

Guinea

Women, Business and the Law 2021 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. Data refer to the laws and regulations that are applicable to the main business city (Conakry). Different rules may apply in other jurisdictions so local legislation should be reviewed. Based on this approach, **Guinea scores 76.3 out of 100.** The overall score for Guinea is higher than the regional average observed across Sub-Saharan Africa (71). Within the Sub-Saharan Africa region, the maximum score observed is 91.9 (Mauritius).

Guinea - Scores for Women, Business and the Law 2021



Relative Strengths

When it comes to constraints on freedom of movement, laws affecting women's decisions to work, constraints on women's starting and running a business, and laws affecting the size of a woman's pension, Guinea gets a perfect score.

Areas for Improvement

However, when it comes to laws affecting women's pay, constraints related to marriage, laws affecting women's work after having children, and gender differences in property and inheritance, Guinea could consider reforms to improve legal equality for women.

For example, one of the lowest scores for Guinea is on the indicator related to laws affecting women's work after having children (the WBL2021 Parenthood Indicator). To improve on the Parenthood Indicator, Guinea may wish to consider making the government administer 100% of maternity leave benefits, making paid leave available to fathers, and making paid parental leave available.

Recent Reforms

No reforms were observed during the past year.



Further data details for Guinea are available at:

https://wbl.worldbank.org/en/data/exploreeconomies/guinea/2021





| | QUESTION | ANSWER | LEGAL BASIS |
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| Mobility | Can a woman choose where to live in the same way as a man? | Yes | Code Civil, Arts. 294 |
| | 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 | Code Civil, Art. 291 |
| | Does the law prohibit discrimination in employment based on gender? | Yes | Loi L/214/72/CNT du 1 janvier 214, Art. 4 |
| | Is there legislation on sexual harassment in employment? | Yes | Code du Travail, Arts. 8 et 9 |
| | Are there criminal penalties or civil remedies for sexual harassment | Yes | Criminal: Code Pénal, Art. 277 |
| | in employment? | | Civil: Code du Travail, Arts. 8 et 172.10 |
| Pay | Does the law mandate equal remuneration for work of equal value? | Yes | Loi L/2014/072/CNT du 10 Janvier 2014, Art. 241.2 |
| | Can a woman work at night in the same way as a man? | Yes | No restrictions could be located |
| | Can a woman work in a job deemed dangerous in the same way as a man? | No | Code du Travail, Art. 231.5 |
| | Can a woman work in an industrial job in the same way as a man? | No | Arrêté No. 1392/MASE/DNTLS/90 du 15 Mai 1990, Art. 1, 3-6; Code du Travail, Art. 136.1 |
| Marriage | Is there no legal provision that requires a married woman to obey her husband? | Yes | Code Civil, Art. 286 |
| | Can a woman be head of household in the same way as a man? | Yes | Code Civil, Arts. 260 et 287 |
| | Is there legislation specifically addressing domestic violence? | No | No applicable provisions could be located |
| | Can a woman obtain a judgment of divorce in the same way as a man? | Yes | Code Civil, Arts. 305-319 |
| | Does a woman have the same rights to remarry as a man? | No | Code Civil, Arts. 246 et 336 |
| Parenthood | Is paid leave of at least 14 weeks available to mothers? | Yes | Loi L/214/72/CNT du 1 janvier 214, Art. 153.1 |
| | Does the government pay 100% of maternity leave benefits? | No | Loi L/214/72/CNT du 1 Janvier 214, Art. 153.3 |
| | Is paid leave available to fathers? | No | No applicable provisions could be located |
| | Is there paid parental leave? | No | No applicable provisions could be located |
| | Is dismissal of pregnant workers prohibited? | Yes | Loi L/2014/072/CNT du 10 janvier 2014, Art. 153.5 |
| Entrepren. | Does the law prohibit discrimination in access to credit based on gender? | Yes | Code Pénal, Arts. 313-316 |
| | Can a woman sign a contract in the same way as a man? | Yes | Code Civil, Art. 288 |
| | 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 man? | Yes | Code Civil, Art. 288 |
| Assets | Do men and women have equal ownership rights to immovable property? | Yes | Code Civil, Art. 652 |
| | Do sons and daughters have equal rights to inherit assets from their parents? | Yes | Code Civil, Arts. 666-667, 672 et 680 |
| | Do female and male surviving spouses have equal rights to inherit assets? | No | Code Civil, Arts. 695 |
| | Does the law grant spouses equal administrative authority over assets during marriage? | Yes | Code Civil, Art. 652 |
| | Does the law provide for the valuation of nonmonetary contributions? | No | Code Civil, Art. 619 |
| Pension | Is the age at which men and women can retire with full pension benefits the same? | Yes | Women: Code de la Sécurité Sociale, Art. 49 Men: Code de la Sécurité Sociale, Art. 49 |
| | Is the age at which men and women can retire with partial pension benefits the same? | Yes | Women: No applicable provisions could be located Men: No applicable provisions could be located |
| | Is the mandatory retirement age for men and women the same? | Yes | Women: Code du Travail, Art. 172.34 Men: Code du Travail, Art. 172.34 |
| | Are periods of absence due to child care accounted for in pension benefits? | Yes | Loi No.1994-6/CTRN du 14 février 1994 portant Code de la sécurité sociale, Art. 53 |

