



## Cannabis Acts

### In Canada



The purpose of the Cannabis Act is to legalize and regulate the possession, production, sale and distribution of recreational cannabis.

This Act removes cannabis from the Controlled Drugs and Substances Act and gives it a single legal framework.

### In Quebec



In addition to regulating the possession, cultivation, use, sale and promotion of cannabis, the purpose of the provincial act is to prevent and reduce cannabis harm in order to protect the health and security of the public. It also aims to ensure the preservation of the cannabis market's integrity.

! The following quick facts sheet is an overview of the main federal and provincial legislative changes.  
• All the offences mentioned below are dual offences.



## Possession

### Adult

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### Young Person



Anyone 18 years or older can possess up to 30 grams of licit dried cannabis or its equivalent. Section 8(1)(a) and (b)



**Quebec** has chosen to limit the amount of cannabis a person is authorized to possess in a place other than a public place. Therefore, it is prohibited to possess more than 150 grams of licit dried cannabis or its equivalent in a private place (regardless of the number of occupants). Section 7  
Please note that even in a private place, people under 21 years of age cannot possess cannabis.



Any young person (between 12-17 years of age) is permitted to be in possession of no more than 5 grams of dried cannabis or its equivalent. Section 8 (1)(c)



In **Quebec**, it is prohibited for a person under 21 years of age to possess any amount of cannabis. Section 4  
People between 18 and 20 years of age commit a penal offence if they possess 30 grams of cannabis or less.  
People under 18 years of age commit a penal offence if they possess five grams of cannabis or less.



## Distribution

- It is prohibited for anyone who is 18 years of age or older to distribute (or share) more than 30 grams of dried cannabis or its equivalent. Section 9(1)(a)(i)
- No one who is 18 years of age or older is permitted to distribute cannabis to a person who is under 18 years of age or to distribute to an organization. Section 9 (1)(a)(ii) and (iii)
- No one who is 18 years of age or older is permitted to distribute cannabis that they know is illicit cannabis e.g., cannabis that has not been purchased from a licensed producer or authorized retailer. Section 9(1)(a)(iv)
  - In **Quebec**, the Société québécoise du cannabis (SQDC) is the only authorized retailer.
- It is prohibited for a young person to distribute (or share) an amount of more than 5 grams of dried cannabis or its equivalent. Section 9(1)(b)(i)
  - In **Quebec**, it is prohibited for a person under 21 years of age to possess any amount of cannabis.



## Production - Cultivation for Recreational Purposes, Manufacturing, Altering

- Anyone who is 18 years of age or older can cultivate up to a maximum of four cannabis plants inside their dwelling-house. Section 12(4)
- Only four cannabis plants can be cultivated in one dwelling-house at any given time, regardless of the number of residents, 18 years or older, who are living in the same dwelling-house. Section 12(5)
- No young person (between 12-17 years of age) is permitted to cultivate any cannabis plant or any other living thing from which cannabis may be extracted. Section 12(7)
  - In **Quebec**, any personal cultivation and possession of cannabis plants are prohibited.
- It is prohibited to alter or offer to alter the chemical or physical properties of cannabis by the use of an organic solvent. Section 12(1)



## Selling

- No individual can sell cannabis to anyone or to an organization. Section 10(1)
- No individual can possess cannabis for the purpose of selling it to anyone or to an organization. Section 10(2)