



# News Advisory

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## **Early Recreational Marijuana Sales to Begin under Oregon Health Authority**

### **OLCC Continues Work Creating Recreational Marijuana Regulatory Infrastructure for 2016**

**Portland, Oregon** – The early start sales of recreational marijuana begins Thursday, October 1, 2015 under the regulatory oversight of the Oregon Health Authority (OHA). The Oregon Legislature, during the 2015 legislative session, passed legislation directing the OHA to temporarily oversee the sale of limited quantities of recreational marijuana (flower and dry leaf products, plants, and seeds) through medical marijuana dispensaries.

The Oregon Liquor Control Commission (OLCC) will begin accepting recreational marijuana license applications January 4, 2016. The OLCC is focused on developing the licensing process and permanent regulatory framework for recreational marijuana. OLCC staff is working on creating Oregon Administrative Rules for regulating the legalized marijuana industry; the Commission is expected to approve these temporary Rules in late October.

Applicants for an OLCC recreational marijuana license (Grower, Laboratory, Processor, Wholesaler, Research, Retailer), that hold a license in the OHA medical marijuana and/or recreational marijuana program must comply with OHA regulations and be in good standing with the OHA to receive an OLCC recreational marijuana license.

Consumers need to be aware that recreational marijuana currently is not required to be tested for pesticide residue. The OLCC recreational marijuana licensing program, that takes effect in 2016, will include requirements for pesticide testing.

For information on **early start recreational marijuana sales** media can contact the Oregon Health Authority at 971-246-9139 or [phd.communications@state.or.us](mailto:phd.communications@state.or.us). For information on **recreational marijuana sales in 2016** go to: [www.marijuana.oregon.gov](http://www.marijuana.oregon.gov)

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