

# Cannabis Cultivation Update

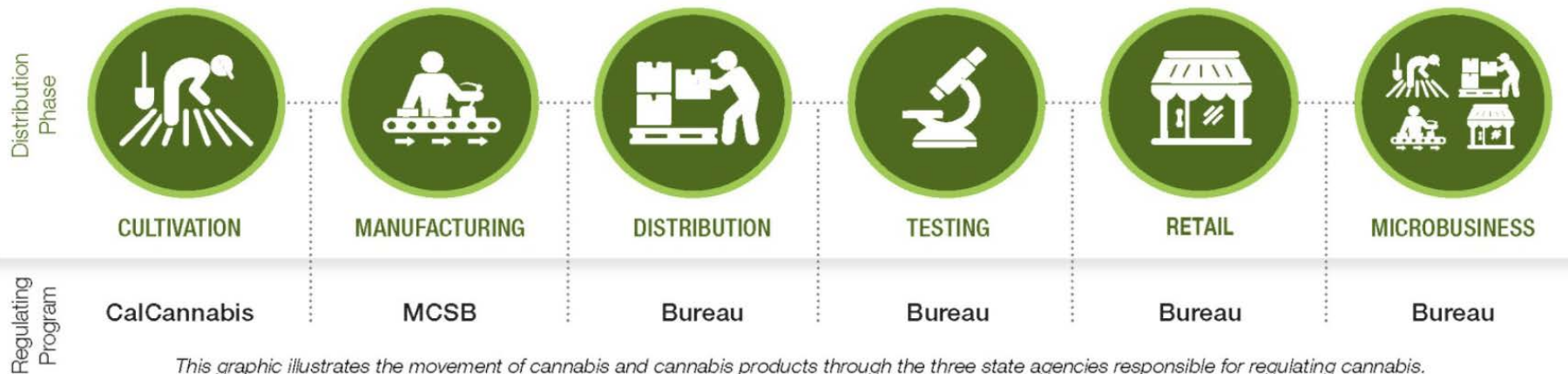
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# Who Does What?

California Department of Food and Agriculture (CDFA): CalCannabis Cultivation Licensing (CalCannabis)

California Department of Public Health (CDPH): Manufactured Cannabis Safety Branch (MCSB)

California Department of Consumer Affairs (DCA): Bureau of Cannabis Control (Bureau)



# License Categories

Category	Outdoor	Indoor	Mixed-Light
<b>Specialty Cottage</b>	Up to 25 mature plants	Up to 500 sq ft	Up to 2,500 sq ft
<b>Specialty</b>	Up to 5,000 sq ft or up to 50 mature plants	Up to 5,000 sq ft	Up to 5,000 sq ft
<b>Small</b>	5,001-10,000 sq ft	5,001-10,000 sq ft	5,001-10,000 sq ft
<b>Medium (limited)</b>	10,001 sq ft to 1 acre	10,001- 22,000 sq ft	10,001- 22,000 sq ft
<b>Large (Not issued until 2023)</b>	Greater than 1 acre	Greater than 22,000 sq ft	Greater than 22,000 sq ft
<b>Nursery</b>	No size limit defined in statute (no canopy)		
<b>Processor</b>	Conducts only trimming, drying, curing, grading, or packaging of cannabis and nonmanufactured cannabis products		

# Temporary Licenses

- Legislative effort to bring existing industry into a regulatory structure
- **Must have local license, permit, or other authorization**
- Good for 120 days
- May be extended for additional 90-day periods;  
requires the submission of a complete annual application
- **FREE!!!!!!**
- Sunsets January 1, 2019

# Annual Licenses

- Good for one year
- Application and license fees apply
- Proof of local authorization not required with an application
- Required to use the California Cannabis Track-and-Trace (CCTT) system
- Must be renewed annually

# Annual License: Local Authorization

- Applicant may, but does not have to provide local license, permit, or other written documentation
- Regardless, CDFFA will notify the local jurisdiction to determine whether applicant is in compliance with all local laws and ordinances



