



AGCO

Alcohol and Gaming Commission of Ontario

# Ontario's Cannabis Retail Regulation Landscape

## Legal Cannabis Supply Chain



Health Canada regulates the cultivation and processing of cannabis and licenses producers, called "Licensed Producers".



Licensed Producers are the only legal growers/producers of cannabis products in Ontario.



The Ontario Cannabis Store is a Crown agency of the Government of Ontario and is the only legal supplier (wholesaler) of cannabis for private retail stores in Ontario. The OCS operates the only legal online store for recreational cannabis sales in Ontario. The AGCO does not regulate the OCS.

## The Licences and Authorizations you need from the AGCO



## The Local Community

### MUNICIPALITIES

Ontario municipalities had a one-time option to opt out of having cannabis retail stores in their communities. Municipalities had until January 22, 2019 to inform the AGCO if they wish to opt out. Municipalities that choose to opt out can opt back in at any time—but once they are in, they may no longer opt out.

### RESIDENTS

Residents in the municipality of a proposed cannabis store location have an opportunity to share their views with the AGCO before a retail store is authorized. The Registrar must refuse to authorize the store if it is in the public interest to do so.

The only areas of public interest the Registrar can consider, as defined by the regulations, are related to public health and safety, protecting youth and restricting their access to cannabis, and preventing illegal activities in relation to cannabis.

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