

# Recreational Cannabis Legalization Laws in Each Jurisdiction



## CANNABIS LEGALIZATION BY PROVINCE

Jurisdiction	LEGALIZATION BILL(S)	STATUS	KEY PROVISIONS
Federal	<a href="#">Bill C-45</a>	Still tied up in Senate	<p>i. Amends <i>Non-smokers' Health Act</i> to ban smoking and vaping in federally regulated places;</p> <p>ii. Govt. authority to adopt regulations on cannabis use in workplace; iii. Higher penalties for drug offences;</p> <p>iv. Govt. power to inspect and issue tickets for violations.</p> <p><i>(Act respecting cannabis and amend the Controlled Drugs and Substances Act, the Criminal Code and other Acts)</i></p>

Alberta	<a href="#">Bill 26</a> , <a href="#">Bill 29</a> , <a href="#">Bill 6</a>	Royal Assent	<p>a. <a href="#">Bill 26</a>: i. Modifies <i>Gaming &amp; Liquor</i> laws to provide govt. oversight of recreational cannabis cultivation and sales; and ii. Bans smoking or vaping in any workplaces where smoking is currently banned under the <i>Tobacco and Smoking Reduction Act</i>; b. <a href="#">Bill 29</a> amends <i>Traffic Safety Act</i> to for cannabis-impaired driving: i. New rules for appealing suspended licences of cannabis-impaired drivers; ii. Penalties for drivers found to be over federal limits for cannabis; iii. New rules for drug testing and confiscation of licences by peace officers; and iv. Rules for use of drug screening equipment to test drivers; and c. <a href="#">Bill 6</a>: i. Bans retailers of recreational cannabis from suggesting that their product is medicinal or therapeutic; and ii. Increases maximum <i>Gaming &amp; Liquor Act</i> fine from \$200K to \$1 million</p>
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BC	<a href="#">Bill 30</a> <a href="#">Bill 31</a>	Royal Assent	<p>a. <a href="#">Bill 30</a>: i. Legal age 19; ii. Possession limit of 30 grams dried and 4 plants per household; iii. No household growing (<u>exception</u>: OK to grow up to 4 plants for medical cannabis); iv. Ban on cannabis smoking and vaping in public places; v. Ban on smoking and vaping in and near entry to enclosed workplaces; vi. Liability of site owner and/or employer for vaping/smoking violations at site or workplace; vii. Ban on smoking and vaping in boats and vehicles; viii. Ban on operating boats and vehicles (including while not in motion) containing cannabis or while cannabis is being consumed; ix. Authority of local municipalities to impose further smoking/vaping bans; x. New 90-day administrative driving prohibition for drug-affected driving; xi. Expansion of current zero-tolerance restrictions for alcohol for drivers in Graduated Licensing Program to THC; and b. <a href="#">Bill 31</a>: i. Govt. to engage in wholesale distribution of recreational cannabis via BC Liquor Distribution Branch; and ii. Retail distribution to be both private and public</p>
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Manitoba	<a href="#">Bill 25</a> <a href="#">Bill 26</a> <a href="#">Bill 11</a>	Royal Assent	<p>a. <a href="#">Bill 11</a>: i. Legal age 19; ii. Bans household cultivation; iii. Creates hybrid public- and private sector recreational cannabis retail and distribution system; and iv. Gives municipalities right to hold plebiscite on banning local consumption; b. <a href="#">Bill 25</a>: i. Extends <i>Non-Smokers Health Protection Act</i> cigarette smoking ban in enclosed public places, including workplaces, to cannabis smoking and vaping; ii. Bans consumption in motor vehicles on a highway; and iii. Implements 24-hour roadside suspension if officer has reasonable grounds to believe person can't safely operate vehicle due to being under influence of a drug; and c. <a href="#">Bill 26</a>: Strict new penalties for cannabis-impaired driving</p>
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New Brunswick	<a href="#">Bill 16</a> <a href="#">Bill 17</a> <a href="#">Bill 18</a> <a href="#">Bill 19</a> <a href="#">Bill 20</a>	Royal Assent	<p>a. <a href="#">Bill 16</a>: i. Legal age 19; ii. Allows household cultivation; iii. Bans cannabis consumption in any place where smoking is currently banned by <i>Smoke-Free Places Act</i>; and iv. Bans consumption in vehicle; b. <a href="#">Bill 17</a>: Establishes new Crown Corp. to oversee production, distribution and sale of recreational cannabis; c. <a href="#">Bill 18</a>: Creates public fund to promote awareness of health and safety cannabis use; d. <a href="#">Bill 19</a>: Creates strict new penalties for cannabis-impaired driving; and e. <a href="#">Bill 20</a>: Authorizes New Brunswick Liquor Corporation to set up network of 20 strictly regulated retail cannabis stores</p>
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Newfoundland & Labrador	<a href="#">Bill 20</a> <a href="#">Bill 21</a> <a href="#">Bill 22</a> <a href="#">Bill 23</a>	Royal Assent	<p>a. <a href="#">Bill 20</a>: i. Creates licensing structure; and ii. Sets restrictions on sale, purchase, consumption, transportation, advertising and promotion of cannabis; b. <a href="#">Bill 21</a>: Extends Liquor Corporation's regulatory authority to legalized recreational cannabis; c. <a href="#">Bill 22</a>: Extends <i>Smoke-Free Environment Act, 2005</i> restrictions on indoor smoking to e-cigarettes and smoking/vaping of cannabis, including employer's right to establish designated smoking rooms for such uses; d. <a href="#">Bill 23</a>: Amends <i>Highway Traffic Act</i> to: i. Create new penalty of licence suspensions for driving over legal limit for drugs/alcohol; and ii. Gives govt. authority to make regulations providing for impounding vehicles of drivers over the legal limits; and e. <u>Other policy principles</u>: i. Legal age 19; ii. Cannabis use limited to private residences; and iii. Cannabis to be sold by private retailers</p>
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Nova Scotia	<a href="#">Bill 108</a>	Proclaimed effective	i. Legal age 19; ii. Possession limit 30 grams dried; iii. Recreational cannabis to be sold exclusively by Nova Scotia Liquor Corp.; iv. Limits consumption to private residences; v. Provides for regulations extending current tobacco second hand smoke protections under <i>Smoke-free Places Act</i> to cannabis, including indoor workplaces and vehicles; vi. Gives landlords right to revise leases to add restrictions on cannabis use and cultivation; and vii. Calls for new penalties for cannabis-impaired driving
Ontario	<a href="#">Bill 174</a>	Royal Assent	i. Legal age 19; ii. Possession limit 30 grams dried; iii. Bans smoking and vaping in any place where tobacco smoking is banned under <i>Smoke-Free Ontario Act</i> , including enclosed workplaces and vehicles; iv. Requires employers to take specific actions to enforce smoking/vaping ban; v. New penalties for cannabis-impaired driving; and vi. Creates new provincial retailer overseen by Liquor Control Board of Ontario (LCBO) to ensure safe distribution via stand-alone stores and online order service

