

# Commonwealth Cannabis Commission

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## ABOUT US

The Commonwealth Cannabis Commission was created by the CNMI Government through the Taulamwaar Sensible CNMI Cannabis Act of 2018, which was signed into law as CNMI Public Law 20-66 on September 21, 2018.

CNMI Public Law 20-66 was later amended by CNMI Public Law 21-05 on August 21, 2019.

The Cannabis Commission organized on September 12, 2019 and is currently working on the promulgation of Cannabis regulations for the CNMI.

The Commission has 180 days from September 12, 2019 to promulgate regulations for the cannabis industry.

## CANNABIS COMMISSION MEMBERS

Nadine Deleon Guerrero - Chairwoman, Saipan  
Matthew Deleon Guerrero - Vice-Chairman, Saipan  
Journie Hofschneider - Secretary, Tinian and Aguiguan  
Valentino Taisacan - Treasurer, Northern Islands  
Thomas Songsong - Rota

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*I cover the politics and policy of cannabis here and at Marijuana Moment.*

- f With a governor's signature on Friday, the latest place to legalize marijuana in the U.S. isn't a state. It's the Commonwealth of the
- Twitter Northern Mariana Islands (CNMI)—a tiny Pacific territory with a population of just over 50,000.
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**09/21/2018**

Taulamwaar Sensible  
CNMI Cannabis Act of  
2018 signed into law

**08/21/2019**

Taulamwaar Sensible  
CNMI Cannabis Act of  
2018 was amended

**09/12/2019**

The Commonwealth  
Cannabis Commission  
Organized and selected  
its officers

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OUR PROGRESS



## CREATION OF AN INDUSTRY HAS BEGUN

Following the first organizational meeting of the Commonwealth Cannabis Commission, the Commission members have been steadily meeting to discuss and decide upon regulations that will guide the newest industry in the CNMI.

Top priorities for the Commission has been the formalization of homegrown marijuana regulations, the adoption of application procedures, the establishment of a physical location in Saipan, Tinian and Rota, and the creation of business regulations that will govern the cultivation, transportation, processing, possession, and sale of marijuana in the CNMI.



## March 10, 2020

Deadline to finalize  
Cannabis regulations

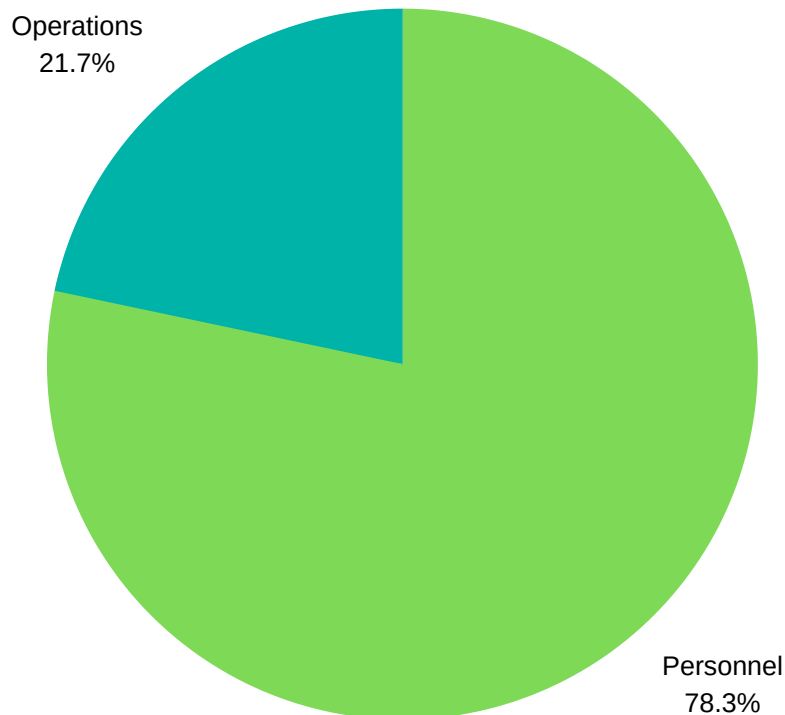
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## FINANCES



### CNMI PUBLIC LAW 21-08 - APPROPRIATIONS

The Commonwealth Cannabis Commission was appropriated \$551,479 for operations in Fiscal Year 2020. The Commission did not receive an appropriation in Fiscal Year 2019.





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## CHALLENGES



### Additional Resources Required

In order to create a proper, safe and efficient regulatory system for the cannabis industry in the CNMI, the Commonwealth Cannabis Commission requires more funding than was appropriated in CNMI Public Law 21-08. These resources are required to hire regulatory staff, purchase necessary equipment and supplies, and the integrate a unified Cannabis Tracking System (CTS) for use in the tracking and control of the industry. The Commission is preparing a formal budget request for consideration by the CNMI Legislature.

