

# TESTING UPDATE

## *POTENCY TESTING IN OHIO*

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The Ohio Division of Cannabis Control (DCC) has announced a change to how cannabis potency is tested and reported. As a result, consumers may notice that THC or CBD percentages listed on product labels appear slightly lower than in the past. Don't worry: this does not mean the quality or effectiveness of your product has changed.

### **WHAT'S NEW?**

Starting April 21, 2025, all licensed cannabis testing labs in Ohio must follow updated protocols that report cannabinoid and terpene content "as received" rather than "on a dry weight basis."

### **WHY THE CHANGE?**

Previously, labs were able to use weight calculations that removed moisture content from samples prior to measuring cannabinoid potency. In an effort to standardize cannabinoid testing and reporting, the DCC is updating requirements to align with national best practices recommended by the U.S. Pharmacopeia (USP).

### **WHAT DOES THIS MEAN FOR YOU?**

- This change only applies to plant material tested on or after April 21, 2025.
- Potency percentages may appear lower on packaging due to the new testing method.
- The actual product strength and quality remain the same.
- This change ensures products are tested and labeled in a more standardized and consumer-friendly way.

**Have questions about your favorite products? Dispensary staff can help explain the new labeling, and more information is available from the Ohio Division of Cannabis Control.**