Prince Edward Island	<a href="#">Bill 29</a>	Second Reading	<p>i. Legal age 19; ii. Possession limit 30 grams; iii. Personal cultivation limit of 4 plants per household; iv. Limits use of recreational cannabis to private residences; v. Extends <i>Smoke-free Places Act</i> tobacco restrictions, including for workplaces and vehicles, to cannabis smoking/vaping; vi. Strict new penalties for cannabis-impaired driving, including stronger roadside suspension and new summary offence for impaired driving with a minor; vii. Recreational cannabis to be sold in 4 government-owned retail locations and e-commerce platform; and viii. Cannabis to be supplied by 3 contracted suppliers</p>
Quebec	<a href="#">Bill 157</a>	Second Passage Sitting	<p>i. Legal age 18; ii. Cannabis allowed only where smoking allowed under current law; iii. Strict new penalties for cannabis-impaired driving; iv. Soci��t�� Qu��b��coise du Cannabis (SQC) to buy cannabis from a producer and deal with transportation and storage of the product; and v. Sales to be allowed at 15 stores around province and online</p>



Saskatchewan	<a href="#">Bill 121</a> <a href="#">Bill 122</a> <a href="#">Bill 112</a>	Royal Assent	<p>a. <a href="#">Bill 121</a>: i. a. Legal age 19; ii. Personal cultivation limit of 4 plants per household; iii. Bans smoking/vaping in public, private and "other prescribed places," including workplaces where tobacco smoking is currently banned; iv. Bans consumption or possession in vehicles; and v. Allows for retail sales by licensed dispensaries; b. <a href="#">Bill 122</a>: Gives Liquor &amp; Gaming Authority power to regulate recreational cannabis; and c. <a href="#">Bill 112</a>: Creates new administrative penalties for cannabis-impaired driving, including immediate driver's licence suspension and vehicle seizure upon being charged</p>
Northwest Territories	<a href="#">Bill 6</a>	Royal Assent	<p>i. Legal age 19; ii. Possession limit 30 grams dried; iii. Ban on public smoking to protect third parties from second hand smoke; iv. Cannabis banned in any place where tobacco is banned; v. Authority of local governments to adopt stricter bans within their boundaries; vi. New penalties for cannabis-impaired driving; and vii. WSCC to review OHS laws and hold consultations with employers and labour groups on needed cannabis-related changes</p>

Nunavut	<a href="#">Bill 7</a> <a href="#">Bill 3</a>	Second Reading	<p>a. <a href="#">Bill 7</a>: i. Legal age 19; ii. Possession limit 30 grams dried; iii. Ban on public smoking to protect third parties from second hand smoke iv. Recreational cannabis to be regulated and sold by Liquor and Cannabis Commission; and v. WSCC to review OHS laws and hold consultations with employers and labour groups on needed cannabis-related changes; and b. <a href="#">Bill 3</a>: i. Bans cannabis use in vehicles; ii. New penalties for cannabis-impaired driving, including driver's licence suspensions; and iii. Extends the <i>Tobacco Control Act</i> (now called the <i>Tobacco Control and Smoke-Free Places Act</i>) tobacco use restrictions to e-cigarettes and recreational cannabis</p>
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Yukon	<a href="#">Bill 15</a>	Royal Assent	<p>i. Legal age 19; ii. Possession limit 30 grams dried; iii. Personal cultivation limit of 4 plants per household; iv. Consumption allowed only in privately-owned dwelling houses or adjoining property; v. Bans consumption in common areas of hotels, motels and apartment buildings and within individual units of certain condos; vi. Bans possession in vehicles unless kept in a closed container that's inaccessible to all people in vehicle; vii. Bans public intoxication; viii. Yukon Liquor Corporation to regulate distribution; and ix. Cannabis Licensing Board to issue retail licences</p>
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