

Maine's Adult Use and Medical Cannabis Programs

What's the difference?

This document reviews the differences in laws, types of establishments, licensing, and the role of municipalities when it come to adult use and medical cannabis in the state of Maine. More information on both programs can be found on the [Office of Cannabis Policy website](#).

Adult Use

Laws

Marijuana Legalization Act (Adult Use) – Title 28-B

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

Program Features

- Mandatory Testing
- Stringent labeling
- State and federal background checks
- Universal symbol
- Edible THC limits

Establishments

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

The Role of Municipalities

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

Medical

Laws

Maine Medical Use of Marijuana Act – Title 22, Chapter 558-C

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

Program Features

- Voluntary Testing
- Edible products must include a signifier
- State background checks
- No Edible THC limits

Establishments

- Registered Caregivers
 - Caregiver Retail Stores
- Registered Dispensaries
- Manufacturing Facilities
- Cannabis Testing Facilities

The Role of Municipalities

- Must opt-in for establishments other than caregiver establishments.
 - Facilities operating with municipal approval prior to December 13, 2018 are grandfathered.
- Limited role in state registration process.



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