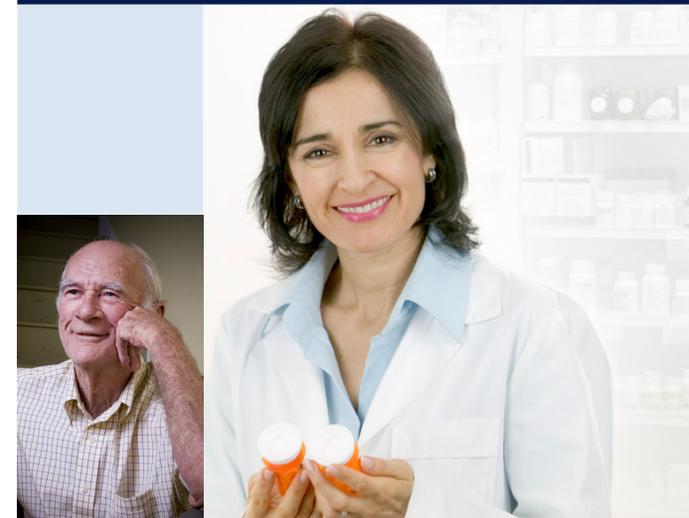




How to Register for a Medical Marijuana Registration Certificate



What Is the Medical Professional's Role?

Physicians can only certify patients for marijuana where there is a bona-fide physician-patient relationship:

- Complete a medical physical assessment of the patient's medical history and current medical condition;
- Diagnose the patient as having a debilitating medical condition;
- Prescribe, or determine it is not in the patient's best interest to prescribe, prescription drugs to address the symptoms or effects for which the certification is being issued.
- Concluded that, in the physician's medical opinion, the potential benefits of the palliative use of marijuana would likely outweigh the health risks to the patient; and
- Explained the potential risks and benefits of the palliative use of marijuana to the patient or, where the patient lacks legal capacity, to the parent, guardian or other person having legal custody of the patient.

What Is Not Permitted Under the Palliative Use of Marijuana Act?

Your registration certificate does not permit the use of marijuana:

- in a motor bus or a school bus or in any other moving vehicle;
- in the workplace;
- on any school grounds or any public or private school, dormitory, college or university property;
- in any public place;
- in the presence of a person under the age of eighteen (18); or
- in any other way that endangers the health or well-being of a person other than the qualifying patient or the primary caregiver.

What Are the Benefits of Having a Registration Certificate?

Patients complying with the statute are immune from arrest and prosecution under state law. However, registration does not provide any protections from federal prosecution.

While you may be held responsible for possessing marijuana by the federal government, you are more likely to be prosecuted if you carry or consume marijuana on federal property, such as immigration check-points, federal parks, airports, or any other federal land.

How Much Marijuana Can Patients Possess?

Currently, the maximum allowable monthly amount is 2.5 ounces unless your physician indicates a lesser amount is appropriate. Any changes to the allowable amount will be based on advice from the Board of Physicians.



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On May 31, 2012, Public Act 12-55, An Act Concerning the Palliative Use of Marijuana, became law. This Act permits the medical use of marijuana statewide, making Connecticut the 17th state to enact such a law.



Connecticut Registration Certificate - Application Process

Physicians may certify qualified patients for the palliative use of marijuana through an online registration system that the Department of Consumer Protection has developed.

If you are a patient seeking to register with the Department's Medical Marijuana Program you must:

Make an appointment with your physician:

- Only your physician can initiate your application by certifying for the Department that you have a medical condition that qualifies you for a medical marijuana registration certificate.

A qualifying patient application includes the following forms and fee:

- a physician form;
- a patient form;
- a primary caregiver form, if applicable; and
- a \$100.00 application fee for each qualifying patient and primary caregiver.

Only check, money order, cashier check or credit card (online only) payments will be accepted (checks/money orders should be made payable to "Treasurer, State of CT").

The department will **not** accept cash payments.

Applicants paying by personal check will be subject to a holding period on their application until the check clears.

A registration certificate expires one (1) year from the date of the physician certification.

Qualifications for a Registration Certificate:

- Qualifying patient must be a Connecticut resident.
- Qualifying patient and primary caregiver must be at least eighteen (18) years of age or older.
- Qualifying patient cannot be an inmate confined in a correctional institution or facility under the supervision of the Connecticut Department of Corrections.
- Primary caregiver cannot have been convicted of a violation of any law pertaining to the illegal manufacture, sale or distribution of a controlled substance.

What Do I Need?

Before you begin the application process make sure you have the following items available:

- Proof of residency
- Proof of identity
- Current passport size photograph

If your physician determines a caregiver is needed, your caregiver must also have the following items available:

- Proof of identity
- Current passport size photograph

Connecticut's medical marijuana registration certificates are available only to Connecticut residents being treated for a debilitating medical condition.

Debilitating Medical Conditions:

- Cancer
- Glaucoma
- Positive Status for Human Immunodeficiency Virus or Acquired Immune Deficiency Syndrome
- Parkinson's Disease
- Multiple Sclerosis
- Damage to the Nervous Tissue of the Spinal Cord with Objective Neurological Indication of Intractable Spasticity
- Epilepsy
- Cachexia
- Wasting Syndrome
- Crohn's Disease
- Posttraumatic Stress Disorder