# Annual License Application Fees

Specialty Cottage Outdoor	\$135
Specialty Outdoor	\$270
Small Outdoor	\$535
Medium Outdoor	\$1,555
Specialty Cottage Indoor	\$205
Specialty Indoor	\$2,170
Small Indoor	\$3,935
Medium Indoor	\$8,655
Specialty Cottage Mixed-Light Tier 1	\$340
Specialty Mixed-Light Tier 1	\$655
Small Mixed-Light Tier 1	\$1,310
Medium Mixed-Light Tier 1	\$2,885
Specialty Cottage Mixed-Light Tier 2	\$580
Specialty Mixed-Light Tier 2	\$1,125
Small Mixed-Light Tier 2	\$2,250
Medium Mixed-Light Tier 2	\$4,945
Nursery	\$4,520
Processor	\$1,040



# Annual License Fees

Specialty Cottage Outdoor	\$1,205
Specialty Outdoor	\$2,410
Small Outdoor	\$4,820
Medium Outdoor	\$13,990
Specialty Cottage Indoor	\$1,830
Specialty Indoor	\$19,540
Small Indoor	\$35,410
Medium Indoor	\$77,905
Specialty Cottage Mixed-Light Tier 1	\$3,035
Specialty Mixed-Light Tier 1	\$5,900
Small Mixed-Light Tier 1	\$11,800
Medium Mixed-Light Tier 1	\$25,970
Specialty Cottage Mixed-Light Tier 2	\$5,200
Specialty Mixed-Light Tier 2	\$10,120
Small Mixed-Light Tier 2	\$20,235
Medium Mixed-Light Tier 2	\$44,517
Nursery	\$4,685
Processor	\$9,370



# Criminal Background Checks

- Anyone with a criminal background may apply
- A background check and “Live Scan” fingerprints are required for each owner
- Criminal convictions that are substantially related may prevent issuance of a license, unless the applicant provides sufficient evidence of rehabilitation

# Application Options

- Online Application
- Paper Application

For information on the application process,  
please visit [calcannabis.cdfa.ca.gov](https://calcannabis.cdfa.ca.gov)

# Cultivation Site Requirements

- Not within 600 feet from a school, daycare, etc.  
License must be posted at premises
- Outdoor security lighting to be shielded and downward facing
- Water source must be identified and may require certification by SWRCB

# Cultivation Site Requirements

- Nursery licensees must apply Unique Identifiers (UID) to mature plants but cannot distribute mature plants
- Processor licensees prohibited from cultivating on licensed premises
- All flowering plants must be individually tagged, and kept in the designated canopy area

# Cultivation Site Requirements

- Power generators of 50 horsepower or more must comply with Airborne Toxic Control Measures
- Pesticide use must comply with the CA Department of Pesticide Regulation's guidelines for cannabis cultivation and additional measures specified in the emergency regulations

# CEQA Information

The California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) protects California's unique resources through disclosure and mitigation of environmental impacts.

- Local jurisdiction approval for cannabis activity must be in compliance with CEQA.
- If local jurisdiction did not prepare a CEQA document, the applicant will be responsible for providing an environmental document in compliance with CEQA.

# CEQA Options for Local Jurisdictions

- 1. Tier off of the CDFA PEIR** – This document is based on a statewide project and as such applies to the entire state of California.
- 2. Prepare local CEQA Document** – Local jurisdictions may produce their own CEQA compliance document and submit it to their County Clerk.
- 3. Require Applicant** to create a site-specific CEQA compliance document.

# Enforcement and Compliance

- Compliance and Enforcement Branch
- Field offices statewide
- Annual inspections
- Collaborating with other government agencies on inspections



# Suspected Illegal Activity

- Local jurisdictions have the authority to take enforcement actions against illegal grow sites
- CalCannabis complaint hotline:  
**I-833-WEEDTIP**
- CalCannabis refers complaints of illegal activities to the appropriate local jurisdiction, and may take other action as necessary

# California Cannabis Track and Trace (CCTT-METRC)

- Web-based
- Seed-to-sale
- Unique identifiers (UID)
- All commercial cannabis licensees are required to use CCTT-METRC

# Public Searches

Data that will be available includes:

- License number
- License type (Adult-Use Cannabis Cultivation License, Medicinal Cannabis Cultivation License, or Temporary Cannabis Cultivation License)
- Legal business name
- County where the licensed premises is located
- Type of license (for example, Processor, Specialty Cottage Indoor, Nursery)
- License status

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