

# **Delaware - State Specific Information**

Information provided is current as of February 1, 2024, and companies are encouraged to consult with legal counsel on these types of complex matters.

### **Cannabis Legalization History**

Medical Use	Legalized – 2011 ( <u>Title 16</u> )
Recreational Use	Legalized – 2023 ( <u>Delaware Marijuana Control Act</u> )
Possession/Personal Use Specifics	Adults 21+ can possess up to one ounce of marijuana for personal use. Equivalent amounts of marijuana products like concentrates and edibles are also allowed. Sharing small amounts between adults is permitted.
	<u>Using marijuana in public is illegal</u> , including parks, businesses, and vehicles. This applies to smoking, eating, and vaping cannabis.

#### **State Regulatory Agency Information**

State Regulatory Agency	Division of Public Health – ( <u>DPH</u> )
State Forms (If Applicable)	Non-Specified

#### **State Testing Policy**

General Information	There are no workplace drug testing laws in Delaware to enforce or regulate drug-free workplace policies. However, some industries are an exception. Home healthcare workers, school bus drivers, and nursing home employees must be drug tested.
Safety Sensitive Positions	Any person offered employment with as a safety, security sensitive or childcare employee shall be required to submit to mandatory drug screening
Privacy Laws	Delaware's Medical Marijuana Act <u>protects patients</u> <u>from employment discrimination</u> . While employers still retain drug testing rights, they cannot base termination or hiring solely on an employee or applicant holding a medical marijuana license.

#### **Recommended Procedures**

Does the state have recommended procedures?	As part of the State's commitment to provide a safe environment for employees and to comply with the <u>Drug-Free Workplace Act (Act)</u> of 1988, the Drug-Free Workplace Policy was established.
State Employee Procedures and Policies	The unlawful manufacture, distribution, dispensing, possession or use of a controlled substance is prohibited in all places where <a href="State employees">State employees</a> work, including all State-owned vehicles, and in carrying out any federal grant activity.

## Protections for Use Outside Workplace/ Work Hours

Is Delaware a "Right to Weed State"?	Delaware has no state statutes, regulations, or known court decisions that would limit your choices for implementing a drug or alcohol testing.
More Detailed Information	Delaware Drug-Free Workplace Policy

## State Requirements for Drug & Alcohol Testing Program

Testing policy requirements:	<u>Title 19 Labor Law</u>
Main Requirement:	Delaware is an at-will employment state. This means that employers may generally discharge employees for any reason, or no reason, so long as it is not a reason otherwise prohibited by law (such as discrimination or retaliation protections.