



Our Programs



Licensing

We provide technical assistance and support to applicants and licensees throughout the licensing process. We actively engage with local and state partners to provide environmental, outreach, and natural resource management guidance.



Equity

We work to support individuals and entrepreneurs harmed by cannabis criminalization, and lower barriers to the cannabis industry for those hardest hit by the War on Drugs.



Enforcement

We partner with law enforcement at the local, state, and federal levels to eliminate illegal operators and criminal enterprises that threaten public and consumer safety, undermine the legal market, and harm the environment.



Education & Outreach

We develop educational resources, videos, and other materials to help inform and empower applicants, licensees, and consumers. We work with policymakers and partners across the state, providing them with meaningful resources to help guide their work.



Compliance

We support the integrity of the cannabis market by educating licensees on compliance requirements like trackand-trace, conducting routine inspections and investigations, and helping licensees resolve challenges.



Testing

We require all cannabis products to be tested for safety and accuracy before they can be sold. We work with licensed laboratories across the state and run our own internal testing labs as well.



Policy & Research

We help guide the development of cannabis regulations through expert led and DCC funded scienti ic research around public health, criminal justice, and economic and environmental impacts.





Who We License

In California, all commercial cannabis activity must be licensed by the state. This type of regulatory oversight requires businesses deliver high-quality products to Californians. This is who our licensees are and what they do for our state.



Growing Your Cannabis

Cultivators: From big to small, outdoor to indoor, licensed cultivators grow millions of pounds of cannabis each year. To remain licensed, cultivators follow regulations to protect consumers and the environment.





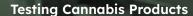
Retail: Storefront shops, known as dispensaries, and delivery companies are licensed as retailers in California, safely providing products to adults aged 21 or older and medicinal patients aged 18 or older.

Events: In order to hold a cannabis event where products are sold or consumed, groups must receive a temporary license from the DCC.



Transporting Cannabis

Distributors: Just like every other part of the cannabis process, distribution also requires a specialized license, bringing plants and products from cultivators to manufacturers, testing labs and retailers.



Testing Labs: California licensed labs are dedicated to testing cannabis and cannabis products to verify state standards are met and promote informed consumption.



Transforming Plants to Cannabis Products

Manufacturers: Manufacturers have a list of guidelines to support safe extraction methods that protect employees.

Additional packaging and labeling requirements enhance consumer awareness.







