



State License Types

Medicinal and Adult-Use Cannabis Regulation and Safety Act (MAUCRSA)

A-License

“A-license” means a state license issued under this division for cannabis or cannabis products that are intended for adults 21 years of age and over and who do not possess physician’s recommendations.¹

M-License

“M-license” means a state license issued under this division for commercial cannabis activity involving medicinal cannabis.²

License Category Activity definition <i>(Issuing Agency)</i>	License Type Type #: Subtype	Short Description Subtype definition(s)
CULTIVATION Any activity involving the planting, growing, harvesting, drying, curing, grading, or trimming of cannabis. ³ <i>(DFA)</i>	Small Specialty Cultivation 1: Outdoor 1A: Indoor 1B: Mixed-light 1C: Cottage	Cultivation: up to 5,000 square feet Type 1, or “specialty outdoor,” for outdoor cultivation using no artificial lighting of less than or equal to 5,000 square feet of total canopy size on one premises, or up to 50 mature plants on noncontiguous plots. Type 1A, or “specialty indoor,” for indoor cultivation using exclusively artificial lighting of between 501 and 5,000 square feet of total canopy size on one premises. Type 1B, or “specialty mixed-light,” for cultivation using a combination of natural and supplemental artificial lighting at a maximum threshold to be determined by the licensing authority, of between 2,501 and 5,000 square feet of total canopy size on one premises. Type 1C, or “specialty cottage,” for cultivation using a combination of natural and supplemental artificial lighting at a maximum threshold to be determined by the licensing authority, of 2,500 square feet or less of total canopy size for mixed-light cultivation, up to 25 mature plants for outdoor cultivation, or 500 square feet or less of total canopy size for indoor cultivation, on one premises.
	Small Cultivation 2: Outdoor	Cultivation: 5,001 - 10,000 square feet Type 2, or “small outdoor,” for outdoor cultivation using no artificial lighting between 5,001 and 10,000 square feet, inclusive, of total canopy size on one premises.

¹ BPC Section 26001(a)

² BPC Section 26001(ae)

³ BPC Section 26001(l)

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	2A: Indoor 2B: Mixed-light	Type 2A, or “small indoor,” for indoor cultivation using exclusively artificial lighting between 5,001 and 10,000 square feet, inclusive, of total canopy size on one premises. Type 2B, or “small mixed-light,” for cultivation using a combination of natural and supplemental artificial lighting at a maximum threshold to be determined by the licensing authority, between 5,001 and 10,000 square feet, inclusive, of total canopy size on one premises.
	Medium Cultivation 3: Outdoor 3A: Indoor 3B: Mixed-light	Cultivation: 10,001 - 22,000 square feet Type 3, or “outdoor,” for outdoor cultivation using no artificial lighting from 10,001 square feet to one acre, inclusive, of total canopy size on one premises. The Department of Food and Agriculture shall limit the number of licenses allowed of this type. Type 3A, or “indoor,” for indoor cultivation using exclusively artificial lighting between 10,001 and 22,000 square feet, inclusive, of total canopy size on one premises. The Department of Food and Agriculture shall limit the number of licenses allowed of this type. Type 3B, or “mixed-light,” for cultivation using a combination of natural and supplemental artificial lighting at a maximum threshold to be determined by the licensing authority, between 10,001 and 22,000 square feet, inclusive, of total canopy size on one premises. The Department of Food and Agriculture shall limit the number of licenses allowed of this type.
	Nursery Cultivation 4	“Nursery” means a licensee that produces only clones, immature plants, seeds, and other agricultural products used specifically for the propagation and cultivation of cannabis. ⁴ Type 4, or “nursery” for cultivation of cannabis solely as a nursery.
	Large Cultivation 5: Outdoor 5A: Indoor 5B: Mixed-light	Cultivation: greater than 22,000 square feet Type 5, or “outdoor,” means for outdoor cultivation using no artificial lighting greater than one acre, inclusive, of total canopy size on one premises. Type 5A, or “indoor,” means for indoor cultivation using exclusively artificial lighting greater than 22,000 square feet, inclusive, of total canopy size on one premises. Type 5B, or “mixed-light,” means for cultivation using a combination of natural and supplemental artificial lighting at a maximum threshold to be determined by the licensing authority, greater than 22,000 square feet, inclusive, of total canopy size on one premises.

⁴ BPC Section 26001(aj)

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		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> No Type 5, Type 5A, or Type 5B cultivation licenses may be issued before January 1, 2023. Commencing on January 1, 2023, a Type 5, Type 5A, or Type 5B licensee may apply for and hold a Type 6 or Type 7 license and apply for and hold a Type 10 license. A Type 5, Type 5A, or Type 5B licensee shall not be eligible to apply for or hold a Type 8, Type 11, or Type 12 license.
MANUFACTURING ⁵ Compounding, blending, extracting, infusing, or otherwise making or preparing a cannabis product. <i>(CADPH)</i>	Manufacturer 6: Manufacturer 1 7: Manufacturer 2	<p>“Manufacturer” means a licensee that conducts the production, preparation, propagation, or compounding of cannabis or cannabis products either directly or indirectly or by extraction methods, or independently by means of chemical synthesis, or by a combination of extraction and chemical synthesis at a fixed location that packages or repackages cannabis or cannabis products or labels or relabels its container.</p> <p>“Manufacturing Level 1,” for sites that manufacture cannabis products using nonvolatile solvents, or no solvents. A Manufacturing Level 1 M-Type 6 licensee shall only manufacture cannabis products for sale by a retailer with an M-Type 10 license.⁶</p> <p>“Manufacturing Level 2,” for sites that manufacture cannabis products using volatile solvents. A Manufacturing Level 2 M-Type 7 licensee shall only manufacture cannabis products for sale by a retailer with an M-Type 10 license.⁷</p>
TESTING <i>(Bureau)</i>	Testing Laboratory 8	<p>“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:</p> <p>(1) Accredited by an accrediting body that is independent from all other persons involved in commercial cannabis activity in the state.</p> <p>(2) Licensed by the bureau.⁸</p>
RETAIL The retail sale and delivery of cannabis or cannabis products to customers. ⁹ <i>(Bureau)</i>	Retailer 10	<p>A retailer shall have a licensed premises which is a physical location from which commercial cannabis activities are conducted. A retailer’s premises may be closed to the public. A retailer may conduct sales exclusively by delivery.¹⁰</p>

⁵ BPC Section 26001(ag)

⁶ BPC Section 26130 (a)(1)

⁷ BPC Section 26130 (a)(2)

⁸ BPC Section 26001(as)

⁹ BPC Section 26070(a)(1)

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DISTRIBUTION The procurement, sale, and transport of cannabis and cannabis products between licensees. ¹¹ <i>(Bureau)</i>	Distributor 11	A distributor licensee shall be bonded and insured at a minimum level established by the licensing authority. ¹²
MICROBUSINESS <i>(Bureau, in coordination with other agencies)</i>	Microbusiness 12	Licensed for the 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. Microbusiness licenses that authorize cultivation of cannabis shall include the license conditions described in subdivision (b) of Section 26060.1. ¹³

DFA = Department of Food and Agriculture

CADPH = Department of Public Health

Bureau = Bureau of Cannabis Control (under the Department of Consumer Affairs)

¹⁰ BPC Section 26070(a)(1)

¹¹ BPC Section 26070(a)(2)

¹² BPC Section 26070(a)(2)

¹³ BPC Section 26070(a)(3)(A)