

# Cannabis License and Endorsement Types

Under Minnesota Statutes, Chapter 342

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License type	Overview of activities and products allowed	Endorsements available	Additional licenses available (may be held simultaneously)
<b>Microbusiness</b> <a href="#">Minn. Stat. § 342.28</a>  Cannabis microbusinesses can grow, make, sell, and buy cannabis (including plants and seedlings), lower-potency hemp edibles, and hemp-derived consumer products. They can also have an on-site space where customers can use cannabis.	<p><b>Can operate:</b> A single retail location. Can allow on-site consumption on a portion of its premises where customers can consume edible cannabis products and lower-potency hemp edibles.</p> <p><b>Can grow:</b> Up to 5,000 square feet of plant canopy indoors or up to one-half acre of mature flowering plants outdoors.</p> <p><b>Can transport:</b> Between facilities under same license holder.</p> <p><b>Can sell:</b> Immature cannabis plants and seedlings, adult-use cannabis flower, adult-use cannabis products, lower-potency hemp edibles, hemp-derived consumer products, and other products authorized by law to other cannabis businesses and customers.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Cultivation</li> <li>• Extraction and concentration</li> <li>• Production of customer (consumer) products</li> <li>• Retail operations*</li> <li>• On-site consumption</li> <li>• Edible cannabinoid product handler endorsement</li> <li>• Medical cannabis <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Medical cannabis cultivation</li> <li>- Medical cannabis processor</li> <li>- Medical cannabis retailer</li> </ul> </li> </ul> <p><i>* Must also have local registration per <a href="#">Minn. Stat. § 342.22</a>.</i></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Cannabis event organizer</li> </ul>
<b>Mezzobusiness</b> <a href="#">Minn. Stat. § 342.29</a>  Cannabis mezzobusinesses can grow, make, sell, and buy cannabis (including plants and seedlings), lower-potency hemp edibles, and hemp-derived consumer products.  <i>This license type is available in limited quantities per state law, and licensees will be selected through a vetted lottery.</i>	<p><b>Can operate:</b> Up to three retail locations.</p> <p><b>Can grow:</b> Up to 15,000 square feet of plant canopy indoors or up to one acre of mature flowering plants outdoors.</p> <p><b>Can transport:</b> Between facilities under same license holder.</p> <p><b>Can sell:</b> Immature cannabis plants and seedlings, adult-use cannabis flower, adult-use cannabis products, lower-potency hemp edibles, hemp-derived consumer products, and other products authorized by law to other cannabis businesses and customers.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Cultivation</li> <li>• Extraction and concentration</li> <li>• Production of customer (consumer) products</li> <li>• Retail operations*</li> <li>• Edible cannabinoid product handler endorsement</li> <li>• Medical cannabis <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Medical cannabis cultivation</li> <li>- Medical cannabis processor</li> <li>- Medical cannabis retailer</li> </ul> </li> </ul> <p><i>Note: Must obtain at least two endorsements within 18 months of licensure.</i></p> <p><i>* Must also have local registration per <a href="#">Minn. Stat. § 342.22</a>.</i></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Cannabis event organizer</li> </ul>

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<p><b>Cannabis cultivator</b>  <a href="#">Minn. Stat. § 342.30</a></p> <p>Cannabis cultivators can grow cannabis plants from seed to maturity. Cultivators are allowed to harvest, package, and label cannabis flower, seedlings and immature cannabis plants for sale to other cannabis business.</p> <p><i>This license type is available in limited quantities per state law, and licensees will be selected through a vetted lottery.</i></p>	<p><b>Can grow:</b> Up to 30,000 square feet of plant canopy indoors or up to two acres of mature flowering plants outdoors.</p> <p><b>Can sell:</b> Immature cannabis plants, seedlings, and cannabis flower to other cannabis businesses.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Medical cannabis cultivation</li> <li>• Edible cannabinoid product handler endorsement</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Cannabis manufacturer</li> <li>• License to cultivate industrial hemp</li> <li>• Cannabis event organizer</li> </ul>
<p><b>Cannabis manufacturer</b>  <a href="#">Minn. Stat. § 342.31</a></p> <p>Cannabis manufacturers process cannabis and hemp materials into various products, such as edibles, concentrates, wax, oils, and tinctures. Manufacturers can buy cannabis flowers, cannabis products, and lower-potency hemp products from other cannabis businesses.</p> <p>They can purchase hemp plants and concentrates from hemp businesses licensed under chapter 18K. They turn these materials into cannabis products, lower-potency hemp edibles, and hemp-derived consumer products then package and sell them to other cannabis businesses.</p> <p><i>This license type is available in limited quantities per state law, and licensees will be selected through a vetted lottery.</i></p>	<p><b>Can transport:</b> From cultivation site to manufacturing site on same premises under same license holder.</p> <p><b>Can sell:</b> Cannabis concentrate, hemp concentrate, artificially derived cannabinoids, cannabis products, lower-potency hemp edibles, and hemp-derived consumer products to other cannabis businesses.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Medical cannabis processor</li> <li>• Edible cannabinoid product handler endorsement</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Cannabis cultivator</li> <li>• Cannabis event organizer</li> </ul>

