

Summary of Provincial and Territorial Cannabis Regulations (current to September 6, 2018)

The following table provides a summary of the regulations announced by the provinces and territories for anticipated legalization of cannabis in summer 2018. Blank cells indicate areas where provinces and territories have not yet released regulations. CCSA will update the table regularly, including the addition or deletion of categories as appropriate, to reflect ongoing regulatory developments. For more information, and to correct any inaccuracies, please contact cannabis@ccsa.ca.

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Link to Regulations	Bill 20: An Act Respecting the Control and Sale of Cannabis (before the legislature) Bill 23: An Act to Amend the Liquor Corporation Act (passed)	Bill 29: An Act to Respond to the Legalization of Cannabis A Policy and Legislative Framework for Prince Edward Island	Bill 108: Cannabis Control Act	Bill 16: Cannabis Control Act	Bill 157: An Act to constitute the Société québécoise du cannabis, to enact the Cannabis Regulation Act and to amend various highway safety-related provisions	Bill 174: Cannabis, Smoke-Free Ontario and Road Safety Statute Law Amendment Act, 2017	Bill 11: The Safe and Responsible Retailing of Cannabis Act Bill 25: The Cannabis Harm Prevention Act	Bill 121 Bill 112: The Miscellaneous Vehicle and Driving Statutes (Cannabis Legislation) Amendment Act, 2017	Bill 26: An Act to Control and Regulate Cannabis Bill 29: An Act to Reduce Cannabis and Alcohol Impaired Driving Bill 6: Gaming and Liquor Statutes Amendment Act, 2018	Private Retail Licensing Guide Bill 30-2018: Cannabis Control and Licensing Act Cannabis Distribution Act	Bill 15: Yukon's Cannabis Control and Regulation Act	Bill C 6: Cannabis Legalization and Regulation Implementation Act	Bill 7: Cannabis Act Bill 3: Cannabis Statutes Amendment Act
Regulatory Body	Newfoundland and Labrador Liquor Corporation (NLQ)	PEI Cannabis Management Corporation	Nova Scotia Liquor Corporation	New Brunswick Liquor via subsidiary: Cannabis Management Corporation	Société québécoise du cannabis	Liquor Control Board of Ontario via subsidiary, Ontario Cannabis Store (TBC)	Liquor, Gaming and Cannabis Authority of Manitoba	Saskatchewan Liquor and Gaming Authority (SLGA)	Alberta Gaming and Liquor Commission (AGLC)	Liquor and Cannabis Regulation Branch (LCRB)	Cannabis Licensing Board	Liquor Commission	Liquor and Cannabis Commission
Possession and Cultivation													
Possession Limit		30 g in public	30 g in public Stored cannabis must not be accessible to those under 19	30 g in public	Bill 157 specifies that a limit below 30 g in public might be introduced 150 g total			30 g in public	30 g in public	30 g in public	30 g in public or in a vehicle	30 g	
Age	19	19	19	19	18	19	19	19	18	19	19	19	19



