



Relevant Exemptions to the *Controlled Drugs and Substances Act*

Description	Document	English	French
Transportation of controlled substances in Canada	<p>Policy</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Describes which professionals can transport controlled substances, including prescriptions to patients under the current federal laws of regulations 	<p>https://www.canada.ca/en/health-canada/services/health-concerns/controlled-substances-precursor-chemicals/policy-regulations/policy-documents/transportation-of-controlled-substances-in-canada.html</p> <p>(Issued on Sept 5, 2018)</p>	<p>https://www.canada.ca/fr/sante-canada/services/preoccupations-liees-sante/substances-controlees-precurseurs-chimiques/politique-reglementation/documents-politique/transport-de-substances-designees-au-canada.html</p> <p>(Émise le 5 septembre 2018)</p>
Nurses exemption	<p>Supplemental information</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Information to help explain the exemptions 	<p>https://www.canada.ca/en/health-canada/services/health-concerns/controlled-substances-precursor-chemicals/policy-regulations/policy-documents/supplementary-information-subsection-56-exemption-nurses-person-in-charge.html</p> <p>(Issued on Jan 9, 2019)</p>	<p>https://www.canada.ca/fr/sante-canada/services/preoccupations-liees-sante/substances-controlees-precurseurs-chimiques/politique-reglementation/documents-politique/renseignements-supplementaires-paragraphe-56-exemption-infirmiers-personne-responsable.html</p> <p>(Émise le 9 janvier, 2019)</p>
	<p>Exemption to nurses</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Authorizes nurses who provide health care services at a community health facility to sell, provide or administer controlled substances. 	<p>https://www.canada.ca/en/health-canada/services/health-concerns/controlled-substances-precursor-chemicals/policy-regulations/policy-documents/subsection-56-exemption-nurses-providing-primary-care-community-health-facility.html</p> <p>(As amended on Jan 9, 2019)</p>	<p>https://www.canada.ca/fr/sante-canada/services/preoccupations-liees-sante/substances-controlees-precurseurs-chimiques/politique-reglementation/documents-politique/exemption-categorie-paragraphe-56-infirmiers-fournissent-soins-sante-primaires-etablissement-sante-communautaire.html</p> <p>(Tel que modifiée le 9 janvier, 2019)</p>



Nurses Exemption cont.	<p>Exemption to supply community health facilities</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Authorizes Persons in Charge of a hospital and pharmacists to supply controlled substances to a community health facility 	<p>https://www.canada.ca/en/health-canada/services/health-concerns/controlled-substances-precursor-chemicals/policy-regulations/policy-documents/subsection-56-class-exemption-person-in-charge-hospital-pharmacist-controlled-substances-community-health-facility.html</p> <p>(As amended on Jan 9, 2019)</p>	<p>https://www.canada.ca/fr/sante-canada/services/preoccupations-liees-sante/substances-controlees-precurseurs-chimiques/politique-reglementation/documents-politique/exemption-categorie-paragraphe-56-personne-responsable-hopital-pharmacien-fournit-substances-etablissement-sante-communautaire.html</p> <p>(Tel que modifiée le 9 janvier, 2019)</p>
Pharmacy Return Programs	<p>Exemption</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Allows the return of patient medication to the pharmacy for destruction 	<p>https://www.canada.ca/en/health-canada/services/health-concerns/controlled-substances-precursor-chemicals/policy-regulations/policy-documents/section-56-class-exemption-pharmacists-sale-provision-narcotics-to-licensed-dealers-for-destruction.html</p> <p>(Effective date February 23, 2018)</p>	<p>https://www.canada.ca/fr/sante-canada/services/preoccupations-liees-sante/substances-controlees-precurseurs-chimiques/politique-reglementation/documents-politique/exemption-accordee-article-56-pharmaciens-vente-fourniture-stupefiants-destines-detruits.html</p> <p>(Date d'entrée en vigueur le 23 février 2018)</p>
Pharmacists – modifying controlled substance prescriptions	<p>Policy</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Explains what prescribing activities pharmacist can perform with controlled substances, including changing formulations and dispensing prescriptions in subdivided amounts 	<p>Prescription management by pharmacists with controlled substances under the Controlled Drugs and Substances Act and its regulations</p> <p>(Issued on March 19, 2020)</p>	<p>Gestion des ordonnances de substance désignée par les pharmaciens en vertu de la Loi réglementant certaines drogues et autres substances et son règlement d'application</p> <p>(Émise le 19 mars, 2020)</p>

COVID-19	<p>Exemption</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Permits pharmacists to extend, renew, and transfer prescriptions; - Permits practitioners to verbally prescribe prescriptions with controlled substances; and - Allows an individual to deliver controlled substances to patients (at their homes or an alternate location). 	<p>https://www.canada.ca/en/health-canada/services/health-concerns/controlled-substances-precursor-chemicals/policy-regulations/policy-documents/section-56-1-class-exemption-patients-pharmacists-practitioners-controlled-substances-covid-19-pandemic.html</p> <p>(Effective date March 19, 2020)</p>	<p>https://www.canada.ca/fr/sante-canada/services/preoccupations-liees-sante/substances-controlees-precurseurs-chimiques/politique-reglementation/documents-politique/exemption-accordee-article-56-1-patients-pharmaciens-praticiens-prescription-substances-designees-pandemie-covid-19.html</p> <p>(Date d'entrée en vigueur le 19 mars, 2020)</p>
	<p>Frequently Asked Questions</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Related to the short-term exemption during the COVID-19 pandemic 	<p>https://www.canada.ca/en/health-canada/services/health-concerns/controlled-substances-precursor-chemicals/policy-regulations/policy-documents/section-56-1-class-exemption-patients-pharmacists-practitioners-controlled-substances-covid-19-pandemic/frequently-asked-questions.html</p> <p>(Issued on March 19, 2020)</p>	<p>https://www.canada.ca/fr/sante-canada/services/preoccupations-liees-sante/substances-controlees-precurseurs-chimiques/politique-reglementation/documents-politique/exemption-accordee-article-56-1-patients-pharmaciens-praticiens-prescription-substances-designees-pandemie-covid-19/foire-aux-questions.html</p> <p>(Émise le 19 mars, 2020)</p>