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<p><b>Cannabis retailer</b>  <a href="#"><u>Minn. Stat. § 342.32</u></a>*</p> <p>Cannabis retailers can sell packaged cannabis products to the general public and medical patients. They can buy cannabis (including plants and seedlings), lower-potency hemp edibles, and hemp-derived consumer products from other cannabis businesses and sell them to customers.</p> <p><i>This license type is available in limited quantities per state law, and licensees will be selected through a vetted lottery.</i></p> <p><i>* Must also have local registration per <a href="#"><u>Minn. Stat. § 342.22</u></a>.</i></p>	<p><b>Can operate:</b> Up to five retail locations; however, no person, cooperative, or business may hold a license to own or operate more than one cannabis retail business in one city and three retail businesses in one county.</p> <p><b>Can sell:</b> Immature cannabis plants and seedlings, adult-use cannabis flower, adult-use cannabis products, lower-potency hemp edibles, hemp-derived consumer products, and other products authorized by law to adults over 21 years of age and registered medical patients.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Medical cannabis retailer</li> <li>• Edible cannabinoid product handler endorsement</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Cannabis event organizer</li> <li>• Cannabis delivery service</li> </ul>
<p><b>Cannabis wholesaler</b>  <a href="#"><u>Minn. Stat. § 342.33</u></a></p> <p>Cannabis wholesalers can buy cannabis, cannabis products, and lower-potency hemp edibles, and hemp-derived consumer products from cannabis businesses and then sell them to other cannabis and lower-potency hemp business. Can import hemp-derived consumer products and lower-potency hemp edibles that contain hemp concentrate or artificially derived cannabinoids.</p>	<p><b>Can sell:</b> Immature cannabis plants and seedlings, cannabis flower, cannabis products, lower-potency hemp edibles, and hemp-derived consumer products to cannabis microbusinesses, cannabis mezzobusinesses, cannabis manufacturers, cannabis retailers. Lower-potency hemp edibles to lower-potency hemp edible retailers.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Hemp-derived product importer</li> <li>• Edible cannabinoid product handler endorsement</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Cannabis transporter</li> <li>• Cannabis event organizer</li> <li>• Cannabis delivery service</li> </ul>

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<p><b>Cannabis transporter</b> <u><a href="#">Minn. Stat. § 342.35</a></u></p> <p>Cannabis transporters can move cannabis, cannabis products, lower-potency hemp edibles, and hemp-derived consumer products between businesses.</p>	<p><b>Can transport:</b> Immature cannabis plants and seedlings, cannabis flower, cannabis products, artificially derived cannabinoids, hemp plant parts, hemp concentrate, lower-potency hemp edibles, and hemp-derived consumer products.</p> <p><b>Can transport from:</b> Cannabis microbusinesses, cannabis mezzobusinesses, cannabis cultivators, cannabis manufacturers, cannabis wholesalers, lower-potency hemp manufacturers, and industrial hemp growers.</p> <p><b>Can transport to:</b> Cannabis microbusinesses, cannabis mezzobusinesses, cannabis manufacturers, cannabis testing facilities, cannabis wholesalers, cannabis retailers, lower-potency hemp edible retailers, and medical combination businesses.</p>	<p>Not applicable.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Cannabis wholesaler</li> <li>• Cannabis event organizer</li> <li>• Cannabis delivery service</li> </ul>
<p><b>Cannabis testing facility</b> <u><a href="#">Minn. Stat. § 342.37</a></u></p> <p>Cannabis testing facilities can obtain and test immature cannabis plants and seedlings, cannabis flower, cannabis products, hemp plant parts, hemp concentrate, artificially derived cannabinoids, lower-potency hemp edibles, and hemp-derived consumer products from businesses licensed to produce those items. They ensure these products meet safety standards.</p>	<p>Not applicable.</p>	<p>Not applicable.</p>	<p>Not applicable.</p>