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Personal Cultivation Restrictions	4 plants per dwelling house	4 plants per household, not accessible to minors	4 plants per household	Outdoor: locked enclosure with 1.52 m height Indoor: Separate locked space	Personal cultivation prohibited		Personal cultivation prohibited		4 plants	4 plants, not visible from public spaces, not in houses authorized to operate as a community care facility	4 plants		Personal cultivation prohibited subject to possible future regulation
Supply and Distribution													
Distribution	Government-run	Government-run via PEI Cannabis Management Corporation	Government run via Nova Scotia Liquor Corporation		Government-run via Société québécoise du cannabis	Government run via Ontario Cannabis Store	Manitoba Liquor and Lotteries Corporation (MLLC) or MLLC licensees	Private, regulated by SLGA	Government-run wholesale – AGLC	Government-run wholesale – BC Liquor Distribution Branch	Yukon Liquor Corporation or government designate	Government-run wholesale – Liquor Commission	
Supply Agreements	Canopy: 8,000 kg/year	Canopy: 1,000 kg/yr; Organigram: 1,000 kg/yr; Canada's Island Garden		Canopy; Organigram; Zenabis; Nuuvera	Hydrothecary, 20,000 kg (1 st yr) Canopy Growth, 12,000 kg/year Aphria, up to 12,000 kg (1 st yr) MedReleaf, 8,000 kg (1 st yr) Aurora, at least 5,000 kg (1 st yr) Tilray, up to 5,000 kg/yr for three years	Shopify supplying commerce platform for both in-store and online sales (TBC)	Supply agreements with 14 companies for first 12 months		All private retailers must purchase from AGLC	Agreements in place with 31 licensed producers for 150 strains	High Park (subsidiary of Tilray); up to 350 kg in 1 st year		
Sales and Licensing Model													
Public Sales	Online, with storefronts only if no private retailers in an area	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Online only: Ontario Cannabis Retail Corporation (LCBO subsidiary)	No	No	Online only	Yes – B.C. Cannabis Stores	Yes – limited to one store in Whitehorse	Yes	Yes
Private Sales	Yes – price and gross profit to be set by NLQ	No	No	No	No	Yes – details to be confirmed	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes – 6 months after legalization	Yes	Yes – as an agency acting on behalf of the government
Online Sales	Yes – government operated by Cannabis NL	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes – government operated	Yes – Shopify sales platform	Yes – operated by private retailer	Yes – must have storefront as well	Yes – government operated	Yes – government operated	Yes – Shopify sales platform		Yes
Delivery	Yes, via common carrier	Yes, via electronic commerce	Yes, via common carrier or authorized person or seller	Yes, via common carrier			Yes, from private retailers	With proof of age	Only for government online sales	Only for sales from government operated online retail		Mail or otherwise	Exploring potential to import via permit system



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Retail Licensing Fees								Retail permits: \$1,000 submission fee; \$2,000 permit application fee; annual permit fee of \$3,000 for cities and \$1,500 elsewhere Producer registration: \$500	\$400 application fee; \$700 annual licence fee; \$3,000 deposit for background checks Additional fees can be imposed by municipalities	\$7,500 application fee; \$1,500 first year licence fee; \$1,500 annual renewal fee; Bi-annual security screening fee to be determined			
Pricing and Taxation	Common pricing set by Cannabis NL						\$0.75/gram markup at distributor level, plus 9%						
License Restrictions	Individuals with certain convictions, including trafficking and criminal offences punishable by imprisonment of one year or more						Four successful applicants determined via RFP to run provincial retail	Cannot have an interest in more than one entry in a community.	Must be independent from applicant's other businesses No person or entity can hold more than 15% of licences in the province	History of involvement with organized crime Restrictions on producer/retailer business relationships Separate licence type for rural communities Licensee or franchisor can only hold or have an interest in up to eight retail stores or franchises	Non-residents of Canada Individuals with certain convictions		
Storefront number or Cap	Up to 41 licences initially available	4	9	20				Restricted for first three years: 51 retail permits in 32 communities in initial selection process	Estimated 250 retail stores	No cap			



