

CANNABIS LEGALIZATION KEY INFORMATION

What is cannabis?

- Cannabis refers to products made from the leaves and flowers of the cannabis plant. You may have also heard it called marijuana or pot.
- It can be consumed by smoking, vaporizing, eating in food, drinking, dabbing, putting drops under the tongue, or applying it directly to the skin in a lotion.

What does legalization mean?

- Cannabis is currently legal for medical purposes. This means that individuals with a prescription can purchase cannabis from licensed medical cannabis producers.
- Cannabis legalization refers to making cannabis legal for non-medical purposes. You may hear this called consuming cannabis for recreational or personal use.

Federal Government Decisions

- Consuming cannabis for non-medical purposes will be legal in July 2018
- The minimum age that people can buy, possess and consume cannabis will be 18 (provinces can increase the age limit)
- Adults will be able to possess up to 30 grams of legally produced cannabis
- Adults will be able to grow up to four cannabis plants per household for personal use

The federal government will set rules for:

- The types of cannabis products sold
- How cannabis products can be packaged and labelled
- The serving sizes and strength (potency) of cannabis products
- Safe practices for producing cannabis
- Tracking cannabis from seed to sale

Province of Alberta Decisions

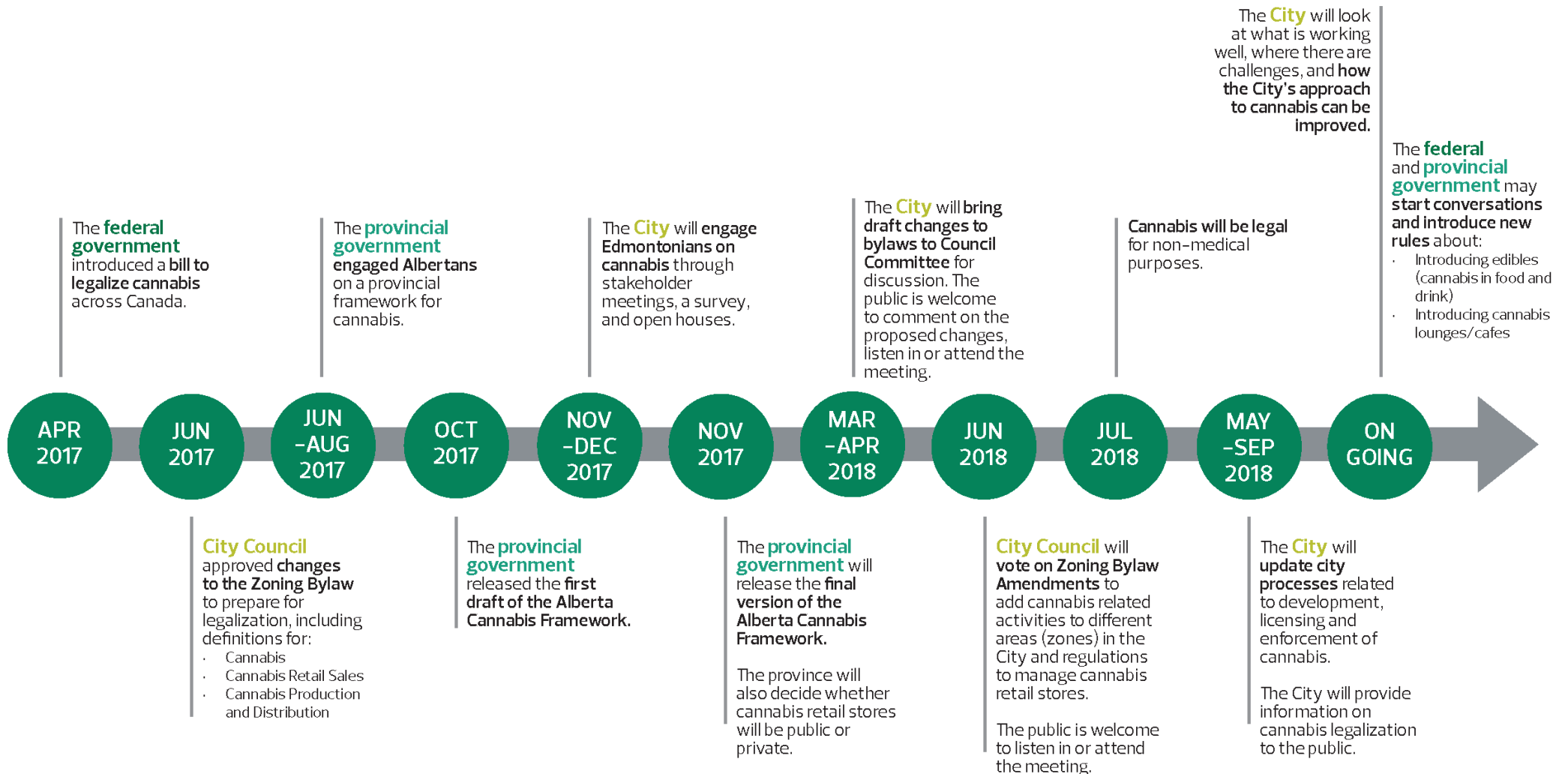
- The minimum age will be 18 in Alberta
- Smoking cannabis will be restricted in areas where children and youth gather
- Cannabis will be sold in private retail stores and through a provincially managed online system
- Stores will have to sell provincially licensed cannabis, and cannot sell cannabis with alcohol, tobacco or pharmaceuticals

The provincial government will set rules for:

- The minimum separation distances between cannabis stores and places where children and youth gather
- Tracking the distribution of cannabis from licensed producers to cannabis retail stores

FEDERAL	PROVINCIAL	MUNICIPAL
Setting cannabis possession and age limits		
Dealing with drug trafficking of cannabis		
Controlling cannabis advertising and packaging		
Managing the system for producing and delivering medical cannabis		
Managing a system to track cannabis from seed to sale		
Licensing and inspecting cannabis production facilities		
Setting rules for growing cannabis at home		
	Managing the distribution of cannabis from producers to cannabis stores	
	Deciding if cannabis will be sold in government or privately run stores	
	Determining where cannabis stores can be located and rules for store operation	
	Addressing cannabis impairment to ensure workplace safety	
	Setting and enforcing rules for consuming cannabis in public	
		Developing land use regulations and business license processes for cannabis stores
	Providing tools for police to address impaired driving (driving under the influence of cannabis)	
	Developing public education and awareness campaigns	
	Determining how cannabis will be taxed and how the revenue will be spent	

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