

Cannabis Legalization and Regulation in British Columbia

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Introduction

Jurisdiction

Federal government

- licensing cannabis producers
- regulating production and product standards

Provinces and territories

- Distribution
- Retail system
- Compliance and enforcement
- Age limits
- Restrictions on possession
- Public consumption
- Personal cultivation
- Safety laws

Local government

- Retail System
 - Zoning regulations
 - Business regulations
- Public Health
 - Smoking regulations
- Municipally owned lands

Timeline

- **2015** – Federal Government to legalize non-medical cannabis
- **2017** – Federal Government Bill C-45 (*Cannabis Act*) and C-46 (*Criminal Code Amendments*)
- **2017** - Provincial discussion paper
- **Oct. 17, 2017** – DNV Workshop
- **Dec. 5, 2017** – Province announces first decisions on framework
- **Feb. 5, 2018** – Province announces remaining framework
- **Feb. 26, 2018** – DNV Workshop
- **July 2018** – Federal Government to make non-medical cannabis use legal

Provincial Framework on Non-Medical Cannabis Legalization

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- **Minimum Age of Possession** 19 years old
- **Retail Framework**
 - privately run
 - government operated stores
 - LCLB licensing and monitoring
 - Rules similar to liquor
 - In urban areas – no cannabis and liquor or tobacco sold together
- **Wholesale Distribution** – Provincial Government (LDB)

Provincial Framework on Non-Medical Cannabis Legalization

- **Personal Possession Limits**

- Allowed where smoking and vaping allowed
- Banned in areas frequented by children (beaches, parks, playgrounds)
- Banned for all occupants in vehicles

- **Personal cultivation**

- up to 4 plants per household
- Cannot be visible from public space off property
- Banned in dwellings used as daycares
- Landlords and strata Councils may restrict or prohibit

Provincial Framework on Non-Medical Cannabis Legalization

- **Drug Impaired Driving**

- Increased tools and training for law enforcement
- New 90-day Administrative Driving Prohibition
- Zero tolerance for drivers in Graduate Licensing Program

DNV Framework on Non-Medical Cannabis Legalization

Provincial Private Retail Framework

- LCLB licensing
- Eligibility
- Process
- Operations
- Supply
- Inspection and Compliance
- Local Government Requirements

DNV Private Retail Framework

- Zoning regulation
- Business regulation

DNV Private Retail Framework

Zoning Regulation Options & Issues

- Continue to prohibit
- Review rezoning applications on case-by-case basis
- Permit in certain existing retail uses or zones
- Minimum separation from sensitive uses (schools etc.)
- Minimum separation from other cannabis stores