



City of Stratford Schools

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Alcohol and Gaming
Commission of Ontario

Ontario's Cannabis Retail Regulation Landscape

Legal Cannabis Supply Chain



Health Canada regulates the cultivation and processing of cannabis and licenses producers, called "Licensed Producers".

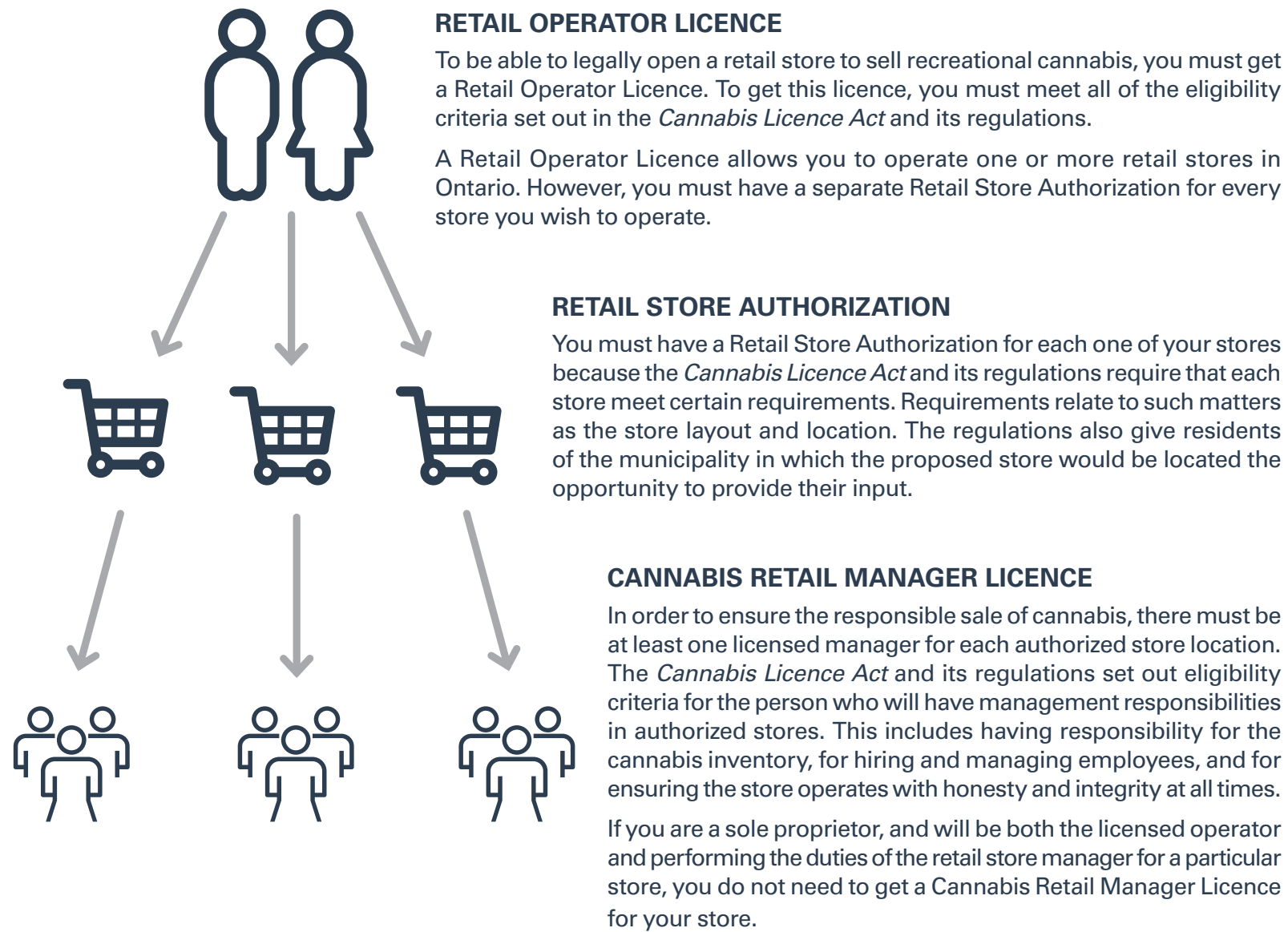


Licensed Producers are the only legal growers/producers of cannabis products in Ontario.



The Ontario Cannabis Store is a Crown agency of the Government of Ontario and is the only legal supplier (wholesaler) of cannabis for private retail stores in Ontario. The OCS operates the only legal online store for recreational cannabis sales in Ontario. The AGCO does not regulate the OCS.

