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# The Island Capsule

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## Health Canada Seeking Feedback on Regulation of Cannabis

Health Canada is seeking your feedback on the Consultation Paper: [Proposed Approach to the Regulation of Cannabis](#). This approach builds on the extensive consultations already conducted by the Task Force on Cannabis Legalization and Regulation and Canada's existing system of regulated production of cannabis for medical purposes and industrial hemp.

The proposed Cannabis Act would create a strict national framework for controlling the production, distribution, sale and possession of cannabis in Canada. As part of this framework, Health Canada would be responsible for regulating production and setting standards for health and safety. The provinces and territories would oversee the distribution and sale of cannabis, subject to minimum federal conditions.

### How to participate

After reviewing the Consultation Paper you can provide your feedback in the following ways:

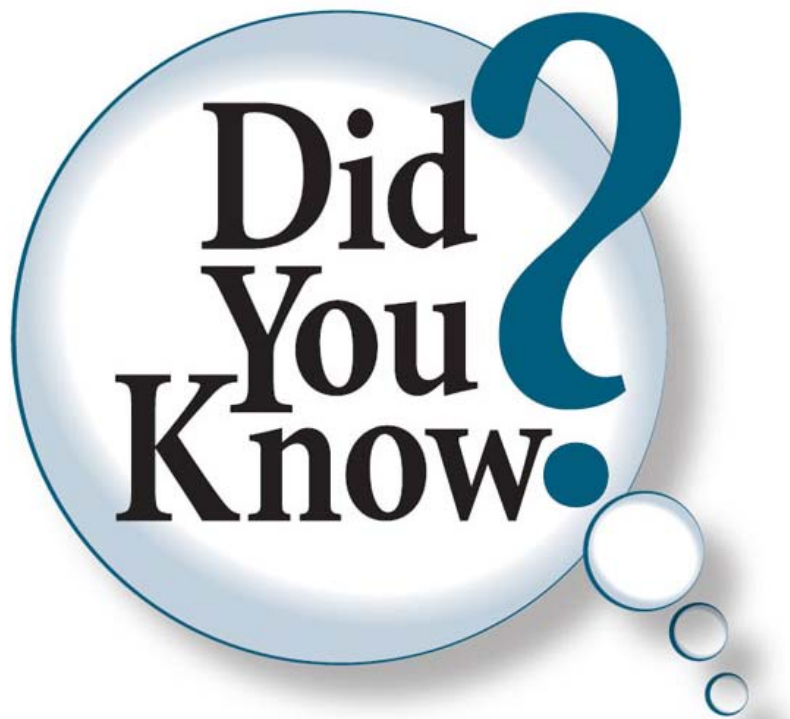
1. Complete the [online questionnaire](#)
2. Send a written submission by email to [cannabis@canada.ca](mailto:cannabis@canada.ca). If you wish, you may attach an electronic file in one of the following formats:
  - o Microsoft Word
  - o Adobe Acrobat
3. Send a written submission in hard-copy format by mail to:

Cannabis Legalization and Regulation Secretariat  
Address locator 0602E  
Health Canada  
Ottawa, Ontario

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The deadline to provide written comments and responses to the questionnaire is January 20, 2018.

For more information, please visit the [Health Canada Website](#).



## Health Information Act

The [Health Information Act](#) came into force on July 1, 2017 and is Prince Edward Island's new health-sector specific privacy legislation. The Act defines a custodian as "a person or organization that collects, maintains, uses or discloses personal health information for the purpose of providing or assisting in the provision of health care or treatment or the planning and management of the health care system or delivering a government program or service."

Pharmacies and pharmacists are considered custodians under the Act.

The Act requires custodians of Personal Health Information to:

- obtain an individual's consent for the collection, use and disclosure of PHI unless otherwise provided for by the Act;
- collect only the PHI that is necessary to accomplish the purpose for which it is collected;
- take reasonable precautions to safeguard PHI including:
  - protection against loss or theft;
  - protection against inappropriate access;
  - protection against unauthorized use, disclosure, copying,

modification or destruction

- in some instances provide notification to an individual at the first reasonable opportunity if their PHI is lost, stolen, inappropriately disclosed or accessed by an authorized person
- ensure that records are as accurate, up-to-date and complete as necessary for the purposes for which they are used or disclosed;
- ensure that records are stored, transferred and disposed of in a secure manner;
- respond to access requests;
- respond to correction requests; and
- ensure that all parties acting under the authority of the custodian are appropriately informed of their duties and obligations under the Act.

Pharmacists should be familiar with the Act and understand their responsibilities as custodians under the Act. The Province has developed a guide to assist custodians in meeting their obligations under the Act. Additional resources can be found on the [Legislative Assembly of Prince Edward Island website](#).

## Important Dates

### PEI Jurisprudence Exam

The PEI College of Pharmacists has posted the jurisprudence exam sittings for 2018. They are as follows:

January 29, 2018 9:30-11:30 am

June 18, 2018 9:30-11:30 am

October 22, 2018 9:30-11:30 am

December 10, 2018 9:30-11:30 am

### PEBC

The deadline for application for the Winter sitting (April 7-8, 2018) of the PEBC Qualifying Exam for pharmacy technicians is December 8, 2017. There are 2 sittings remaining of the Qualifying exam before the December 31, 2018 registration deadline for the transition pathway applicants.

### Continuing Education Deadline

The deadline for obtaining and logging continuing education units in the online Professional Development Log in the member area of the PEI College of Pharmacists website is February 28, 2018.

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