

CANNABIS MANUFACTURING LICENSES

DEFINITIONS AND BASIC INFORMATION



WHO IS A CANNABIS MANUFACTURER?

In short, a manufacturer is anyone who makes or packages a prepared cannabis product. Cannabis products include edibles, topicals, tinctures, extracts, vape cartridges, capsules and more.

KEY DEFINITIONS FOR CANNABIS MANUFACTURING

- **EXTRACTION** is the process of separating cannabinoids from cannabis plant material using chemical solvents or mechanical methods
- **INFUSION** is the act of creating a cannabis product by incorporating either cannabis extracts or plant material into a recipe
- **PACKAGING AND LABELING** is the final step in cannabis product creation in which finished cannabis products are placed into a container and marked for retail sale
- **VOLATILE SOLVENT** is a solvent that produces a flammable gas or vapor.
Examples: butane, hexane and propane
- **NONVOLATILE SOLVENT** is any other type of solvent used during the extraction process.
Examples: carbon dioxide, ethanol, water, butter and oil
- **SHARED-USE FACILITY** is a manufacturing premises operated by a Type 7, 6 or N licensee in which Type S licensees can conduct manufacturing operations

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For more information about cannabis manufacturing licenses, please visit: www.cdph.ca.gov/mcsb

CDPH LICENSES FOR CANNABIS MANUFACTURING

LICENSE TYPE	MANUFACTURING ACTIVITY	NOTES
TYPE 7	For manufacturers using volatile solvents, such as butane, hexane, or propane	Type 7 licensees may also conduct Type 6, N or P activities
TYPE 6	For manufacturers using nonvolatile solvents, such as carbon dioxide, ethanol, water, butter or oil, or performing extraction using mechanical methods	Type 6 licensees may also conduct Type N or P activities
TYPE N	For manufacturers performing infusion	Type N licensees may also conduct Type P activities
TYPE P	For manufacturers only packaging or labeling cannabis products	Type P licensees may only conduct Type P activities
TYPE S	For manufacturers operating on a registered shared-use facility	The shared-use manufacturing facility must be approved before Type S licensees may submit license applications

KEY POINTS TO REMEMBER:

- Every business that manufactures cannabis products must hold a state license for each separate premises where manufacturing operations will be conducted.
- Manufacturers must disclose all activities that they will conduct on their license application. The online license application system, MCLS, will state the license type needed, based on the activities that will be conducted on the premises.
- Cannabis manufacturers can also package flower and roll and package pre-rolls on their licensed premises.