

Bureau of Marijuana Control

License Types

License Types that can be issued by Bureau of Marijuana Control (a division of the Department of Consumer Affairs) beginning January 2018:

License	Allowable Activities/Limits
Type 1	Cultivation; Specialty Outdoor; Small: up to 5,000 square feet of canopy, no artificial lighting, or up to 50 mature plants on noncontiguous plots
Type 1A	Cultivation; Specialty Indoor; Small: between 501 and 5,000 square feet of canopy on one premises, using exclusively artificial lighting
Type 1B	Cultivation; Specialty Mixed-light; Small: between 2,501 and 5,000 square feet of canopy on one premises, using a combination of natural and supplemental artificial lighting
Type 1C	Cultivation; Specialty Cottage, using a combination of natural and artificial lighting of 2,500 square feet or less of total canopy size for mixed light, up to 25 mature plants for outdoor cultivation or 500 square feet or less of total canopy for indoor cultivation, on one premises
Type 2	Cultivation; Outdoor; Small: between 5,001 and 10,000 square feet of total canopy size on one premises, using no artificial lighting
Type 2A	Cultivation; Indoor; Small: between 5,001 and 10,000 square feet of total canopy size on one premises, using exclusively artificial lighting
Type 2B	Cultivation; Mixed-light; Small: between 5,001 and 10,000 square feet of total canopy size on one premises, using a combination of natural and supplemental artificial lighting
Type 3	Cultivation; Outdoor; Medium: between 10,001 square feet and 1 acre of total canopy size on one premises using no artificial lighting. DFA will limit the number of these licenses issued.
Type 3A	Cultivation; Indoor; Medium: between 10,001 and 22,000 square feet of total canopy size on one premises using exclusively artificial lighting. DFA will limit the number of these licenses issued.
Type 3B	Cultivation; Mixed-light; Medium: between 10,001 and 22,000 square feet of total canopy size on one premises using a combination of natural and artificial lighting. DFA will limit the number of these licenses issued.
Type 4	Cultivation; Nursery: cultivation solely as a plant nursery producing only clones, immature plants, seeds, and other agricultural products used specifically for the propagation and cultivation of cannabis.
Type 5 *	Cultivation; Outdoor; Large: greater than 1 acre of total canopy size on one premises, using exclusively natural lighting
Type 5A *	Cultivation; Indoor; Large: greater than 22,000 square feet of canopy on one premises, using exclusively artificial lighting

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Type 5B *	Cultivation; Mixed-Light; Large: greater than 22,000 square feet of canopy on one premises, using a combination of natural and supplemental artificial lighting
Type 6	Manufacturer 1: manufacture of products using non-volatile or no solvents
Type 7	Manufacturer 2: manufacture of products using volatile solvents
Type 8	Testing: facility for testing of marijuana and marijuana products
Type 10	Retailer: for the retail sale and delivery of products to customers. 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.
Type 11	Distributor: for the distribution of products
Type 12	Microbusiness: cultivation on an area less than 10,000 square feet and to act as a licensed distributor, Level 1 manufacturer, and retailer

* These license types will not be issued before January 1, 2023.

HOLDING MULTIPLE LICENSE TYPES Beginning January 1, 2023, a holder of license Types 5, 5A or 5B may also hold a Type 6, 7 or 10; they shall not be eligible to hold Types 8, 11, or 12. (BPC 26061(d).

LOCAL PERMITS REQUIRED No person shall engage in commercial activity without BOTH a state and local license, permit, or other authorization. (AB 266, 19320(a); AB 243, 11362.777 (b)).

DELIVERY AND TRANSPORT Local jurisdictions may not prevent the transport or delivery of marijuana or marijuana products on public roads by a licensee in compliance with State law.

VOLATILE SOLVENTS Means volatile organic compounds, including: (1) explosive gases, such as Butane, Propane, Xylene, Styrene, Gasoline, Kerosene, O2 or H2; and (2) dangerous poisons, toxins, or carcinogens, such as Methanol, Iso-propyl Alcohol, Methylene Chloride, Acetone, Benzene, Toluene, and Trichloro-ethylene.

ENVIRONMENTAL Indoor and outdoor cultivation must be conducted in accordance with all state and local laws related to land conversion, grading, electricity and water usage, water quality, woodland and riparian habitat protection, as well as agricultural discharges.

LABELING AND MARKETING The Department of Food & Agriculture will establish a certified organic designation and an organic certification program for marijuana and marijuana products. The Bureau of Marijuana Control will establish standards for recognizing particular appellations of origin and marijuana shall not be marketed, labeled or sold as grown in a California county when it was not. The name of a California county can only be used in labeling, marketing or packaging when it was indeed grown in that county.