

Constitutional Reserved-Seats Quota for Women in Parliament

Gender Equality · Good practice · Samoa

Quality score: 70/100

Evidence strength: Observational / pre–post

Summary

A 2013 constitutional amendment guarantees Samoa's Legislative Assembly a minimum of 10% women members. First applied in 2016, it lifted women's seats from four elected members to five via an additional reserved seat.

Key dimensions

Dimension	Score
Transferability / replicability	1/3
Impact on gender equality	1/1
Effectiveness	1/1
Efficiency	0/1
Evaluated outcomes	1/1
Sustainability	1/1
Achievement / evidence	1/1
Gender-mainstreaming embedding	0/1
Curator validation	1/1

Evaluated by C-NAPSE

Data sources

[C-NAPSE web research](#) — accessed 2026-07-05

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