

# Maine has two cannabis programs. How are they different?

The two regulated cannabis programs in the State of Maine are the Adult Use Cannabis Program and the Medical Use of Cannabis Program. They have different laws, features, establishments, levels of municipal involvement, and more. Additional information is available on the Office of Cannabis Policy (OCP) website at [www.maine.gov/dafs/ocp](http://www.maine.gov/dafs/ocp).

## Adult Use

### Laws

*Cannabis Legalization Act (Adult Use)*  
Title 28-B

- Legalizes the use, sale, and taxation of cannabis for adult use purposes
- State licensing for adult use cannabis establishments

### Program Features

- Serves consumers
- Mandatory testing
- Track & trace
- State & federal background checks
- Stringent labeling, universal symbol
- Edible THC limits
- Delivery with regulation

### License Types

- Cultivation Facilities
  - Nurseries
- Manufacturing Facilities
- Cannabis Retail Stores
- Cannabis Testing Facilities

### Role of Municipalities

- Must affirmatively opt-in for any type of establishment
  - No grandfathering
- Must provide local authorization before OCP issues an active license

## Medical Use

### Laws

*Maine Medical Use of Cannabis Act*  
Title 22, Chapter 558-C

- Legalizes the use, sale, and taxation of cannabis for medical use
- State registration for medical cannabis establishments and medical providers

### Program Features

- Serves patients
- No mandatory testing
- No track & trace
- State background checks
- Edible products include a signifier
- No edible THC limits
- Delivery without regulation

### Registration Types

- Registered Caregivers *-confidentiality protections*
  - Caregiver Retail Stores
- Registered Dispensaries
- Manufacturing Facilities
- Cannabis Testing Facilities

### Role of Municipalities

- Must affirmatively opt-in for any type of establishment, except those that were operating with municipal approval prior to December 13, 2018
- Limited role in state registration process