

How to Access Medical Cannabis from a Legal Licensed Producer

1. Go to BC Cancer website

- www.bccancer.bc.ca
- In the search bar at the top right of the page, type “Cannabis” and press enter.
- Click on the first search result “Medical Cannabis”.
- On the Medical Cannabis page, you will find information, a video and a fact sheet.
- On the right hand side, under Resources, there is a fact sheet called “Medical Cannabis: what patients with cancer need to know.” Here is the direct link to the fact sheet: <http://www.bccancer.bc.ca/coping-and-support-site/Documents/MedicalCannabis/BCCancerMedicalCannabisFactSheet.pdf>
- You can also watch a video on how to search for a licensed producer. The video is also under Resources. Here is the direct link to the video: https://media.phsa.ca/home/iframe?url=BCCA/bccahealth%5chow-to-get-medical-cannabis-from-a-licensed-producer_20201111

2. Look at the list of Licensed Producers

- Near the bottom of the left column on the second page of the fact sheet, there is a link to a list of Licensed Producers (LPs). LPs are Health Canada-approved factories where medical cannabis is made. The medical cannabis made by LPs is high quality.
- Here is the direct link to the LP list: <https://www.canada.ca/en/health-canada/services/drugs-medication/cannabis/industry-licensees-applicants/licensed-cultivators-processors-sellers.html>
- If you are looking for an LP that makes an extract, type “extracts” in the **filter items** box at the top of the list and then press enter. This will move all of the LPs that make extracts to the top of the list. Not all LPs make extracts.
- Not all LPs sell to the public. If there is not a website link in the list, try another LP.
- Click on the website link for a few of the LPs and check out their websites.
- You will need to put in your birth date to enter the website. Putting in your birth date does not identify you or mean you have to buy something.

- When you look at the LP websites, look for an extract that has equal amounts of THC and CBD, or less THC than CBD if you have never tried medical cannabis before.
- When you look at the websites, look at the price, what products they have, and how easily you found information on the website.
- When you find an LP that you like, you need to register with that LP.

3. Register with a Licensed Producer

- The LP will only need basic information from you, such as your name, address to mail the products to and email address.
- The LP will also need your credit card information so they can charge you when you order.
- Download the Medical Documentation or Authorization Form. You need to do this to complete your registration.
- Fill out the patient information section of the form.
- Drop off the form to your doctor or nurse practitioner so they can complete their part.
- Your doctor or nurse practitioner will send the completed form to the LP.

4. Getting your Medical Cannabis

- The LP will contact you once they get your form.
- The LP will confirm which product you want to buy. They will mail the product to you.
- Your product will come in an unmarked package in the mail. Follow the instructions that come with it.
- Tell your doctor or nurse practitioner what product you are taking. Please tell them if the product is working for you or not.

5. Keep Your Receipts

- You can claim your medical cannabis as a medical expense on your tax return at the end of the year.
- Your receipts can also act as proof that you have permission from your doctor or nurse practitioner to take medical cannabis.

If you have any questions about finding an LP or buying medical cannabis, please speak with your health care team.