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# Purchase Limit Guidance

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## Introduction

This guidance specifies how adult-use cannabis retailers are to compute statutory transaction limits applicable to cannabis and cannabis product sales.

Cannabis possessed unlawfully in violation of Title 7 of the Vermont Statutes Annotated may be subject to seizure by law enforcement and forfeiture. 7 V.S.A. § 832.

This document is only guidance. Cannabis Establishments should consult relevant sections of [7 V.S.A. Chapter 33](#) and [18 V.S.A Chapter 84](#) for details of purchase and possession limits.

This guidance is not legal advice. If cannabis establishments have questions regarding their legal responsibilities, they are encouraged to consult their legal counsel.

## Transaction & Possession Limits

“[I]n a single transaction, a retailer may provide one ounce of cannabis or the equivalent in cannabis products, or a combination thereof, to a person 21 years of age or older upon verification of a valid government-issued photograph identification card.” [7 V.S.A. §907\(b\)](#).

“No person shall knowingly and unlawfully possess more than one ounce of cannabis or more than five grams of hashish or cultivate more than two mature cannabis plants or four immature cannabis plants.” [18 V.S.A. § 4230\(a\)\(1\)](#).

A “single transaction” means a discrete transfer of cannabis from a retail cannabis establishment to an individual consumer. The Board construes the term in a manner consistent with the Legislature’s intent to ensure that no individual adult-use consumer possesses at any one time more cannabis than the personal-use allowance established by 18 V.S.A. § 4230(a)(1). Consequently, it is a violation of 7 V.S.A. § 907(b) for a retail cannabis establishment to engage in sequential sales when the establishment knows or should know the sales will place an adult-use consumer in violation of 18 V.S.A. § 4230(a)(1).

## Special Case: Living Plants

Possession of Cannabis plants is limited, by statute, to two mature plants or four immature plants.

## Maximum Cannabis Product Quantities

The chart below assigns product quantities that are equivalent to 1oz of cannabis flower. Purchase limits are not assigned based on milligrams of THC in 1 oz of flower, as the calculation is dependent on the % of THC in flower, which is highly variable. Instead, the purchase limits are meant to represent an amount of cannabis reasonable for one person to purchase for personal use, that would be similar to one ounce of flower, both in its effects and quantity of use.

## Permissible Flower-Product Combinations

It can be challenging to assess compliance when cannabis flower and varied cannabis products are purchased in a single, mixed transaction.

Use the points system below to calculate mixed sales limits. One-hundred points equates to the maximum allowable volume in a single transaction.

To check a mixed sale: **sum the points for every item** the customer is buying.

If the total is **≤ 100**, the sale is within limits. If the total exceeds 100, some products must be removed.

## Mixed Sale Points Table

Product type	Legal max (single tx)	Points per unit
Cannabis flower	1 oz (28.35 g)	100 pts per oz → <b>≈3.53 pts per gram</b>
1 g infused pre-roll	20	<b>5.00 pts</b>
0.5 g infused pre-roll	40	<b>2.50 pts</b>
1 g vape cart	5	<b>20.00 pts</b>
0.5 g vape cart	10	<b>10.00 pts</b>
1 g solid concentrate	5	<b>20.00 pts</b>
100 mg edible pack	10	<b>10.00 pts</b>
Topicals / seeds	unrestricted	<b>0 pts</b> (do not count toward cap)
1,200 mg tincture	1	<b>100.00 pts</b>
Immature live plants	4	<b>25.00 pts</b>
10 mg beverage	12	<b>≈8.33 pts</b>

## How points are calculated

Points per unit =  $100 \div (\text{legal max units for that product})$ .

For flower (limit given as **1 ounce**), points are per ounce and per gram:

- 1 ounce (28.35 g) = **100 points**
- Per gram of flower =  $100 \div 28.35 \approx 3.53$  points

All other product types use the unit in the table.

## Examples

1. Customer looks to buy:
  - a. Two 1-g vape carts ( $2 \times 20.00 = 40.00$ )
  - b. One 100 mg edible pack ( $1 \times 10.00 = 10.00$ )
  - c. Flower 3 grams ( $3 \times 3.53 \approx 10.59$ )

Total  $\approx 60.59$  pts → **Allowed**.
2. Customer looks to buy:
  - a. One 1,200 mg tincture ( $1 \times 100 = 100$ )
  - b. One 100 mg edible (10 pts)

Total = **110 pts** → **Not allowed** (tincture alone equals full cap).
3. Customer looks to buy:
  - a. Four 0.5 g pre-rolls ( $4 \times 2.5 = 10$ )
  - b. Ten 10 mg beverages ( $10 \times 8.33 \approx 83.3$ )

Total  $\approx 93.3$  pts → **Allowed**.

## Notes & Tips

- **Topicals and seeds** are unrestricted — exclude them from the points calculation (0 pts).
- For common flower package sizes, precompute points: e.g., 3.5 g (1/8 oz)  $\approx 3.5 \times 3.53 \approx 12.36$  pts.
- Keep a laminated quick-card of the table at the register or use a calculator / POS helper that sums points automatically.
- Train staff with several mixed-sale practice scenarios so they can perform checks quickly.

## Medical Use

Registered medical Patients and Caregivers may purchase up to **two ounces of cannabis flower**. 7 V.S.A. § 952. Registered medical Patients and Caregivers may purchase up to 200 points of **cannabis products**. Rule 3.5.5 (assigning equivalency).