

Cannabis Factsheet

The legalization of cannabis in Canada takes effect Oct. 17, 2018. While the decision to legalize cannabis was made by the federal government, the way cannabis is sold to consumers and supplied to retailers varies among the provinces and territories. In Saskatchewan, wholesaling and retailing of cannabis is being regulated by the Saskatchewan Liquor and Gaming Authority (SLGA). This factsheet includes some of the frequently asked questions relating to purchasing and possessing cannabis in Saskatchewan.

Now that cannabis is legal, where can I buy it?

Only businesses that hold a retail cannabis permit from SLGA can legally sell cannabis to customers. The retailers must have a retail storefront, and may also operate a retail website. A list of permitted retailers is available at www.slga.com (click Licences/Permits and then Cannabis).

How can I tell if cannabis comes from a legal source?

A list of businesses with a retail permit is available on SLGA's website www.slga.com (click Licences/Permits and then Cannabis) and each store must display their permit in a visible location. In addition, cannabis that comes from an authorized source will always be sold in a sealed package that bears a Saskatchewan excise stamp.

What are some of the rules I should be aware of when visiting a cannabis store?

- You must be at least 19 to enter a cannabis retail store.
- Proof of age will be required for every purchase, even if the customer has shopped there previously.
- Customers cannot touch or sample product.
- Cannabis must be sold in a sealed package that clearly shows the provincial excise stamp.
- Customers can only purchase up to 30 grams (or equivalent) in a single transaction.
- Retailers cannot give away any cannabis or cannabis accessories and customer loyalty programs or similar promotions are prohibited.
- Hours of operation will vary by retailer but the maximum hours a retail store can be open is 8 a.m. to 3 a.m. (subject to local bylaws)

How much can retailers charge for cannabis products? Is there any additional tax?

Retailers will set their own prices for cannabis and cannabis related products. Cannabis prices will include excise duty and will also be subject to PST and GST; accessories/ancillary items will be subject to PST and GST. Retailers can decide how to display their prices (final price to consumer, price before tax, etc).

What cannabis products can retailers sell?

Cannabis retailers can sell dried cannabis, fresh cannabis, unconcentrated cannabis oil (capsules/bottles), cannabis seeds and cannabis plants. Retailers will also be able to sell cannabis accessories and ancillary items, including things like bong, vaporizers, rolling papers, lighters, cannabis cookbooks, magazines, etc.

Where can I buy cannabis baking, cannabis gummies or other 'edibles'?

Edibles are not currently legal to produce and/or sell commercially and will not be for approximately one year following legalization (current federal timeline). Homemade edibles are allowed for personal consumption only (cannot be sold).

Can I share my legally-bought cannabis with my teenager?

No. Giving or selling cannabis to someone under the age of 19 is an offence, even if you are their parent/legal guardian.

If I visit a retail store, will they teach me about the different types of cannabis and the benefits/side effects of the various strains and/or forms of cannabis?

Federal legislation allows retailers to provide adults with factual information about cannabis, including price and availability, characteristics of the product (for example, THC and CBD content, terpene profile, method of growing, etc.), and brand information. Retailers cannot promote cannabis sales in any way that is false, misleading or deceptive.

Can I buy cannabis online? How does that work?

Cannabis retailers must operate a storefront and also have the option of selling online to Saskatchewan customers. Cannabis can be delivered by the cannabis retailer, a home delivery special use permittee or a common carrier contracted by the retailer. All purchases must be pre-paid from the cannabis retailer and customers will be required to show proof of age at the point of delivery. Similar to walk-in sales at a cannabis retail outlet, online cannabis purchases are limited to 30 g of dried cannabis (or equivalent) per order.

Can I buy CBD-only products from someone other than an approved cannabis store?

CBD is a cannabis product, and can only be bought from a cannabis store with an SLGA permit or from a federally licensed producer with medical authorization.

Are there any rules about where I can use cannabis?

Cannabis can only be consumed in a private residence. You cannot consume any forms of cannabis in a public place.

Can I use cannabis in a vehicle?

No form of cannabis can legally be consumed in a vehicle (including passengers).

Can I transport cannabis in a vehicle?

Yes, you can transport cannabis from the store to your home or from your home to another private residence where you plan to consume it.

Can I grow my own cannabis? If I grow it can I sell it?

In Saskatchewan, you can grow up to four plants per household for personal consumption only. You cannot sell cannabis that you grow at home.

How can I get a retail cannabis permit?

Only a limited number of retail store opportunities were made available in Saskatchewan and these initial opportunities have all been awarded. Government will consider whether to make additional opportunities available approximately 18 months after legalization.

Where can I find more information about cannabis rules?

A wide range of cannabis information can be found at: www.saskatchewan.ca/cannabis

Information can also be found at www.canada.ca/cannabis and www.slga.com

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