

Spiritual Assistance

Clusters A, C and E provide information about the right to receive spiritual assistance in prisons, healthcare facilities and the military. Clusters B, D and F concern the right to have worship/meeting places. Cluster G examines two issues related to the right to manifest one's religion or belief within these institutions (exemption from service of military personnel on their religious holidays; right of inmates to obtain food not forbidden by religious rules).

Additional information about how scores are awarded and detailed indications of the applicable international standards are provided in the page "Policy areas. Spiritual assistance."

P-index

A coefficient of 0.50 was applied to questions 4, 7, 10.

Clusters A, C, E

Question 1: N/A (no score is given because answers did not provide sufficiently consistent data).

Questions 2, 5, 8: spiritual assistance is provided, score 0; spiritual assistance is not provided, score -1.

Questions 2.1, 5.1, 8.1: spiritual assistance is provided by a chaplain, score 1; spiritual assistance is not provided by a chaplain score 0. For the meaning of "chaplain" see the page "Data. Glossaries. Spiritual assistance".

Question 2.2, 5.2, 8.2: depending on the number of RBMs which enjoy this right, the following scores are given: score 0, no RBM; 0.33, one RBM up to 1/3 of all RBMs; 0.66, 1/3 to 2/3 of RBMs; 1, more than 2/3 of RBMs.

Questions 2.3, 5.3, 8.3: if the chaplain is paid by the public institution, score 1; if he/she is paid by the RBO, score 0; if he/she is paid by the public institution only if there is a minimum number of inmates, patients, military personnel professing that religion, score 0.5.

Questions 2.4, 5.4, 8.4: as in questions 2.2, 5.2, 8.2,

Questions 2.5, 5.5, 8.5: RBO representatives have the right to visit inmates, patients, military personnel, score 0; RBO representatives do not have this right, score -1.

Questions 2.6, 5.6, 8.6: as in questions 2.2, 5.2, 8.2.

Cluster B, D, F

Questions 3, 6, 9: RBOs are entitled to have their own chapel/meeting place, score 1; RBOs do not have this right, score 0. For the meaning of "chapel/meeting place" see the page "Data. Glossaries. Spiritual assistance".

Questions 3.1, 6.1, 9.1: as in questions 2.2, 5.2, 8.2.

Questions 4, 7, 10: there are multi-faith spaces in most prisons, healthcare facilities, military barracks, score 1; in few prisons, healthcare facilities, military barracks, score 0,50; nowhere, score 0; no data

available, N/A. For the meaning of “multi-faith spaces” see the page “Data. Glossaries. Spiritual assistance”.

Cluster G

Question 11: military personnel have the right to be exempted from service on their religious holidays, score 1; military personnel do not enjoy this right, score -1; there is no right but just a possibility, score 0 (in the policy area “RBM rights in public schools”, the same question is scored differently because teachers and students are not subject to the same restrictions that apply to military personnel)

Question 11.1: as in questions 2.2, 5.2, 8.2.

Question 12: inmates are entitled to receive food which is not forbidden by their religious/belief rules, score 1; inmates do not enjoy this right, score -1; there is no right but just a possibility, score 0 (in the policy area “RBM rights in public schools”, the same question concerning schools is scored differently because students can get access to food not forbidden by their religion or belief more easily than inmates).

Question 12.1: as in questions 2.2, 5.2, 8.2.

E- and G-index

Only the questions with a score different from that given in the P-index are listed. Questions 4, 7, 10: no score (data do not provide sufficient indication to ascertain which RBOs have access to multi-faith spaces).

Cluster A, C, E

Questions 2.2, 5.2, 8.2: score 1 to each RBO which enjoys the right to have a chaplain; score -1 to each RBM which does not enjoy this right.

Questions 2.4, 5.4, 8.4: score 1 to each RBO whose chaplains are paid by the prison, the healthcare facility, the military; score -1 to each RBO whose chaplains are not paid by the prison, the healthcare facility, the military.

Questions 2.6, 5.6, 8.6: score 1 to each RBO whose chaplains are entitled to visit the prison, healthcare facility, military barracks; score -1 to each RBO whose chaplains are not entitled.

Cluster B, D, F

Questions 3.1, 6.1, 9.1: score 1 to each RBO which is entitled to have a chapel in prison, healthcare facility, military barracks; score -1 to each RBO which is not entitled.

Cluster G

Question 11.1: score 1 to each RBO whose members (military personnel) are exempted from service on their religious holiday; score -1 to each RBO whose members do not enjoy this right; score 0 if there is no right but just a possibility.

Question 12.1: score 1 to each RBO whose members (inmates) are entitled to receive food not forbidden by their religious/belief rules belong; score -1 to each RBO whose members are not entitled.