

	MEDICAL CANNABIS	RECREATIONAL CANNABIS
WHAT IS IT?	Medical cannabis is prescribed by a doctor to treat specific health conditions and symptoms such as pain, sleep issues, stress or anxiety.	Recreational cannabis is taken by a person for enjoyment rather than for medical, health or wellness reasons.
MEDICAL ADVICE & TREATMENT SUPPORT	Our patients all receive a personalized treatment plan to ensure that they are most successful. This includes strain advice, dosing recommendations, follow-ups and support.	Retail staff at recreational stores are unable and unqualified to give medical, strain or dosing advice.
WHERE YOU CAN PURCHASE	Medical Cannabis is ordered online and mailed directly to the patient from a Health Canada approved Licensed Producer, there is no middle supplier.	As of October 17, you can buy cannabis for recreational use online and in some provinces, in stores. This process has several middle suppliers
COST	Some LP's are committed to ensuring patients have access to affordable medicine and will ensure all dried cannabis is not more than \$8.50 / gram and will absorb the excise tax.	Recreational cannabis is often more expensive and is subject to an additional excise tax of 10% or 1\$ per gram.
INSURANCE COVERAGE	Some insurance companies may cover medical cannabis prescribed by a doctor. You may also claim your medical cannabis as a medical expense.	Recreational Cannabis is paid for out-of-pocket and is not eligible for insurance coverage
DISCOUNTS	Some LP's offer compassionate pricing. This discount is usually 10-30% off the price of the medicine, eligible for those who receive a low income or who are on disability.	There are no proposed discounts for recreational cannabis.
TAX DEDUCTIBLE?	Medical Cannabis is tax-deductible as a medical expense. Save your medical cannabis receipts from your LP and submit these when doing your taxes.	Recreational cannabis is not eligible for a tax deduction.
SUPPLY	Some LP's will be exclusively available to medical patients. They are committed to ensuring their patients have a guaranteed supply of medical cannabis.	There may be a shortage of recreational cannabis in the early days of legalization as recreational LP's supply catches up with the demand.
LIMITS POSSESSION	Medical Cannabis Patients are allowed to possess 30x their daily prescription limit or up to a maximum of 150 grams, whichever is less.	The limit for purchasing and possessing recreational cannabis is 30 grams.
WHERE YOU CAN CONSUME	Medical Cannabis patients are free to take their medicine as needed, in public, so long as they comply with local smoke-free laws.	Recreational Cannabis consumption varies by province and municipality.