



The [Cannabis Act](#) and [Cannabis Regulations](#) came into force on October 17, 2018, replacing the Access to Medical Cannabis Regulations. Under the Cannabis Regulations, nurse practitioners (NPs) are defined as health care practitioners authorized to prescribe¹ medical cannabis for clients requiring this controlled substance as part of their treatment plan. NPs in Nova Scotia who have the necessary knowledge, skills and abilities are authorized to prescribe medical cannabis as part of their scope of practice.

The Nova Scotia College of Nursing (NSCN) has prepared a [Regulatory Guideline for Nurse Practitioners Prescribing Medical Cannabis](#) to inform NPs, employers, other stakeholders and the public of the expectations for NPs who prescribe medical cannabis as part of their clinical practice.

For further information or anything contained within this document, please contact a NSCN practice consultant at practice@nscn.ca.

1 or NPs, the activity of providing a medical document to authorize medical cannabis is referred to as prescribing (*New Classes of Practitioners Regulations* - s.3(2)(a))

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