Cannabis Banking 101

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About Green Check Verified

Green Check Verified is a regulatory technology platform that delivers a combination of functionality, automation, and expertise to enable compliant banking for the cannabis industry.

We are:

- Financial institution examiners and auditors
- Credentialed BSA/AML compliance experts
- Cannabis industry regulators
- Technologists

We work with dozens of financial institutions nationwide, as well as a large and growing number of cannabis-related businesses.



Today's Host



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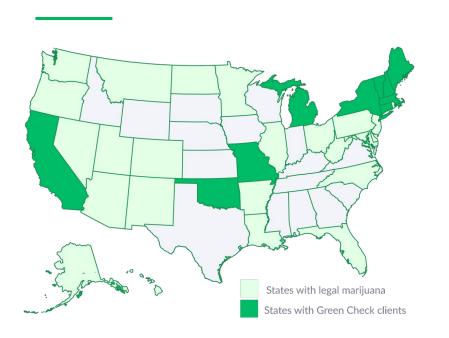


Let's get the jargon out of the way...

- Cannabis
 - Marijuana
 - Hemp
- **THC:** delta-9 tetrahydrocannabinol
 - psychoactive
- CBD: cannabidiol
 - non-psychoactive
- Adult-Use: Retail or "Recreational"
- CRB: Cannabis-Related Business
 - Dispensaries
 - Growers & Producers
 - Testing Labs



The Legal Cannabis Industry



Legal in 33 states



12,000+ licensed cannabis businesses



Retail sales in excess of \$24B* Retail sales are projected to surpass \$24B by 2022



<u>50% increase</u> in financial institutions actively serving the cannabis industry

Cannabis Banking in 2020

- Illinois adult-use sales began in January, bringing with them a supply and security problems
- States are starting to develop programs to regulate the cultivation of hemp under USDA guidelines, but CBD continues to be a gray area
- The cannabis industry has been prioritizing compliance
- The Northeast will again vote on adult-use programs
- Payments continue to be an issue, and some states are considering alternatives to the mainstream financial system, like closed loop solutions



Common Cannabis Banking Questions

- How do I know if my financial institution is ready to bank cannabis?
- How can I confidently bank something that is federally illegal?
- How do I get stakeholder (board, senior management) buy-in?
- What is a cannabis-related business (CRB)?
- What does a cannabis banking policy look like?
- What resources do I need to manage a cannabis banking program?



Q&A

Upcoming Ballot Measures

Arizona Nebraska

Arkansas New Jersey

California North Dakota

Florida Oregon

Idaho South Dakota

Mississippi Washington



Thank You!

Reach out to us to learn more about cannabis banking.

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