How to Access Medical Marijuana

The Cannabis Act came into force on October 17, 2018. Since that date, new regulations have replaced the Access to Cannabis for Medical Purposes Regulations (ACMPR). According to Government of Canada patients authorized by their health care provider are still able to access medical cannabis in the following ways:

1. You can buy directly from a federally licensed seller.
2. You can register with Health Canada to produce a limited amount of cannabis for their own medical purposes.
3. You can designate someone to produce for you.

Furthermore, subject to the legal age limit in their province or territory, you can also access medical cannabis:

1. At provincial or territorial authorized retail outlets.
2. Through provincial or territorial authorized online sales platforms.

Impact of the Cannabis Act on registered patients:

- Patients registered under the Access to Cannabis for Medical Purposes Regulations (ACMPR) do not need to do anything at this time.
- Your current registration has transitioned automatically to the Cannabis Act and new regulations and kept its existing expiry date.
- If your registration for personal (or designated) production is expiring soon, you should submit your renewal application and medical document at least 8 weeks before expiry.

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