

Cannabis – Information on Legislative Framework

Federal legislation came into effect on October 17, 2018. It is now legal for those aged 19 and older to purchase, possess, cultivate and consume cannabis in New Brunswick.

What are the new laws?

In November 2017, a legislative framework was [introduced](#). The legislation has since received Royal Assent and has been proclaimed. The framework in place focuses on providing safe, legal access to cannabis in a responsible manner, while ensuring New Brunswick can take advantage of the full range of economic opportunity this new industry provides.

Highlights of the framework:

- The [Cannabis Management Corporation Act](#) establishes in legislation the Cannabis Management Corporation, a Crown corporation charged with the oversight, organization, conduct, management and control of the retail sales of cannabis.
- The [Cannabis Control Act](#) controls the consumption and practice of cannabis. It establishes the legal age for the purchase, consumption and cultivation of cannabis at 19 and outlines general restrictions on consumption and possession.
- The [Cannabis Education and Awareness Fund Act](#) establishes a fund to support research and the development, implementation and delivery of education and awareness programs for harm reduction and the responsible practice of cannabis consumption.
- Amendments to the [New Brunswick Liquor Corporation Act](#) allows NB Liquor to operate cannabis retail operations through a subsidiary, Cannabis NB.
- Amendments to the [Motor Vehicle Act](#) establishes a drug-impaired driving program.