Arts. 2064 and 2070
	Do female and male surviving spouses have equal rights to inherit assets?	Yes	Civil Code, Arts. 2064 and 2072
	Does the law grant spouses equal administrative authority over assets during marriage?	Yes	Civil Code, Art. 1638(3)
	Does the law provide for the valuation of nonmonetary contributions?	Yes	Civil Code, Arts. 1677, 1683-1686 and 1691
Pension	Are the ages at which men and women can retire with full pension benefits equal?	No	Women: Decree-Law n. 5 of 2009, Art. 81 Men: Decree-Law n. 5 of 2009, Art. 81
	Are the ages at which men and women can retire with partial pension benefits equal?	Yes	Women: No applicable provisions could be located Men: No applicable provisions could be located
	Are the mandatory retirement ages for men and women equal?	Yes	Women: No applicable provisions could be located Men: No applicable provisions could be located

	Are periods of absence due to child care accounted for in pension benefits?	Yes	Decree-Law n. 5 of 2004, Art. 15
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