

License Type Definitions

“Commercial cannabis activity” includes the cultivation, possession, manufacture, distribution, processing, storing, laboratory testing, packaging, labeling, transportation, delivery, or sale of cannabis or cannabis products as provided for in this division, or acting as a cannabis event organizer for temporary cannabis events.

Cultivation

“Cultivation” means any activity involving the planting, growing, harvesting, drying, curing, grading, or trimming of cannabis.

“Indoor cultivation” means the cultivation of cannabis within a permanent structure using exclusively artificial light or within any type of structure using artificial light at a rate above twenty-five watts per square foot.

“Mixed-light cultivation” means the cultivation of mature cannabis in a greenhouse, hoop-house, glasshouse, conservatory, hothouse, or other similar structure using a combination of:

(1) Natural light and either of the models listed below:

(A) “Mixed-light Tier 1,” without the use of artificial light or the use of artificial light at a rate above zero, but no more than six watts per square foot; or

(B) “Mixed-light Tier 2,” the use of artificial light at a rate above six and below or equal to twenty-five watts per square foot.

“Outdoor cultivation” means the cultivation of mature cannabis without the use of artificial lighting in the canopy area at any point in time.

Now allowed under Outdoor License: “Light deprivation” means the use of any technique to eliminate natural light in order to induce flowering.

“Distribution” means the procurement, sale, and transport of cannabis and cannabis products between licensees.

Cannabis Event Organizer License

(a) To obtain a temporary cannabis event license, the event organizer must first apply for and obtain a cannabis event organizer license.

(b) A cannabis event organizer licensed under this section shall comply with chapter 1 except for sections 15006, 15007, 15010, 15019, 15025, 15027, 15034, 15038, 15042, 15044, and 15046-15052.1.

(c) A cannabis event organizer licensee is not authorized or licensed to cultivate, distribute, manufacture, or retail cannabis or cannabis products without first obtaining the appropriate licenses or authorizations to engage in such commercial cannabis activities.

Authority cited: Section 26013, Business and Professions Code. Reference: Sections 26012 and 26200, Business and Professions Code.

Manufacture

“Manufacture” means to compound, blend, extract, infuse, or otherwise make or prepare a cannabis product.

- (1) The term “manufacture” includes the following processes:
 - (A) Extraction.
 - (B) Infusion.
 - (C) Packaging or repackaging of cannabis products.
 - (D) Labeling or relabeling the packages of cannabis products.
 - (E) “Post-extraction processing” or “post-processing,” which means a process by which one or more active cannabinoids in cannabis concentrate are further concentrated either by chemical or physical means.
 - (F) Remediation of failed harvest batches or cannabis product batches.
- (2) The term “manufacture” does not include the following:
 - (A) The repacking of cannabis products from a bulk shipping container by a distributor or retailer where the product’s original packaging and labeling is not otherwise altered.
 - (B) The preparation of pre-rolls by a licensed distributor in accordance with the requirements of section 15303.
 - (C) The collection of the resinous trichomes that are dislodged or sifted from the cannabis plant incidental to cultivation activities by a licensed cultivator.
 - (D) The processing of nonmanufactured cannabis products, as defined in subsection (eee).
 - (E) The labeling or relabeling of a package containing cannabis goods with the amount of cannabinoids and terpenoids based on regulatory compliance testing results by a distributor in accordance with sections 15303 and 17407.

“Manufacturing” or “manufacturing operation” means all aspects of the extraction process, infusion process, post-processing, remediation, and packaging and labeling processes, including processing, preparing, holding, and storing of cannabis products. Manufacturing also includes any processing, preparing, holding, or storing of components and ingredients.

“**Microbusiness**” means a licensee that is authorized to engage in cultivation of cannabis on an area less than 10,000 square feet and to act as a licensed distributor, Level 1 manufacturer, and retailer under this division, provided such licensee can demonstrate compliance with all requirements imposed by this division on licensed cultivators, distributors, Level 1 manufacturers, and retailers to the extent the licensee engages in such activities.

“**Retail area**” means a building, room, or other area that is open to the public, upon the licensed retailer or licensed microbusiness premises authorized to engage in retail sales in which cannabis goods are sold or displayed.

“**Laboratory**” means “testing laboratory” as defined at Business and Professions Code section 26001(ax).

- (ax) “Testing laboratory” means a laboratory, facility, or entity in the state that offers or performs tests of cannabis or cannabis products and that is both of the following:

(1) Accredited by an accrediting body that is independent from all other persons involved in commercial cannabis activity in the state.

(2) Licensed by the department.

“Transport” means the physical movement of cannabis or cannabis products from one licensed premises to another licensed premises.