



Taliban Policies Restricting Women’s Rights since August 2021

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	Date	Policy	Source
1	13 Aug 2021	Decree ordering imams to compile lists of unmarried women between 12-45 for Taliban fighters to marry	Daily Mail , “Advancing Taliban go door-to-door and forcibly take girls as young as twelve to be sex slave 'wives' for their fighters as they sweep across country following NATO withdrawal”
2	25 Aug 2021	Temporary advisory for working women to stay at home “for their safety”	CNN , “Taliban tell Afghan women to stay home from work because soldiers are 'not trained' to respect them”
3	30 Aug 2021	Ban on co-education, men prohibited from teaching girls	Republic World , “Taliban declare ban on co-education in Afghanistan, prohibit men from teaching girls”
4	8 Sept 2021	Announcement of caretaker government without women	CNN , “Taliban name ex-Guantanamo detainees and wanted man to new caretaker government”
5	17 Sept 2021	Ban on girls’ secondary education (secondary schools to reopen only for male teachers and students)	The Guardian , “Taliban ban girls from secondary education in Afghanistan”
6	17 Sept 2021	Removal of Ministry of Women’s Affairs	Reuters , “Taliban replaces women's ministry with ministry of virtue and vice”

7	20 Sept 2021	Effective ban on women in the workplace	CBS News , "Taliban tells women and girls to stay home from work and school"
8	29 Sept 2021	Ban on women teaching or studying at public universities until they can be segregated from men	Washington Post , "Kabul University shuts down as Taliban government bans women from campus, for now"
9	22 Nov 2021	Ban on dramas, soap operas, entertainment shows broadcasting women; women news presenters required to wear headscarves	CNN , "Women banned from Afghan television dramas under new Taliban media rules"
10	3 Dec 2021	Decree on women's rights exclusively on marriage, with no mention of access to education or work	Reuters , "Taliban release decree saying women must consent to marriage"
11	26 Dec 2021	Ban on cab drivers from accepting women passengers without hijab	Republic World , "Taliban Ban Drivers From Playing Music In Cars, Having Women Passengers Without Hijab"
12	29 Dec 2021	Ban on women taking long-distance road trips alone (male relative required to accompany them for distances beyond 45 miles)	CNN , "Taliban bans women from solo, long-distance road trips in Afghanistan"
13	29 Dec 2021	Closure of public baths for women in Balkh	https://www.etalatroz.com/134116/the-taliban-shut-down-womens-baths-in-mazar-e-sharif/ , "The Taliban-shut down women's baths in Mazar-e-Sharif"
14	5 Jan 2022	Ban on women entering cafes without mahram in Herat	Rukhshana Media , "Taliban bans women without Mahram from entering Cafes in Herat"
15	2 Feb 2022	Ban on women government employees from entering government offices without hijab	Rukhshana Media , "Taliban: Female government employees aren't allowed to go to work without hijab"
16	2 Mar 2022	Ban on women's access to health centers without a mahram	Foreign Policy , "The Taliban Are Harming Afghan Women's Health"

17	13 Mar 2022	Segregation of women and men's offices in the Ministry of Public Health	https://da.azadiradio.com/a/31750810.html
18	24 Mar 2022	Closure of schools for girls above the 6 th grade	CNN , "Taliban postpones return to school for Afghan girls above 6th grade"
19	27 Mar 2022	Ban on women's air travel without a mahram	Reuters , "Taliban ban women in Afghanistan from flying without male chaperone"
20	6 Apr 2022	Gender segregation in public parks – women only allowed to visit on Sunday-Tuesday	Al Jazeera , "Shrinking public space for Afghan women as Taliban expands curbs"; Republic World , "Taliban Issues Segregation Rule For Amusement Parks, Specifies Open Days For Each Gender"
21	29 Apr 2022	Gender segregation in academic institutions – working week divided into shifts for only women or only men students	University World News , "Taliban splits university week for gender separation"
22	5 May 2022	Ban on issuing of driving licenses for women	Independent , "Taliban regime stops issuing driving licenses to women, reports say"
23	7 May 2022	Forced face covering in public for women	CNN , "Taliban decree orders women in Afghanistan to cover their faces"
24	12 May 2022	Ban on women's access to parks in Herat; gender segregation in restaurants	Hasht-e Subh Daily , "New Taliban restrictions in Herat; the gates of the park and restaurant were closed to women"
25	19 May 2022	Forced face covering for women TV presenters and other women on screen	BBC , "Afghanistan's female TV presenters must cover their faces, say Taliban"
26	29 May 2022	Reissuance of ban on women's access to public transportation without a mahram	Jurist , "Afghanistan dispatch: unaccompanied women now banned from public transport"
27	2 Jun 2022	Ban on women's access to music and movies at computer shops unless accompanied by a male family member	Rukshana Media , "Taliban order Kandahar DJs not to transfer music and movies into women's phones and computers, if they visit their shops alone"

28	9 Jun 2022	Ban on women taking taxis without a mahram; ban on women sitting next to taxi drivers	BBC Afghanistan
29	10 Jun 2022	Ban on tailors from sewing women's clothes or taking measurements of women's bodies	Hasht-e Subh Daily , "Taliban Beat Up Tailors for Allegedly Sewing Women's Clothing in Herat"; https://www.afintl.com/202206107050
30	16 Jun 2022	Ban on women's right to sue men in Herat	Hasht-e Subh Daily , "Women have no right to sue men," says Taliban in Herat
31	17 Jun 2011	Ban on women attending Friday prayers at mosques in Herat	Hasht-e Subh Daily , "The Taliban in Herat prevented women from attending Friday prayers"