

**Department of Cannabis Control
CEQA Exemption Petition Form**

(To be completed by applicant – attach additional sheets as needed)

If a previously certified or adopted environmental document is not available or does not exist, you must submit a completed CEQA Exemption Petition Form to request that the Department of Cannabis Control (Department) consider whether the project is exempt from further CEQA review. You must also submit a completed Project-Specific Information Form to facilitate the processing of your application. The Department will use the Project-Specific Information Form to determine whether the project has the potential to generate significant adverse environmental impacts that may require preparation of a CEQA document or the need for additional information. (Cal. Code Regs., Tit. 14, § 15060(a) [CEQA Guidelines]).

Please provide detailed responses to the items below. If more space is needed, additional pages may be added. Submit the completed form, attachments, and additional documents with your application for annual licensure. Missing, incomplete, or inconsistent information may delay the processing of your application. Applicants must complete this form to request the Department of Cannabis Control (Department) to consider whether the project is exempt from further California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) review when the local jurisdiction from which they received authorization to conduct commercial cannabis activity did not certify a CEQA document.

Applicant Name: _____

Application Number: _____

Local jurisdiction (city/county): _____

Justification for categorical exemption (refer the partial list of categorical exemptions provided below)

Class: _____ Category: _____

Explanation of how the project fits the exemption indicated above:

The undersigned hereby requests that the Department consider whether the proposed activities are exempt from further environmental review pursuant to the California Environmental Quality Act, as amended. In completing this request, the applicant is affirming the applicant's belief that no significant environmental impact will result from the proposed project.

Applicant Signature

(Applicant Printed Name)

(Date)

Partial List of Categorical Exemptions under CEQA

Certain commercial cannabis activities (projects) may be exempt from further environmental review pursuant to the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) because they fall within a class of projects determined not to have significant effect on the environment. (Cal. Code Regs., Tit. 14, § 15300 et seq.) Common exemptions that may apply have been identified below.

Class	Category	Description
Class 1	Existing Facilities	Consists of the operation, repair, maintenance, permitting, leasing, licensing, or minor alteration of existing public or private structures, facilities, mechanical equipment, or topographical features, involving negligible or no expansion of use beyond that existing at the time of the lead agency's determination. (Cal. Code Regs., Tit. 14, §15301.)
Class 2	Replacement or Reconstruction	Consists of replacement or reconstruction of existing structures and facilities where the new structure will be located on the same site as the structure replaced with a new structure of substantially the same size, purpose, and capacity. (Cal. Code Regs., Tit. 14, § 15302.)
Class 3	New Construction or Conversion of Small Structures	Consists of construction and location of limited numbers of new, small facilities or structures; installation of small new equipment and facilities in small structures; and the conversion of existing small structures from one use to another where only minor modifications are made in the exterior of the structure. (Cal. Code Regs., Tit. 14, § 15303.)
Class 4	Minor Alterations to Land	Consists of minor public or private alterations in the condition of land, water, and/or vegetation which do not involve removal of healthy, mature, scenic trees except for forestry and agricultural purposes. (Cal. Code Regs., Tit. 14, § 15304.)
Class 5	Minor Alterations in Land Use Limitations	Consists of minor alterations in land use limitations in areas with an average slope of less than 20%, which do not result in any changes in land use or density. (Cal. Code Regs., Tit. 14, § 15305.)
Class 15	Minor Land Divisions	Consists of the division of property in urbanized areas zoned for residential, commercial, or industrial use into four or fewer parcels when the division is in conformance with the General Plan and zoning, no variances or exceptions are required, all services and access to the proposed parcels to local standards are available, the parcel was not involved in a division of a larger parcel within the previous 2 years, and the parcel does not have an average slope greater than 20 percent. (Cal. Code Regs., Tit. 14, § 15315.)
Class 32	In-Fill Development Projects	Consists of projects characterized as in-fill development meeting the conditions described in Cal. Code Regs., Tit. 14, § 15332.