



## 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	<a href="#">Daily Mail</a> , “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”	<a href="#">CNN</a> , “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	<a href="#">Republic World</a> , “Taliban declare ban on co-education in Afghanistan, prohibit men from teaching girls”
4	8 Sept 2021	Announcement of caretaker government without women	<a href="#">CNN</a> , “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)	<a href="#">The Guardian</a> , “Taliban ban girls from secondary education in Afghanistan”
6	17 Sept 2021	Removal of Ministry of Women’s Affairs	<a href="#">Reuters</a> , “Taliban replaces women's ministry with ministry of virtue and vice”

7	20 Sept 2021	Effective ban on women in the workplace	<a href="#">CBS News</a> , "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	<a href="#">Washington Post</a> , "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	<a href="#">CNN</a> , "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	<a href="#">Reuters</a> , "Taliban release decree saying women must consent to marriage"
11	26 Dec 2021	Ban on cab drivers from accepting women passengers without hijab	<a href="#">Republic World</a> , "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)	<a href="#">CNN</a> , "Taliban bans women from solo, long-distance road trips in Afghanistan"
13	29 Dec 2021	Closure of public baths for women in Balkh	<a href="https://www.etalatroz.com/134116/the-taliban-shut-down-womens-baths-in-mazar-e-sharif/">https://www.etalatroz.com/134116/the-taliban-shut-down-womens-baths-in-mazar-e-sharif/</a> , "The Taliban-shut down women's baths in Mazar-e-Sharif"
14	5 Jan 2022	Ban on women entering cafes without mahram in Herat	<a href="#">Rukhshana Media</a> , "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	<a href="#">Rukhshana Media</a> , "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	<a href="#">Foreign Policy</a> , "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	<a href="https://da.azadiradio.com/a/31750810.html">https://da.azadiradio.com/a/31750810.html</a>
18	24 Mar 2022	Closure of schools for girls above the 6 <sup>th</sup> grade	<a href="#">CNN</a> , "Taliban postpones return to school for Afghan girls above 6th grade"
19	27 Mar 2022	Ban on women's air travel without a mahram	<a href="#">Reuters</a> , "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	<a href="#">Al Jazeera</a> , "Shrinking public space for Afghan women as Taliban expands curbs"; <a href="#">Republic World</a> , "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	<a href="#">University World News</a> , "Taliban splits university week for gender separation"
22	5 May 2022	Ban on issuing of driving licenses for women	<a href="#">Independent</a> , "Taliban regime stops issuing driving licenses to women, reports say"
23	7 May 2022	Forced face covering in public for women	<a href="#">CNN</a> , "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	<a href="#">Hasht-e Subh Daily</a> , "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	<a href="#">BBC</a> , "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	<a href="#">Jurist</a> , "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	<a href="#">Rukshana Media</a> , "Taliban order Kandahar DJs not to transfer music and movies into women's phones and computers, if they visit their shops alone"

28 29 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	<a href="#">Hasht-e Subh Daily</a> , "Taliban Beat Up Tailors for Allegedly Sewing Women's Clothing in Herat"; <a href="https://www.afintl.com/202206107050">https://www.afintl.com/202206107050</a>
30	16 Jun 2022	Ban on women's right to sue men in Herat	<a href="#">Hasht-e Subh Daily</a> , "Women have no right to sue men," says Taliban in Herat
31	17 Jun 2022	Ban on women attending Friday prayers at mosques in Herat	<a href="#">Hasht-e Subh Daily</a> , "The Taliban in Herat prevented women from attending Friday prayers"
32	18 June 2022	Order Women to send men to work instead of women in Ministry of Finance, Kabul	<a href="#">Hasht-e Subh Daily</a> "Send the men of the house to duty instead of you"
33	11 July 2022	Forcing young women to marry Taliban soldiers in Balkhab district of Sar e Pol	<a href="#">Hasht-e Subh Daily</a> "Taliban order families in Balkhab to bring one out of every ten young women to marry their soldiers"
34	21 July 2022	Ban on interaction between women and men employees of Directorate of Public Health in Ghazni	<a href="#">Hasht-e Subh Daily</a> "Male and female health workers do not have the right to talk to each other"