

## PERU

AMERICAS



Travel &amp; Possession Permitted with Limited or No Restrictions



### Summary

- Medical cannabis was legalized in 2017 (Law 30681) and expanded in 2021 (Law 31312) to include therapeutic and self-cultivation programs via Decree 004-2023-SA.
- Psychoactive products (>1 % THC) require a special medical prescription, registration in RENPUC, and official import certificate + lab analysis certificate. Non-psychoactive (<1 % THC) need only a standard prescription and analysis certificate.
- Tourist prescriptions from abroad are not accepted; importing cannabis or derivatives requires strict government authorization.

### Background

- Law 30681 (Nov 2017) first regulated medical cannabis; regulation via DS 005 2019 SA (Feb 2019).
- Law 31312 (Jul 2021) allowed registered self-cultivation and associative production.
- Decree 004 2023 SA (Feb 2023) implements current rules, including licensing, patient registry (RENPUC), and import/analysis certificates.
- Licensing categories include scientific research, import/commercialization, production, and artisanal cultivation associations.
- Approved forms include oils, dried flowers, and capsules. Smoking is discouraged; vaporization is recommended as a safer alternative.

### Non-Medical Cannabis

- Recreational use remains illegal, but possession of up to 8 g of flower or 2 g of derivatives for personal use is decriminalized.



## Traveling to Peru with Medical Cannabis

Import requires official government process:

- Any cannabis product (THC or CBD) brought in by travelers requires:
  1. Import Official Certificate + Laboratory Analysis Certificate.
  2. Psychoactive products also require a special medical prescription and registration in RENPUC.
- Personal prescriptions from other countries are invalid in Peru. Only Peruvian-prescribed and registered products are legal.
- Travelers without these documents face seizure, possible fines, and penalties.

### Steps to Take Before Departure:

1. Do not carry any cannabis products without Peruvian import authorization.
2. Consult a Peruvian-licensed physician to get a prescription and register with RENPUC if using psychoactive products.
3. Arrange for official Import Official Certificate and Laboratory Analysis Certificate via DIGEMID.
4. Bring products in original, pharmacy-labeled containers.
5. Ensure quantities match prescription validity (max. 30 days for THC products).
6. Be prepared to present documentation to Peruvian Customs (SUNAT).

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### Practical Tips

- Ensure all documentation is issued by Peruvian authorities, foreign docs are invalid.
- CBD products (<1 % THC) still require analysis certification, even if from abroad.
- Register in RENPUC *before* departure if using THC-based medicines.
- Declare medicines (type, quantity) on your Customs form and show certificates.
- Consult SUNAT (Customs) or the Peruvian embassy for latest border control guidance.
- If you need cannabis during travel, it is better to obtain it through a local prescription and official channels.



*The information provided reflects the most current data available; however, as cannabis laws are continually evolving, this content should not be interpreted as legal advice.*

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