

# Misuse of Drugs Amendment Bill (Medicinal Cannabis)

## Ten bottom lines

Policy	Explanation
<b>1. Buffer zones 5km residential, 1km sensitive area</b>	Manufacturing would not be authorised within 5km of a residential zone and 1km of a sensitive area such as a wahi tapu or rehabilitation centre.
<b>2. Commercial not personal production</b>	Personal cultivation would not be allowed under the proposed scheme.
<b>3. GMP grade manufacture</b>	Medicinal cannabis would be manufactured under existing Medsafe high grade pharmaceutical requirements, similar to other medicines.
<b>4. License fit and proper persons</b>	The Bill would specify criteria for fit and proper persons who could engage in the manufacturing process.
<b>5. Pharmacy dispensing</b>	Medicinal cannabis products would be dispensed from pharmacies.
<b>6. No loose leaf dispensing</b>	The end product of manufacture would be either liquids or pills. The Bill would not support the use of loose leaf cannabis.
<b>7. No advertising</b>	The Bill would allow advertising to pharmacists and medical practitioners but not to the public.
<b>8. Clinician recommendation</b>	Access to medicinal cannabis would require consultation and approval from medical and nurse practitioners.
<b>9. Registration and Medicinal Cannabis Card</b>	Medical and nurse practitioners would authorise the issuing of an annual Medicinal Cannabis Card with the approval of the Ministry of Health. This would need to be presented to the pharmacist on dispensing.
<b>10. Five yearly review</b>	The Bill would require a five yearly review and reporting of the legislation.