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Cannabis Licencing Annual Report 2024-25

(for the period April 1, 2024 to March 31, 2025)

Superintendent of Cannabis Licencing Department of Finance



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Hon. Lorne Kusugak Minister of Finance Department of Finance

August 7, 2025

Dear Minister Kusugak,

Section 21 of the *Cannabis Act* requires the Superintendent of Cannabis Licencing to submit to the Minister responsible an annual report on cannabis licencing activities within six months after the end of the fiscal year. The Minister is then required to table this report in the Legislative Assembly at the next available opportunity.

This report summarizes the licencing activities of the Superintendent of Cannabis Licencing under the Department of Finance for fiscal year 2024-25.

In previous years, the Cannabis Licencing Annual Report only reported on the number of licence applications received or approved to operate stores (either remote or physical locations). To reflect the growth in Nunavut's cannabis market in recent years, we have broadened the categories reported on in this year's Annual Report to include all types of licencing activities (transfers, renewals, appeals, etc.), the number of registered suppliers, and the amount of revenue collected from licences, supplier registrations, and most notably, from retail sales.

Sincerely,

Hillary Casey

Superintendent of Cannabis Licencing

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<u>Licencing overview for 2024-25:</u>

There were three licenced cannabis retailers operating in Nunavut during fiscal year 2024-25: two physical stores with remote sales licences in Iqaluit, and one remote sales store in Rankin Inlet.

Licenced retailers must purchase cannabis for sale from suppliers registered in Nunavut. These registered suppliers must first be licenced by Health Canada prior to applying to be a registered supplier in Nunavut. This approach ensures that suppliers and their cannabis products meet federal safety standards and regulations prior to operating in Nunavut. In 2024-25, there were 37 cannabis suppliers registered in Nunavut.

The type of licencing activities that took place in 2024-25 was limited to licence renewals for retailers, and new or renewed registrations from suppliers. There were no requests for licence transfers, variations, or conditional licences issued during the reporting period.

There were no enforcement actions taken, and thus, no sanctions applied or appealed. The Cannabis Enforcement section of the Department of Finance works directly with retailers and suppliers to ensure the appropriate reporting and compliance measures are taken proactively in order to avoid formal warnings, sanctions or penalties. Nunavut's three retailers have been conscientious, compliant and cooperative partners in ensuring that the retail of cannabis in Nunavut is done in a manner that protects the health and safety of Nunavummiut, especially minors, and provides for the safe distribution of cannabis to adults – two key objectives of cannabis legislation and regulation in Nunavut.

Looking ahead to 2025-26, the Superintendent of Licencing and the Cannabis Enforcement section at the Department of Finance are actively participating in the legislative review of Nunavut's *Cannabis Act*. Their operational insight will help to identify any legislative or regulatory amendments that may be required to strengthen the administration and oversight of the cannabis regime in Nunavut.



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Licencing Activities for 2024-25

Applications for a Licence – Section 8 (1)

There have been zero (0) completed applications for a retail cannabis licence in 2024–25 under Section 8(1) of the Cannabis Act.

Licences with Conditions – Section 9 (1)

No licences were issued with conditions pursuant to Section 9(1) during the 2024–25 fiscal year.

Transfers of Licences – Section 11 (3)

No transfers of retail cannabis licences were requested or approved under Section 11(3) during the reporting period.

Licence Renewals - Section 12 (3)

There were three (3) requests for licence renewals under Section 12(3):

- NunaCannabis (Iqaluit) physical and remote store
- Higher Experiences (Iqaluit) physical and remote store
- Nunabis (Rankin Inlet) remote store

All current retailers successfully renewed their licences in 2024-25.

Appeals - Section 13

There were no appeals filed under Section 13 of the Cannabis Act in 2024–25.

Variations – Section 14

There were no variations issued under Section 14 during this reporting period.

Sanctions and Appeals – Sections 15, 16, and 17

No enforcement or compliance action was taken under Sections 15, 16 or 17 in 2024-25.

Registered Suppliers – Section 21.1.

There were 37 registered suppliers in Nunavut registered under Section 21.1. of the Cannabis Act in 2024-25.

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Revenue from licence and registration fees

A total of \$7,200 was collected through licence renewals (\$3,500) and renewals from registered suppliers (\$3,700) in accordance with the fee schedule in Schedule A of the *Cannabis Regulations*.

Revenue from retail sales

The Government of Nunavut collects 2% of gross revenue from retail sales of cannabis, paid quarterly by each retailer. In 2024-25, this amounted to \$195,726 in revenue collected. This amount was not previously reported in the licencing report or Public Accounts, as there was only one retailer operating in Nunavut until late 2023 and reporting this amount would reveal sensitive business information. Now that there are three retailers, the GN will report the aggregate revenue collected through retail sales.

Туре	Section of Cannabis Act	Number
Licence Applications	Section 8(1)	0
Licence with Conditions	Section 9 (1)	0
Transfers of Licences	Section 11(3)	0
Licence Renewals	Section 12(3)	3
Appeals	Section 13	0
Variations	Section 14	0
Sanctions and Appeals	Sections 15, 16, and 17	0
Registered Suppliers	Section 21.1	37
Revenue collected from licence and registration fees	Schedule A of Cannabis Regulations	\$7,200
Revenue collected from retail sales	Schedule A of Cannabis Regulations	\$195,725.56