

Thinking about entering the cannabis industry?



Do you require a CRA licence?

A licence is required from both Health Canada and the Canada Revenue Agency (CRA) to perform certain activities. Not all activities authorized by Health Canada will require a CRA licence. If you answered YES to anything below, don't cultivate, produce or package cannabis until you have your CRA licence.

Health Canada Licence		CRA Licence Required?		CRA Stamp Registration Required?
Standard Cultivation Licence	▶	Yes	▶	Yes*
Micro-Cultivation Licence	▶	Yes	▶	Yes*
Nursery Licence	▶	Yes	▶	Yes*
Industrial Hemp Licence	▶	No	▶	No
Standard Processing Licence	▶	Yes	▶	Yes*
Micro-Processing Licence	▶	Yes	▶	Yes*
Federal Sale Licence (Medical)	▶	No	▶	No
Analytical Testing Licence	▶	No	▶	No
Research Authorization	▶	Maybe	▶	No
Import and Export Permits	▶	Maybe	▶	Maybe
Authorized Provincial and Territorial (P/T) Sale**	▶	No	▶	No

* If packaging & selling cannabis products.

** This represents the retail portion of the supply chain and does not require a Health Canada licence.

When should you submit your application for a CRA licence?

A licence application will be accepted by the CRA when you have submitted your application to Health Canada.

When should you submit your application for the Cannabis Stamping Regime?

An application for the cannabis stamping regime will be accepted when you will be packaging and selling cannabis products into the medical and/or recreational markets.

For further information on the excise duty framework for cannabis please visit canada.ca/cannabis-excise.