



California State Agencies for Cannabis Licensees

As an applicant or licensed California cannabis business, you will interact with state agencies beyond just the DCC. These agencies play a part in making sure your business stays safe, legal and successful. This document gives a snapshot of those other agencies and how they can help you along the way. **Click the links under each agency to complete action items and learn more.**

Cannabis Licensing

Department of Cannabis Control

The DCC is responsible for licensing and regulating cannabis businesses.

- **Apply for or renew your license**
- **Learn about regulations & compliance**
- **Anonymously file a complaint on licensed and unlicensed businesses**
- **Apply for equity fee relief**



Safety

California Occupational Safety and Health Administration (Cal/OSHA)

Cal/OSHA is responsible for keeping the workplace safe and healthy for employers and employees. The DCC will help keep you updated on any changes to Cal/OSHA regulations.

- **Cal/OSHA 30-Hour training**
- **Learn about the Injury and Illness Prevention Program**
- **File a complaint**

CalRecycle

CalRecycle regulates how to safely dispose of non-toxic cannabis waste and general waste.

- **Learn about cannabis waste**

Department of Toxic Substances Control (DTSC)

Some cannabis waste may be considered hazardous waste if it is ignitable, corrosive, reactive or toxic. DTSC regulates the safe disposal of these wastes.

Housing and Community Development

Cannabis businesses that provide housing for five or more workers must comply with the Employee Housing Act.

- **Housing and Community Development**

California Department of Food and Agriculture (CDFA) and California Department of Public Health (CDPH)

CDFA and CDPH share responsibilities for managing OCal. OCal is a statewide certification program that establishes and enforces comparable-to-organic cannabis standards. CDFA also manages the Cannabis Appellations Program (CAP) that helps to prevent misrepresentations of a cannabis product's geographic origin.

- **Become OCal Certified**
 - Learn how to become eligible
 - Find a registered OCal Certifier
- **Learn about the Cannabis Appellations Program**

Department of Industrial Relations (DIR)

DIR regulates the state labor laws and protects the health and safety of wage earners.

- **File a report for unpaid wages**
- **Report a labor law violation**

Business Operations

California Secretary of State (SOS)

After you receive your license, you must register your business with the Secretary of State. This can be done online (fastest) or in person. SOS can also help you with other business filings and record requests.

- **Register your business**
- **Apply for a trademark**

California Department of Insurance (CDI)

CDI regulates the insurance industry and can support cannabis businesses looking for coverage.

- **Insure your business**
- **Verify your insurance agent is licensed**

The Governor's Office of Business and Economic Development (GO-Biz)

GO-Biz leads the state's job growth and business assistance efforts, administering the Cannabis Equity Grants Program for local jurisdictions.

- **Learn more about grant applications**

California Department of Justice (DOJ)

In order to submit an application for an annual license, licensees must submit fingerprint images to the Department of Justice.

- **Complete Live Scan fingerprinting**



Taxes

California Department of Tax and Fee Administration (CDTFA)

CDTFA regulates and collects sales and excise taxes from cannabis businesses.

- **Register for an online account so you can:**

- Apply for seller's or tax permits
- File sales and use tax returns
- File cannabis tax return

- **Learn about cannabis taxes**

- **Apply for a seller's permit**

California Employment Development Department (EDD)

EDD is responsible for collecting payroll taxes and enforcing employer regulations.

- **Enroll in e-Services for Business so you can:**

- Register as an employer
- Withhold, report and pay payroll taxes
- Report new employees

- **Learn about payroll tax reporting**

Franchise Tax Board (FTB)

The FTB is where cannabis businesses pay their cannabis income taxes.

- **Learn more about cannabis income taxes**



Environment

California Department of Fish and Wildlife (CDFW)

CDFW ensures that cannabis operators protect and conserve fish and wildlife resources by enforcing the California Fish and Game Code.

- **Apply for Lake and Streambed Alteration (LSA) Agreement**

- **Learn about other potential permit requirements**

- **Apply for the restoration grant program**



State Water Resources Control Board (SWRCB)

The SWRCB provides requirements for the diversion and use of water, land disturbances and any activities that may affect water quantity and quality.

- **Learn about requirements**

- **Apply for the Cannabis Compliance Response Portal**

California Department of Pesticide Regulation (DPR)

The DPR regulates the use of and testing for pesticides in the cultivation of cannabis so that businesses comply with food and agriculture standards.

- **Learn more about pesticide use**

Local Jurisdictions

In addition to state agency interactions, applicants will also have to work with their local municipalities to obtain authorization to operate. To learn about local requirements for your cannabis businesses, contact your local regulators.



Questions?

Please email the DCC Licensing Team at licensing@cannabis.ca.gov.



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