With the overwhelming evidence supporting medical marijuana's potential to improve qualify of life for Ohio residents, State lawmakers passed [House Bill 523](http://www.cleveland.com/open/index.ssf/2016/05/ohio_senate_passes_medical_mar.html) in the summer of 2016. The passage of this law made medical marijuana legal everywhere across the great state of Ohio, and it established the rules governing the Ohio Medical Marijuana Control Program ([OOMCP](https://www.medicalmarijuana.ohio.gov/)).

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**What Conditions Qualify For A Medical Marijuana Card In Ohio?**

The Ohio Medical Board has approved the use of medical marijuana to help treat and alleviate the symptoms associated with a variety of medical conditions and ailments. In total, there are currently 21 conditions eligible for treatment with medical marijuana, and the State Medical Board has left open the possibility of adding more conditions in the future.

Here is the current list of the qualifying conditions:

* [Chronic Pain](https://www.ohiomarijuanacard.com/pain)
* [Glaucoma](https://www.ohiomarijuanacard.com/glaucoma)
* [Fibromyalgia](https://www.ohiomarijuanacard.com/fibromyalgia)
* [Cancer](https://www.ohiomarijuanacard.com/cancer)
* [Crohn’s Disease](https://www.ohiomarijuanacard.com/crohns-disease)
* [Amyotrophic Lateral Sclerosis (ALS)](https://www.ohiomarijuanacard.com/als)
* [Epilepsy, and other seizure disorders](https://www.ohiomarijuanacard.com/epilepsy)
* [Hepatitis C](https://www.ohiomarijuanacard.com/hepatitis-c)
* [AIDS](https://www.ohiomarijuanacard.com/hiv)
* Chronic Traumatic Encephalopathy
* [Alzheimer’s disease](https://www.ohiomarijuanacard.com/alzheimers)

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* [Post-Traumatic Stress Disorder](https://www.ohiomarijuanacard.com/ptsd)
* [Inflammatory Bowel Disease](https://www.ohiomarijuanacard.com/inflammatory-bowel-disease)
* [Intractable Pain](https://www.ohiomarijuanacard.com/pain)
* [Parkinson’s Disease](https://www.ohiomarijuanacard.com/parkinsons)
* [Multiple Sclerosis](https://www.ohiomarijuanacard.com/multiple-sclerosis)
* [Spinal Cord Disease or Injury](https://www.ohiomarijuanacard.com/spinal-injury)
* [Ulcerative Colitis](https://www.ohiomarijuanacard.com/ulcerative-colitis)
* Traumatic Brain Injury
* [Sickle Cell Anemia](https://www.ohiomarijuanacard.com/sickle-cell-anemia)
* [HIV](https://www.ohiomarijuanacard.com/hiv)
* [Tourette Syndrome](https://www.ohiomarijuanacard.com/tourette-syndrome)

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**1. Book Appointment**

Schedule an appointment with one of our friendly marijuana doctors at any location throughout the State!

**2. Doctor Evaluation**

Visit our office for your in-person evaluation with a state-certified medical marijuana doctor.

**3. Ohio Marijuana Card**

With the doctor's approval, you'll receive your card once the Board of Pharmacy Registry opens.

An Ohio medical marijuana card (sometimes referred to as an "affirmative defense" card) is simply the patient identification card that you will receive from the State Board of Pharmacy once you've been registered as a medical marijuana patient in the state of Ohio. With your card in hand, you'll have all of the legal rights and benefits granted to patients under the State's medical marijuana laws. The card itself will look similar to any other identification card you might have. It will have your picture on it, your address, and a unique patient identification number. More importantly, an Ohio medical marijuana card provides you with the following benefits:

* **Ohio Marijuana Dispensary Access**
	+ **​​**With your Ohio medical marijuana card in hand, you'll be able to access all 60 dispensaries located throughout the state and purchase medical marijuana. These state-licensed marijuana dispensaries will carry many forms of medical marijuana in varying strengths and potency. You will be able to buy products such as tinctures, oils, creams, dry flower and plant material for vaporizers, and edibles.
* **Legal Protection**
	+ **​**Your Ohio Marijuana Card makes it easy for you to demonstrate to law enforcement that you are registered with Ohio's Medical Marijuana Control, and thereby allowed to possess, transport, and consume medical marijuana products.
* **Access To Other States**
	+ **​**In the near future, you might be able to use your Ohio medical marijuana card in other states that have their own medical marijuana programs. This will depend on the Board of Pharmacy's ability to establish reciprocity agreements with other states, in which out-of-state dispensaries would accept Ohio patients, and Ohio dispensaries would accept out-of-state patients. There should be more news about whether an agreement like this is put in place in the near future. We at Ohio Marijuana Card will keep you posted!

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How To Get Approved For An Ohio Marijuana Card

If you are living with a qualifying condition, or you believe you have one of the conditions listed above, then you'll need to [schedule an appointment with a certified medical marijuana doctor](https://www.ohiomarijuanacard.com/schedule-appointment) to obtain your Ohio marijuana card. At the appointment, you and the doctor will discuss your medical condition(s) and treatment history. It is helpful for the doctor if you can bring any relevant medical records documenting your qualifying condition. By bringing your medical records to the appointment, you significantly increase the likelihood of receiving a recommendation from the doctor.

Assuming the doctor is able to confirm your qualifying condition, you'll receive a signed recommendation following your appointment. The doctor's signed recommendation will then be submitted to the Ohio State Board of Pharmacy. You submit a $50 registration fee to the Board of Pharmacy. They enter you into the patient registry. After your submission, you will receive your Ohio medical marijuana card in the mail (or via email).

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