

# Cannabis Guide

Governor Murphy signed legislation legalizing recreational cannabis in the state of New Jersey in 2021 for individuals 21 and over. Medical cannabis was legalized in the state of NJ in 2010. Cannabis usage, regardless of reason, is not legal federally. Institutions of Higher Education must comply with the federal Drug-Free Schools and Campuses Act which prohibits cannabis usage on campus.

	RECREATIONAL, UNDER 21	RECREATIONAL, 21+	REGISTERED WITH ARC FOR MMP CARD
POSSESSION ON-CAMPUS	X	✓	✓
POSSESSION OFF-CAMPUS	X	✓	✓
CONSUMPTION ON-CAMPUS	X	X	X
CONSUMPTION OFF-CAMPUS	X	✓	✓
DISTRIBUTION ON OR OFF-CAMPUS	X	X	X

## FAQ

Q: If cannabis is legal in NJ for individuals 21+, why can't I consume it on campus?

A: Because TCNJ accepts federal funding we must be in compliance with the Drug-Free Schools and Campuses Act.

Q: Why do students with an MMP Card need to register with ARC?

A: Cannabis is federally classified as a Schedule I drug. This classification means it is not recognized as an approved medication in the United States. Registering with ARC ensures students with MMP cards know expectations regarding use and is a secondary measure allowing verification of information.

Q: Will police be called if I am under 21 and have cannabis?

A: No, not unless the incident involves another issue requiring police involvement. TCNJ Police will not be ticketing individuals for cannabis in most circumstances.

Q: What happens if I am under 21 or 21+ and am documented with cannabis?

A: If 21+ and you are alleged to have consumed on campus or you are under 21, you will be referred to Student Conduct.