

# Countries in the Americas that have recently relaxed pot laws

**Canada:** Has introduced legislation to fully legalize marijuana, starting in July 2018.

**United States:** Eight U.S. states and the District of Columbia have approved marijuana for recreational use, and the medical use of cannabis is legal in more than two dozen states.

**Mexico:** Legalized medical marijuana in June and has decriminalized the possession of small amounts for "personal use."

**Jamaica:** Decriminalized possession of small amounts of pot.

**Colombia:** Allows medical marijuana, as well as the possession and cultivation of limited amounts of cannabis for personal use.

**Ecuador:** Decriminalized small quantities of marijuana in 2013.

**Brazil:** Allows cannabis products for medical use on a limited basis.

**Peru:** Decriminalized small amounts of marijuana for personal use.

**Chile:** Passed a decriminalization bill in the lower house of congress in 2015.

**Paraguay:** Decriminalized small amounts for personal use.

**Argentina:** Legalized medical marijuana in April. The possession of small amounts for personal use is decriminalized, but cultivation remains illegal.

**Uruguay:** Became the first country in the world to fully legalize the production, sale and consumption of marijuana. Users can register with the government to grow plants for personal use, join licensed cannabis clubs or buy marijuana at pharmacies starting later in July.

