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Travel or Possession Permitted with Moderate Restrictions



Summary

- Cannabis is illegal in Fiji for both medical and recreational use.
- Possession, cultivation, and trafficking are prohibited under the Illicit Drugs Control Act 2004 and the Dangerous Drugs Act Cap 114.
- There is no legal framework for medical cannabis; any use is considered an offense.
- Traveling with cannabis, including CBD products, is strictly prohibited. However, limited exceptions are made for foreigners with lawful medical prescriptions or for certain occupational purposes.

Background

Cannabis, locally known as "Indian hemp," has a long history in Fiji, likely introduced during the indentured labor system in the late 19th century. Despite its historical presence, cannabis remains illegal under the Illicit Drugs Control Act 2004 and Dangerous Drugs Act Cap 114, which prohibit cultivation, sale, possession, and trafficking, with strict penalties including fines and imprisonment.

The government has not established a general legal framework for medical cannabis, and public support for legalization is limited. However, the Illicit Drugs Act 2004 provides narrow exemptions for certain persons by valid export authorization or diversion certificates:

Medical exemption for travelers: Persons undergoing treatment for a medical condition who are entering, leaving, or transiting through Fiji may possess quantities of an illicit drug that have been lawfully prescribed for the purpose of treating their condition, for up to one month.

Occupational exemption: Persons whose lawful occupation involves possession, supply, or administration of illicit drugs, controlled chemicals, or controlled equipment are exempt from certain offenses if their actions are strictly related to their professional duties.



Non-Medical Cannabis

- Consumption: Recreational use is strictly prohibited.
- Possession: Possession without a valid foreign prescription remains a criminal offense.
- Sale & Distribution: Supplying or trafficking cannabis is treated as a serious crime, with harsh penalties, including long imprisonment.

Traveling to Fiji with Medical Cannabis

Fiji generally does not recognize foreign medical cannabis prescriptions. Bringing cannabis in any form, including oils, edibles, CBD, or hemp-derived products, is illegal, except under the exemptions listed above for medical or occupational purposes. Travelers found with cannabis outside these exemptions may face arrest, prosecution, and severe penalties.

Steps to Take Before Departure:

1. Gather Required Documentation.
2. A copy of your valid medical prescription from a licensed doctor in your home country will be required.
3. Carry a letter from your prescribing doctor.
4. Contact the Fijian Ministry of Health and Medical Services or the Fiji Revenue and Customs Service for guidance.
5. Declare your medication upon arrival in Fiji.
6. When you enter the country:
 - Verbally declare your medical cannabis to customs officers.
 - Present your prescription and medical letter.
 - Answer any questions honestly and be transparent about your medical needs.
 - Do not exceed a 30-day supply, unless medically justified.

Ministry of Health Contact Information

- Address: Amy Street, Toorak, Suva.
- Phone: +679 330 6177
- General Email: healthfiji.media@gmail.com

Fiji Revenue and Customs Contact Information

- Address: Revenue & Customs Services Complex, Lot 1 Corner of Queen Elizabeth Drive & Ratu Sukuna Road, Nasese, Suva.
- Phone: (+679) 3243000 | 1326
- Website: <https://frcs.org.fj/>

Practical Tips

- Declare your medication when entering or exiting Fiji.



- Keep cannabis in its original packaging, with all supporting documentation.
- Carry a copy of your prescription and a letter from your physician
- Bring only the quantity necessary for your travel period (maximum 30 days).

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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