

# Gender Impact Assessment

## Lower Saxony

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### Model

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Actors involved

Guidelines

Strengths and weaknesses

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Gender impact assessment was established in Lower Saxony in 2004, in the framework of gender-mainstreaming work. As a consequence, draft cabinet acts and other legal acts and regulations have to perform a gender impact assessment, as set out in the Joint Rules of Procedure of the State Government and Ministries in Lower Saxony.

The way to do this is articulated in a specific guide, which provides the rationale for gender mainstreaming in general and gender impact assessment in particular. It also includes details about the steps to be followed when assessing any draft law.