

# **Massachusetts Marijuana Laws-2017**

## **QUALIFYING CONDITIONS**

- Amyotrophic Lateral Sclerosis (ALS)
- Cancer
- Crohn's disease
- Glaucoma
- HIV or AIDS
- Hepatitis C
- Multiple Sclerosis
- Parkinson's disease
- Other conditions as determined in writing by a qualifying patient's physician

## **PATIENT POSSESSION LIMITS**

No more than 10 ounces every two months

## **HOME CULTIVATION**

Yes, limited amounts

## **STATE-LICENSED DISPENSARIES ALLOWED**

Yes, no more than 35 state-licensed dispensaries allowed.

## **STATE-LICENSED DISPENSARIES OPERATIONAL**

Yes

## **CAREGIVERS**

Yes, individual patients will be permitted to designate a "personal caregiver" at least 21 years old to cultivate for

them if they are unable to access a state-authorized dispensary or if they can verify "financial hardship."

## **ESTIMATED NUMBER OF REGISTERED PATIENTS**

• 28,860

## **RECIPROCITY (use card in other states)**

No

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## **Current Registered Marijuana Dispensaries in Massachusetts of as Oct. 2016**

### **Alternative Therapies Group, Inc.**

978-594-5728

info@atgma.org

www.atgma.org

50 Grove St.

Salem, MA 01970

### **Central Ave Compassionate Care, Inc.**

978-772-CARE

info@centralavecare.org

www.centralavecare.org

31 Central Ave.

Ayer, MA 01432

### **In Good Health, Inc.**

508-682-1510

www.ingoodhealthma.com

1200 West Chestnut St.

Brockton, MA 02301

**New England Treatment Access, Inc. (Brookline)**

617-841-7250

contact@netacare.org

www.netacare.org

160 Washington St.

Brookline, MA 02455

**New England Treatment Access, Inc. (Northampton)**

413-727-8415

contact@netacare.org

www.netacare.org

118 Conz St.

Northampton, MA 01060

**Patriot Care Corp. (Lowell)**

info@patriotcare.org

978-289-1088

www.Patriotcare.org

70 Industrial Ave. East

Lowell, MA 01852

**Patriot Care Corp. (Boston)**

info@patriotcare.org

www.Patriotcare.org

21 Milk Street

Boston, MA 02109

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**Where to Get a Medical Marijuana Card in  
Massachusetts:**

The Holistic Center

320 Washington St #300

Brighton, MA 02135

(617) 787-7400

**Delta 9 Medical Consulting**

Medical Group  
388 Pleasant St #304  
Malden, MA 02148  
(970) 335-8290

**Inhale MD Medical Consulting**

2285 Massachusetts Ave #102  
Cambridge, MA 02140  
(617) 477-8886

**Massachusetts Medical Marijuana Association**

1 Beacon St #1320  
Boston, MA 02108  
Phone:(855) 666-2669

**Canna Care Docs**

Address: 101 Pleasant St #101  
Worcester, MA 01608  
(781) 382-8053

**Canna Care Docs**

495 Central Ave  
Seekonk, MA 02771  
(781) 382-8053

**Marimed Consults**

1985 Main St #209  
Springfield, MA 01103  
(413) 455-1081

**Cannamed of Boston**  
873 Concord St  
Framingham, MA 01701  
(866) 624-1191

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## **How to Start a Cannabis Business in Massachusetts**

**Step 1: Plan Ahead Before Going into Business**  
Is the timing right for starting your business?

**Step 2: Write a Business Plan**

Every great business begins with a plan. And while that plan will evolve over time, this initial document will serve as your guide over the next 3-5 years.

**Step 3: Get Training & Counseling**

Starting a business can be tough, especially if it's your first time. Let us help you and your business succeed through training, counseling, and other assistance - all geared towards business owners. Cannabis Training University is the leading cannabis college in Massachusetts and online.

**Step 4: Choose a Location**

Whether you're new to Massachusetts or simply researching new locations and opportunities for your business, this section will help you gather the data and statistics you need.

**Step 5: Research & Obtain Financing**

Here you'll find resources and information on a wide range of funding and financing options available to Massachusetts businesses.

## Step 6: Choose a Business Structure

Sole proprietor? Corporation? LLC? One of your first business decisions is deciding how to structure your company.

## Step 7: File for a "Doing-Business-As" Certificate

A "Doing-Business-As" Certificate (DBA) is a quick and simple way to set up your business through your town or city clerk's office.

## Step 8: Register Your Business with the State

Corporations, LLCs and other business entities need to register with the Secretary of the Commonwealth before beginning business in Massachusetts. Annual updates are usually required as well.

## Step 9: Obtain an Federal Employer Tax ID (EIN)

Prior to registering your business with the state, you'll need an "Employer Identification Number," issued by the IRS. Obtaining one is free, and can be applied for easily online.

## Step 10: Become Familiar with Tax Rules & Regulations

Understanding and managing taxes is an important part of running a successful business.

### Step 11: Obtain Business Licenses & Permits

Successful businesses stay current and complete through federal, state and local rules and regulations.

### Step 12: Understand Employer Regulations & Responsibilities

Step 13: Write a Business Plan (See how to write a business plan in your CTU account)

In order to operate a Registered Marijuana Dispensary (“RMD”), including a cultivation site, an organization must be registered to do business as a non-profit entity with the Massachusetts Secretary of State’s office and apply for a Certificate of Registration with the Department of Public Health.

For information on the RMD application process, please visit the Medical Use of Marijuana Program’s website at the following link: <http://www.mass.gov/eohhs/gov/departments/dph/programs/hcq/medical-marijuana/rmd-application-process.html>.