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Location Restrictions						Consulting with municipalities		Communities and First Nations with at least 2,500 residents; any additional restrictions imposed at municipal level	100m buffer zone from schools, daycares and community centres	Determined by local government Licensees must obtain support of local government (including indigenous nations, where applicable)	3-week notice period for parties to object to applications	Deemed to be “in the public interest” with criteria to be developed within 6 months of legalization	90 day notice period or 60 days if there is already a store in the community during which municipality and residents can express views to the Minister
Local Opt-out Option	Licence can be denied if location is not in the public interest with regard to needs and wishes of the community					Yes - one-time option	Via plebiscite	Yes, for municipalities and reserves	Yes	Yes – local government must be notified of a private retail application and make a recommendation to deny or approve		Minister must consider views of municipality or band council Restriction or prohibition via plebiscite	See Location Restrictions
Retail Operations													
Retail Employee Training		Yes	Yes		Required	Required	Required	Required	Required and list of qualified employees to be maintained	Required	Required	Required	
Retail Co-location with Alcohol	In extenuating circumstances only	Restricted	Yes, in a separate area		No	No	No	No	No	Not in urban areas; exceptions for rural communities		Yes	
Minors on Licensed Retail Premises	No		No, not in separate area for cannabis sales	No	No		Under controlled-access licences that prohibit display of cannabis products; not in age-restricted stores where product can be displayed	No	No	No		Yes, if accompanied by a parent or authorized person	No
On-premise Use	Not at place of purchase						No	No	Potentially in future, subject to municipal by-laws	No Potentially in future	Not without authorizing licence	No Special occasion permits available	Yes with licence for a cannabis lounge
Product, Packaging and Marketing Regulations													
Format Restrictions	To be set by the NLQ	Dried cannabis, cannabis oil, seeds and seedlings						Cannot have an appearance, shape or other attribute targeting minors					



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Packaging	Product will be pre-packaged by the producer and cannot be modified by the retailer									Product will be pre-packaged by the producer and cannot be modified by the retailer			
Marketing Restrictions	Cannabis or accessories cannot be displayed, advertised, or promoted online, via a website or on the interior or exterior of a retail location			Not directed to or displayed in a location visible to youth under 19 Illustrations limited to 10% of surface area	No brand associations with sports, cultural, social or health services, or research facility or event				Advertising only in locations where there are no minors Signage cannot use terms or graphics associated with medicine, health or pharmaceuticals	Licensees cannot promote sales of particular classes or brands of cannabis			
Places of Use													
Use in Public	No – and not where smoking is prohibited	No, with the exception of certain designated spaces (e.g., in multi-unit dwellings)	Not where tobacco is prohibited (e.g., all indoor public places, beaches, close to playground equipment, public trails, sports areas and restaurant patios)	No	Limited – exceptions include enclosed spaces, bus shelters and areas frequented by minors	No		No	Limited – not in areas frequented by children or where smoking or vaping tobacco is prohibited	No use in designated recreational areas and parks No use in enclosed public places No use at bus, train, or ferry stops	No	No	Limited – not in a workplace or public place where tobacco is prohibited or in areas including sports fields, community or recreation centres, public events, or places in which goods or services are sold
Use / Production in Rental Properties		Use can be prohibited by property owners and in condominiums; must have prior approval from landlord for cultivation	Can be prohibited by landlords with four months' notice issued prior to April 30, 2019					Landlords can prohibit possession, growth and sale in rented units (Residential Tenancies Amendment Act 2017)	Determined by municipality	Landlords and strata councils can ban cultivation No use in common areas Existing tenancy agreements prohibiting tobacco smoking deemed to apply to cannabis smoking		Property owners can designate properties smoke-free and restrict cultivation	Smoking prohibited in common areas for apartments or condos



