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British Columbia	<i>Cannabis Control and Licensing Act, Cannabis Distribution Act</i>	19 years 30 grams in public	Maximum 4 plants per household Indoors, no visible plants from outside	Distribution: through BC Liquor Distribution Branch Sales: through government run store, as well as online Sales: Liquor and Cannabis Regulation Branch to license private stores: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Requires circulation to local government • Requires positive recommendation by local government for issuance of provincial private retail license
Alberta	<i>Gaming, Liquor and Cannabis Act, An Act to Control and Regulate Cannabis</i>	18 years 30 grams in public	Maximum 4 plants per household, No growing outside	Distribution: through Alberta Cannabis (Alberta Liquor and Gaming) Sales: Government online and Private stores, Alberta Gaming, Liquor & Cannabis Commission issues private cannabis retail licenses <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Ability for municipalities to enact business licensing, zoning and land use restrictions for private cannabis retail (e.g. Calgary)

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Saskatchewan	<i>An Act to Control the Sales, Possession, Consumption, Distribution, and Transportation of Cannabis and to Make Consequential Amendments to Other Acts, Cannabis Control (Saskatchewan) Act</i>	19 years, 30 grams in public	Maximum 4 plants per household	Distribution through Saskatchewan Liquor and Gaming Authority, and provincial licensing of private retailers (SLGA regulates)
Manitoba	<i>The Safe and Responsible Retailing of Cannabis Act (Liquor and Gaming Control Act and Manitoba Liquor and Lotteries Corporation Act Amended)</i>	19 years 30 grams in public No limit at home	Growing non-medical cannabis at home is prohibited	Distribution: through Liquor, Gaming and Cannabis Authority of Manitoba with online sales, Sales: Provincial regulation of private stores, regulated and licensed by LGA, <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Limited number of licenses issued by LGA, to ensure sufficient supply of cannabis (11 licenses issued across province as of October 17, 2018) • More licenses may be issued in future • Private retailers required to enter into agreement with LGA • All private retailers must abide by municipal by-laws and regulations
Ontario	<i>Cannabis Statute Law Amendment Act, 2018,</i>	19 years 30 grams in public	Maximum 4 plants per household	Distribution: through Ontario Cannabis Corporation operating as Ontario Cannabis Store Sales: OCS to sell exclusively online,

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	<i>Cannabis Control Act, 2017, Cannabis Licence Act, 2018, Ontario Cannabis Retail Corporation Act, 2018</i>	No limit at home		Provincial (AGCO) regulation of private retail stores beginning April 1, 2019 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • No cap on number of licenses in province • No municipal powers to regulate through business licensing • No municipal authority to create new zoning for cannabis retail • One-time opt-out for municipalities
Quebec	<i>Cannabis Regulation Act</i>	18 years now (potential amendment of age by new provincial government to 21 years) 30 grams in public, 150 grams total per household in private home	Cultivation at home prohibited	Distribution : through Société Québécoise du cannabis Sales: 11 government-operated stores upon legalization with up to 160 additional stores in next 3 years
New Brunswick	<i>Cannabis Management Corporation Act</i>	19 years 30 grams in public	Maximum 4 plants per household, indoors in locked cabinet, plants maximum 1.42 metres +	Distribution and sales only through Cannabis New Brunswick store as well as online, with 20 potential stores under consideration

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			Outdoors on own property, or vacant land with owner consent	
Nova Scotia	<i>Cannabis Control Act</i>	19 years 30 grams in public, No limit at home	Maximum 4 plants per household	Distribution and sales through Nova Scotia Liquor Corporation, online sales + government stores (standalone and through liquor stores)
Newfoundland and Labrador	<i>Cannabis Control Act</i>	19 years, 30 grams in public, No limit at home	Maximum 4 plants per household	Distribution through Newfoundland and Labrador Liquor Corporation with online sales, Private retail stores planned (approx.. 30 potential retailers)
Nunavut	<i>Cannabis Statutes Amendment Act, Cannabis Act</i>	19 years, 30 grams in public No limit at home		Distribution through Nunavut Liquor and Cannabis Commission, online and by phone Sales: Provincial licensing of private retail stores, requires community consultation, 90 day notice provision for comments on applications
Yukon	<i>Cannabis Control and Regulation Act</i>	19 years 30 grams public, no limit at home	Maximum 4 plants per household	Distribution through Yukon Liquor Corporation, 1 government store + online sales Future implementation of licensing regime for private retailers
Northwest Territories	<i>Cannabis Legalization and Implementation Act</i>	19 years, 30 grams in public No limit at home	Maximum 4 plants per household	Northwest Territories Liquor and Cannabis Commission will distribute Sales: through government stores (including liquor stores),

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				Private retail regime in development, to be regulated by territorial government
Prince Edward Island	<i>An Act to Respond to the Legalization of Cannabis, Cannabis Control Act, Cannabis Management Corporation Act</i>	19 years, 30 grams in public	Maximum 4 plants per household, must be inaccessible to minors	Distribution through PEI Cannabis Management Corporation, 4 government-owned stores + online, Locations chosen based on population