



## Driving, Traveling and Reciprocity

It is illegal to drive under the influence of cannabis if you have more than 5 nanograms of active THC per milliliter of blood. Doing so may result in significant legal penalties.

If you are traveling outside of Washington, remember it is prohibited to take cannabis outside of Washington, even if you are traveling to another legalized state.

Washington laws do not include a reciprocity clause; therefore, if you are an out-of-state patient, you would not be afforded the same benefits or protections as a Washington cannabis patient. However, Washington visitors, age 21 and up, may purchase product from any licensed retailer.

## Employment and Housing

Employers and Landlords have a right to implement and enforce cannabis use restrictions, even if you are of legal age or have a medical cannabis authorization to use cannabis for medical purposes. It is advised to check on these policies before using.

## Public vs. Private

It is illegal to use cannabis in public, this includes, smoking, vaping, or eating edibles as you're walking around outside. You are allowed to use cannabis on private property, but property owners have the right to restrict use.

## Washington Resources

### Department of Health

- Medical cannabis authorization database
- Medical cannabis consultant certificate
- Standards for products that may be beneficial for medical use
- Cannabis prevention and education

**Web:** [www.doh.wa.gov/medicalcannabis](http://www.doh.wa.gov/medicalcannabis)

**Phone:** 360-236-4819

**Email:** [medicalcannabis@doh.wa.gov](mailto:medicalcannabis@doh.wa.gov)

### Liquor and Cannabis Board

Licensing and regulation of all cannabis businesses:

- Producers
- Processors
- Retailers, including medical endorsements
- Seed-to-sale traceability system

**Web:** <https://lcb.wa.gov/>

**Phone:** 360-664-1600

**Email:** <https://lcb.wa.gov/contact>

### Department of Agriculture

- Pesticide use on cannabis
- Cannabis-infused edibles processors
- Industrial hemp

**Web:** <https://agr.wa.gov/>

**Phone:** 360-902-1800

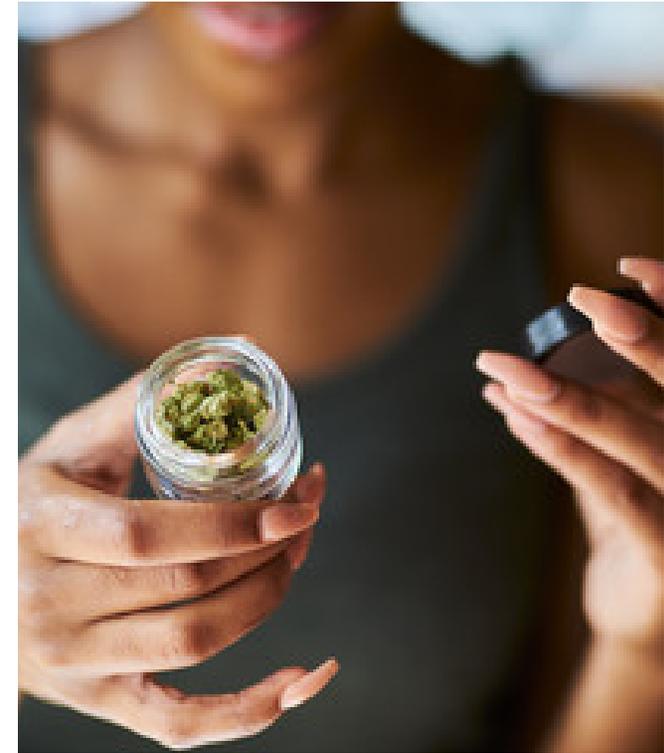
**Email:** <https://agr.wa.gov/ContactUs/>

### Department of Revenue

- Recreational and medical cannabis taxes
- Recordkeeping

**Web:** <https://dor.wa.gov/>

**Phone:** 1-800-647-7706



# A Consumer's Guide Washington Cannabis Laws



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# KNOW THE LAW and STAY SAFE

## Cannabis Products

All products are held to the same cultivation, harvesting, testing, processing, packaging and labeling standards. The Department of Health, in collaboration with the Washington State Liquor and Cannabis Board, adopted additional standards for products that may be beneficial for medical use. These products are identified by the use of special logos:



## Retail vs. Medically-endorsed

Adults age 21 and older may purchase product from a licensed cannabis retail store.

A cannabis retail licensee may add a medical endorsement that allows them to:

- Sell cannabis for medical use or provide cannabis at no charge to qualifying patients and their designated provider
- Access the authorization database for the purpose of registering qualifying patients and designated providers

## Medical Use

### Healthcare Professionals

The law allows specific types of healthcare professionals (MD, DO, DOA, ARNP, NT, PA) to authorize cannabis for medical use.

### Qualifying Conditions

A medical cannabis patient must be a resident of Washington State and diagnosed with a qualifying condition. The qualifying conditions are limited to those listed on the state's medical cannabis authorization form.

### Authorization Form

A qualifying patient will obtain an authorization form from their healthcare professional. To be valid, the form must be complete, signed and printed on tamper-resistant paper.

### Register and Get a Card

To register in the state medical cannabis authorization database, the patient may take their authorization form to a medically endorsed cannabis store where a certified consultant will register the patient and issue a recognition card.

### Medical Cannabis Certified Consultant

All licensed medically-endorsed retail stores are required to have a certified medical cannabis consultant on staff. The role of a consultant is to assist the patient with the registration process and provide guidance to products that may



### Adult Patients (age 18 and older)

Adult patient medical cannabis authorizations are good for up to one year. Patients age 18-20 are required to be registered to purchase product from a medically-endorsed store.

### Designated Providers

A designated provider provides cannabis to a qualifying patient, and must be age 21 or older. A designated providers will receive their own authorization completed, signed and printed on tamper-resistant paper by the patient's healthcare professional.

### Minor Patients (under age 18)

Minor patients can receive a medical cannabis authorization that is good for six months (or less). Minor patients and their parent/legal guardian are required to register in the database.

## Possession and Growing

### Home Cultivation

Current Washington law does not allow home grows for recreational use. Only licensed cannabis producers and qualifying patients who are authorized may grow under current regulations.

### Growing for Medical Use

A patient with an authorization form is allowed to grow up to four plants within their domicile. Cardholders are allowed to grow up to six plants (maximum 15 plants per household), depending on the healthcare professional's recommendation.

### Cooperatives

Qualifying patients who are registered in the database may opt to join a cooperative to grow their own plants. This may be an option for patients who cannot grow within their domicile.