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Use in Institutional Settings		Prohibited in private schools and early learning centres located in private dwellings when instruction is happening	Prohibited on school grounds and in nursing or residential care facilities (with prescribed exceptions)		Prohibited in educational institutions, day cares, health and social service institutions or correctional centres; permitted in some identified rooms in health or social service and palliative care facilities		Prohibited in mental health facilities	Prohibited in schools, school grounds or child-care facilities	No use on school or hospital property	No use on school property or within a prescribed distance; no use on health board property unless in an area designated for tobacco or e-cigarettes under the Tobacco and Vapour Products Control Act	Designated areas only in nursing homes or healthcare facilities, subject to facility restrictions; prohibited in group living facilities and in places where young persons are normally cared for in a licensed home		Not in, on or within a prescribed distance from hospitals or healthcare facilities, schools or day care facilities
Workplace Use	No		Prohibited			Developing education and awareness resources		Under review	Under review	Prohibited		Under review by Workers' Safety & Compensation Commission	Under review by Workers' Safety & Compensation Commission
Use in Vehicles	No	No	No	No		No	No	No	No	No	No, unless categorized as a dwelling-place	No	No
Transportation	Must be in a sealed package not readily available to occupants	Must be contained in closed package out of reach of driver and occupants	Must be in closed or fastened packaging that is out of reach or not readily accessible			Must be packed in baggage that is fastened or not readily available to occupants	Must be contained in closed package out of reach of driver and occupants		Must be contained in closed package out of reach of driver and occupants	Must be contained in closed package out of reach of driver and occupants	Must be in a closed container and inaccessible to occupants	Must be contained in closed package out of reach of driver and occupants unless in original unopened packaging	Must be contained in closed package out of reach of driver and occupants
Economic and Social Impact Considerations													
Estimated Revenue				\$1.2 M in public sales revenue; \$6 M in taxes (2018-2019 budget)	\$60 M (statement by finance minister)	\$30 M tax revenue against \$40 M loss for start-up costs in 2018-2019 (2018 budget)				\$1 B in annual sales; \$75 M in federal excise tax (2018-2019 budget)			



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Directed Revenues				2% of gross sales to education and awareness	Via Cannabis Prevention and Research Fund, minimum of \$25 M/year for 2018-2019 to 2022-2023		Licensed retailers required to pay 6% of sales revenues to a social responsibility fund that will fund social costs of public education, safety, health and addictions			Revenue first applied to administration of the Cannabis Distribution Act	Cannabis Distributor Corporation Fund to hold all money received from administration of the Act and regulations, from which all operational and education/awareness program costs will be deducted	Liquor Revolving Fund	
Education and Prevention Campaigns		Planned investment in harm reduction, education and awareness, research and surveillance		Cannabis Education and Awareness Fund	Planned through Cannabis Prevention and Research Fund	Planned, with approved education or prevention programs maintained on a Government of Ontario website	Being developed under RFP	Planned	Planned		Distributor corporation mandated to facilitate responsible consumption without promoting consumption, and to enhance public awareness of health risks	Planned	
Penalties													
Youth Possession <5 g	Summary conviction: \$100 fine	Police confiscation, diversion with graduated penalties	Police confiscation, possible parental notification, fine up to \$150		\$100 fine	Fine up to \$200 or referral to approved education or prevention program		\$300	Fines	Fine up to \$2,000		Options to include seizure and parental notification	Fine of \$200-\$2,000
Possession over 30 g								\$200 ticket					
Use in Public		\$200-\$400 for first offence; \$400-\$700 for subsequent offences	Up to \$2,000					\$200 ticket					
Use in Specified Prohibited Area			Up to \$2,000 for improper storage in a vehicle					\$1,000 ticket for use on school grounds or child care facility					



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Impaired Driving	On roadside detection: 2-month suspension and 7-day impound for novice drivers; 7-day suspension and impound for all other drivers On confirmation of lab results: 90 day suspension	Mirroring alcohol-impaired roadside suspension penalties Introducing new offence for impaired with a minor in the vehicle	Sanctions on par with alcohol-impaired driving, including suspension, fines and loss of licence; zero tolerance for those under graduated licensing	Suspensions, administrative sanctions, driver education and zero tolerance below age 21	Zero tolerance; administrative sanctions, including licence suspension	Zero tolerance for youth, new and commercial drivers; administrative licence suspensions and escalating fines for all impaired driving	24-hour licence suspension for being unable to safely operate a vehicle due to drug use	Zero tolerance approach with administrative suspensions including licence suspension, mandatory education programming and impoundment for 3-60 days	Same licence suspensions and vehicle seizures applicable to alcohol	90-day suspension for impaired driving Zero tolerance for new drivers in the Graduated Licensing Program		Zero tolerance for under 21 and commercial drivers administrative suspensions	24-hour suspension or 30-day suspension for minors, novice drivers, commercial vehicles or those with previous suspensions or prohibitions, or 90-day suspension with previous suspension and "higher prescribed amount" in blood

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