The Licences and Authorizations you need from the AGCO



The Local Community

MUNICIPALITIES AND FIRST NATIONS RESERVES

Ontario municipalities have a one-time option to opt out of having cannabis retail stores in their communities. Municipalities have until January 22, 2019 to inform the AGCO if they wish to opt out. Municipalities that choose to opt out can opt back in at any time—but once they are in, they may no longer opt out.

A cannabis store can only be located on a First Nations Reserve if it has the approval of the Band Council.

RESIDENTS

Residents in the municipality of a proposed cannabis store location have an opportunity to share their views with the AGCO before a retail store is authorized. The Registrar may refuse to authorize the store if it is in the public interest to do so.

The only areas of public interest the Registrar can consider, as defined by the regulations, are related to public health and safety, protecting youth and restricting their access to cannabis, and preventing illegal activities in relation to cannabis.

For more information, visit us online www.agco.ca or call (416) 326-8700 or toll free 1 (800) 522-2876

ALCOHOL AND GAMING COMMISSION OF ONTARIO:

Registrar's Standards for the Private Retail Sale of Cannabis

- ⇒ All cannabis retail stores must be equipped with a high-resolution surveillance system, which must include cameras inside and outside store premises, including entrances, exits, point of sale areas, receiving areas, sales floor areas, and storage areas;
- ⇒ Video recordings must be retained for a minimum of 30 days and must be made available to the AGCO upon request;
- ⇒ All points of store access must be secured and protected against unauthorized access;
- ⇒ Cannabis and accessories for sale cannot be visible from the exterior of the store;
- ⇒ Exterior store signage cannot communicate information about the price or distribution of cannabis, make cannabis appealing to youth, contain any testimonials or endorsement, or present cannabis or accessories in a way that evokes a positive or negative connotation, promote cannabis in a way that is false, be associated with medicine, health, or pharmaceuticals, or associate cannabis with driving a motorized vehicle;
- ⇒ Cannabis can only be promoted within the store by presenting information about the product that is factual;
- ⇒ Stores may not provide cannabis or accessories free of charge and cannot accept material inducements from licensed producers;
- ⇒ Stores must ensure that information related to the responsible use of cannabis is available to patrons;
- ⇒ Stores must maintain records of employees, store inventory, product tracking data, compliance records, and records demonstrating compliance with sections 7 and 8 of the Cannabis Control Act (which prohibits sale to minors and intoxicated persons) for a minimum of 3 years;
- ⇒ Stores must complete weekly inventory counts for all cannabis in store. Inventory logs must be maintained and any discrepancies must be reported to the AGCO.

<http://agco.ca/content/registrars-standards-cannabis-retail-stores>

ONTARIO REGULATION 468/18:

Regulations governing the private operation of cannabis retail stores:

- ⇒ Cannabis stores will be owned and operated by the private sector;
- ⇒ The private retail store model will be tightly regulated and strictly enforced by the Alcohol and Gaming Commission of Ontario (AGCO);
- ⇒ Retailers will not be permitted to allow anyone under the age of 19 to enter their stores;
- ⇒ All private recreational cannabis retail storefronts will be stand-alone stores only;
- ⇒ Private retail recreational cannabis stores will be permitted to open between 9:00 a.m. and 11:00 p.m. on any day of the week;
- ⇒ All cannabis retail stores must be located a minimum of 150 metres (approximately 500 feet) from schools;
- ⇒ Retail stores will be permitted to sell cannabis products, accessories and shopping bags;
- ⇒ A cannabis store site must be zoned for retail, but a municipality cannot create another class of retail for cannabis;
- ⇒ Training in the responsible sale of cannabis will be required for any individual who works in the retail cannabis market;
- ⇒ A market concentration limit of 75 stores per operator has been set to prevent a high degree of market consolidation, promote opportunities for small businesses, and promote investment in the cannabis retail sector;
- ⇒ The Ontario Cannabis Store will be the exclusive wholesaler to any private retail cannabis stores;
- ⇒ Licensed producers of Cannabis (such as GreenSeal in Stratford) are permitted to establish one factory outlet cannabis store for recreational cannabis purchases at the same address as their licensed site in municipalities that allow the operation of retail cannabis stores.
- ⇒ 25 stores will be allowed to open across Ontario beginning on 1 April 2019 in municipalities with populations greater than 50,000;
- ⇒ These changes are in effect until 13 December 2019, when Ontario Regulation 468/18 will be amended.

<https://www.ontario.ca/laws/regulation/180468>

Do you support allowing retail stores for recreational cannabis in Stratford?

Please place a dot in the column of your choice

YES	NO	UNDECIDED

COMMENTS:

Please add your comments regarding
Cannabis Storefronts in Stratford with a Post-it Note!