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<b>Cannabis event organizer</b> <a href="#">Minn. Stat. § 342.39</a>  Cannabis event organizers can plan and host cannabis events lasting up to four (4) days, and may allow for the sale of cannabis, lower-potency hemp edibles, and hemp-derived consumer products to customers at events. This is a temporary license that must be applied for per event.	<b>Can operate:</b> Events lasting up to four (4) days and provide spaces for on-site consumption of adult-use cannabis flower, adult-use cannabis products, lower-potency hemp edibles, and hemp-derived consumer products. Cannabis events and activities are subject to local approval and permitting.  <b>Can sell:</b> Cannabis plants, adult-use cannabis flower, adult-use cannabis products, lower-potency hemp edibles, and hemp-derived consumer products.  <i>A cannabis event is specifically prohibited from giving away cannabis plants, cannabis flower, cannabis products, lower-potency hemp edibles, or hemp-derived consumer products.</i>	Not applicable.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Cannabis microbusiness</li> <li>• Cannabis mezzobusiness</li> <li>• Cannabis cultivator</li> <li>• Cannabis manufacturer</li> <li>• Cannabis retailer</li> <li>• Cannabis wholesaler</li> <li>• Cannabis transporter</li> <li>• Cannabis delivery service</li> </ul>
<b>Cannabis delivery service</b> <a href="#">Minn. Stat. § 342.41</a>  A cannabis delivery service can purchase cannabis, lower-potency hemp edibles, and hemp-derived consumer products from specific cannabis businesses and sell and deliver those products directly to consumers.	<b>Can sell:</b> Cannabis flower, cannabis products, lower-potency hemp edibles, and hemp-derived consumer products.	Not applicable.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Cannabis retailer</li> <li>• Cannabis wholesaler</li> <li>• Cannabis transporter</li> <li>• Cannabis event organizer</li> </ul>
<b>Lower-potency hemp edible manufacturer</b> <a href="#">Minn. Stat. § 342.45</a>  Lower-potency hemp edible manufacturers can produce edibles from hemp. These manufacturers can create, package, and label lower-potency hemp edibles, and sell them to cannabis businesses.	<b>Can sell:</b> Hemp concentrate, artificially derived cannabinoids, and lower-potency hemp edibles to other cannabis businesses and hemp businesses.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Extraction and concentration</li> <li>• Edible cannabinoid product handler endorsement</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Lower-potency hemp edible retailer</li> <li>• License to cultivate industrial hemp</li> </ul> <p><i>This license type cannot hold any cannabis business licenses at the same time.</i></p> <p><i>This license type can hold other noncannabis business licenses, including but not limited to a license to prepare or sell food; sell tobacco (<a href="#">Minn. Stat. § 609.685, subd. 1</a>); or manufacture or sell alcoholic beverages (<a href="#">Minn. Stat. § 340A.101, subd. 2</a>).</i></p>

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<p><b>Lower-potency hemp edible retailer</b>  <a href="#">Minn. Stat. § 342.46</a>*</p> <p>Lower-potency hemp edible retailers can sell packaged lower-potency hemp edibles to consumers.</p> <p><i>* Must also have local registration per <a href="#">Minn. Stat. § 342.22</a>.</i></p>	<p><b>Can sell:</b> Lower-potency hemp edibles (including beverages) and offer on-site consumption of lower-potency hemp edibles on a portion of its premises.</p> <p><b>Can sell:</b> Lower-potency hemp edibles to adults 21 years of age or older.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>On-site consumption**</li> <li>Edible cannabinoid product handler endorsement</li> </ul> <p><i>** On-sale liquor license (<a href="#">Minn. Stat. § 340A</a>) required if offering on-site consumption.</i></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Lower-potency hemp edible manufacturer</li> <li>License to cultivate industrial hemp</li> </ul> <p><i>This license type cannot hold any cannabis business licenses at the same time.</i></p> <p><i>This license type can hold other noncannabis business licenses, including but not limited to a license to prepare or sell food; sell tobacco (<a href="#">Minn. Stat. § 609.685, subd. 1</a>); or manufacture or sell alcoholic beverages (<a href="#">Minn. Stat. § 340A.101, subd. 2</a>).</i></p>
<p><b>Medical cannabis combination business</b>  <a href="#">Minn. Stat. § 342.515</a>*</p> <p>Medical cannabis combination businesses can grow medical and adult-use cannabis (subject to law), manufacture medical and adult-use cannabis products, lower-potency hemp edibles, and hemp-derived consumer products; package and label those products; and purchase immature cannabis plants and seedlings, cannabis flower, cannabis products, hemp concentrate, and artificially derived cannabinoids from businesses licensed to sell those products.</p> <p><i>* Must also have local registration per <a href="#">Minn. Stat. § 342.22</a>.</i></p>	<p><b>Can operate:</b> One retail location per congressional district and must offer medical cannabis at each location.</p> <p><b>Can grow:</b> Up to 60,000 square feet of medical cannabis plant canopy, and up to an additional 30,000 square feet of cannabis plant canopy for distribution into the adult-use market based on prior year medical sales assessed annually.</p> <p><b>Can transport:</b> Between facilities under same license holder.</p> <p><b>Can sell:</b> Medical cannabis flower and medical cannabinoid products to persons registered on the medical registry, their caregivers, parents, guardians or spouse. Immature cannabis plants and seedlings, adult-use cannabis flower, adult-use cannabis products, lower-potency hemp edibles, hemp-derived consumer products, and other products authorized by law to other cannabis businesses and customers.</p>	Not applicable.	Not applicable.