



Cultivation License Application Frequently Asked Questions

1. What kind of license/permit will I need?

Your individual business plan will dictate what kind of license or permit you will need. Refer to the hemp www.FDACS.gov/hemp or the table below for guidance:

What do you do?	Permit Needed	Cost	Division	Contact Information
Cultivation	Cultivation License	\$0	DPI	1-888-397-1517 DPIHemp@FDACS.gov
Dairy Products (Wholesale, distribute, manufacture, store, or process)	Dairy Permit	\$0	Food Safety	850-245-5520 FoodInsp@FDACS.gov
Frozen Desserts (Wholesale, distribute, manufacture, store, or process)	Frozen Dessert Permit	\$200 initial \$100 annual renewal	Food Safety	850-245-5520 FoodInsp@FDACS.gov
Hemp Extract for human consumption (Retail, wholesale, distribute, manufacture, store, or process)	Hemp Food Establishment Permit	\$650 per year	Food Safety	850-245-5520 FoodInsp@FDACS.gov
Inhalable products	Contact the Director of Cannabis	Contact the Director of Cannabis		Cannabis@FDACS.gov
Pet Food (Distributor)	Feed Master Registration	\$40-\$3500 per year	AES	850-617-7866 AESCares@FDACS.gov
Sell Seed	Seed Dealer License	\$10-\$4600 per year	AES	850-617-7866 AESCares@FDACS.gov
Topicals	Contact DBPR	Contact DBPR	Dept. of Business & Professional Regulation	850-487-1395

2. Which internet browser should I use to complete the application/why is the application not displaying correctly?

The online application is optimized for Google Chrome, Mozilla Firefox, and Microsoft Edge. The application may not display correctly when using a different internet browser.

3. Can I submit more than one application?

Yes. Login to the online hemp cultivation application portal using the email and password you created to submit your first application. After logging in, you can view any pending/completed registrations. Click "New Registration" to begin another application.

4. I am not sure which seed variety I will be using. What should I enter in this field?

This field is optional. If you do not know, please enter "TBD," "Unknown," or leave the field blank.

5. I don't know when I will plant or harvest. What should I enter in these fields?

Use your best estimate. You will be required to notify the Department closer to your harvest date, but at this stage, your best estimate will help us coordinate resources.

6. Can I make changes to my application after I have submitted it?

You may to modify all areas of your application until submitted for approval. Once the application is submitted, you will be able to edit the application by selecting the "Edit this Registration" at the bottom of the page until the background check status reads "Applicant Passed Background Check."

7. What if the map in the application is not up to date or does not accurately reflect the area where hemp will be cultivated?

Outline the area where planting will occur to the best of your ability. The Department will contact you if additional information is needed.

8. Do I have to own the land where the hemp will be cultivated, or can it be leased? If I do lease the land, do I have to have the land owner's permission?

You do not have to own the land where the hemp is cultivated. If you plan to cultivate hemp on leased or rented property, you will want to review the terms of your agreement with the land owner.

9. How long is the license to cultivate hemp valid and is it transferable?

The license expires twelve (12) months after the date of issuance and is not transferable.

10. On the background check application, what is the name of the entity that should be listed as requiring this? What is the address and phone number for this entity?

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11. After completing my Livescan fingerprinting, when will I receive my transaction control number?

This should be provided to you by the Livescan Service Provider at the time of fingerprinting.

12. The property where I will cultivate Hemp has multiple tax ID numbers. Should I list them all, some, or just one?

For contiguous properties with multiple ID numbers, the Department only needs one ID number if the polygon on the map is accurate. Applicants may list more than one in the space provided.

13. What is the difference between a Responsible Person and a Control Person?

The Responsible Person is the person who controls or manages the day to day operations of the hemp cultivation.

A Control Person is any individual, partnership, corporation, trust, or other organization that possesses the power, directly or indirectly, to direct the management or policies of a company, whether through ownership of securities, by contact, or otherwise.

14. What other licenses will the city or county require for a hemp or cannabis business?

Applicants should contact their city or county to see if any additional licenses, such as a general business license, are required.

15. How long are fingerprints valid?

Fingerprints taken within six (6) months of the application date and assigned to ORI# FL925080Z will be accepted for the application.

16. My application says that a clarification letter has been sent, what should I do?

You should receive the letter within 3-5 business days. The letter will contain additional questions about your background check and may require you to submit additional information. The letter will also provide a number to contact should you have additional questions.

17. Who should I contact with questions about a letter I received?

Applicants should call the Division of Licensing at 850-245-5299.

18. When I log back into an application or try to change my application, I receive an error message stating that I do not have permission. How do I fix this problem?

You are receiving this error message because you have not verified your email address. Check your email inbox or spam folder for an email from the Hemp Application Portal asking you to verify your account. You will not be able to log back into your account until you have verified your email.

19. What is the explanation of the status icons in the Hemp Application Portal?

In Progress: The application still needs to be submitted.

Pending Approval: The application has been received but has not been reviewed by the Department.

Under Review: The application has been seen by the Department and is under review.

Approved: The application has been approved. You will receive your license shortly.

Declined: The application was declined. The reviewer notes will identify the reason for the denial. You will also receive a formal denial letter shortly.

20. What is the acreage requirement for cultivating hemp?

There is no minimum or maximum acreage requirement.

21. Do I have to grow hemp in the ground?

No. There is no requirement to cultivate hemp in the ground. Across the country, Hemp is grown in-ground, in greenhouses, in containers, and even hydroponically.

22. How can I locate the classification of a property or the parcel identification number?

This information can be found by visiting your county's property appraiser website or contact your property appraiser to obtain this information.