

# National and Subnational Legislation Requiring 100% Smoke-free Restaurants and Bars

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## Summary

Legislation with 100% smoking bans inside restaurants and bars (with smoking rooms/areas completely prohibited) has been adopted in seven countries (Ireland, Norway, New Zealand, Bhutan, Uruguay, Lithuania and Iceland), 14 U.S. states (plus District of Columbia), nine Canadian provinces and territories, seven Australian states and territories, as well as Scotland, Bermuda, Guernsey and Puerto Rico. These jurisdictions are listed below. (The effective implementation date is indicated in parentheses). In the United Kingdom, a bill has been adopted by the House of Commons and is awaiting final sanction; the UK law is expected to come into force in 2007. In addition, many municipalities in various countries have adopted 100% smoke-free laws for restaurants and bars.

## Countries (7)

1. Ireland (Mar. 27, 2004)
2. Norway (June 1, 2004)
3. New Zealand (Dec. 10, 2004)
4. Bhutan (circa Mar. 2005)
5. Uruguay (Mar. 1, 2006)
6. Lithuania (Jan. 1, 2007)
7. Iceland (July 1, 2007)
8. United Kingdom (pending)

## Australian states/territories (7 of 8)

1. Tasmania (Jan 1, 2006)
2. Queensland (July 1, 2006)
3. Western Australia (July 31, 2006)
4. Australian Capital Territory (Dec. 1, 2006)
5. New South Wales (July 2, 2007)
6. Victoria (July 1, 2007)
7. South Australia (Oct. 31, 2007)

## Canadian provinces/territories (9 of 13)

1. Northwest Territories (May 1, 2004)
2. Nunavut Territory (May 1, 2004)
3. New Brunswick (Oct. 1, 2004)
4. Manitoba (Oct. 1, 2004)
5. Saskatchewan (Jan. 1, 2005)
6. Newfoundland and Labrador (July 1, 2005)
7. Ontario (May 31, 2006)
8. Quebec (May 31, 2006)
9. Nova Scotia (Dec. 1, 2006)

## Other (4)

1. Scotland (Mar. 26, 2006) (part of U.K.)
2. Bermuda (Apr. 1, 2006) (British territory)
3. Guernsey (July 2, 2006) (Crown dependency in English Channel; law applies to islands of Guernsey and Her)
4. Puerto Rico (Mar. 2, 2007) (U.S. territory in Caribbean)

## U.S. states (15 of 51, including D.C.)

1. California (restaurants Jan. 1, 1995; bars Jan. 1, 1998)
2. Delaware (Nov. 27, 2002)
3. New York (July 24, 2003)
4. Maine (Jan. 1, 2004)
5. Connecticut (restaurants Oct. 1, 2003; bars Apr. 1, 2004)
6. Massachusetts (July 5, 2004)
7. Rhode Island (restaurants, most bars, Mar. 1, 2005; other bars Mar. 31, 2005)
8. Vermont (restaurants July 1, 1995; bars Sept. 1, 2005)
9. Washington (Dec. 8, 2005)
10. New Jersey (April 15, 2006)
11. Colorado (July 1, 2006)
12. Hawaii (Nov. 16, 2006)
13. District of Columbia (D.C.), (Jan. 2, 2007)
14. Montana (restaurants Oct. 1, 2005; bars Oct. 1, 2009)
15. Utah (restaurants Jan. 1, 1995; bars Jan. 1, 2009)

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