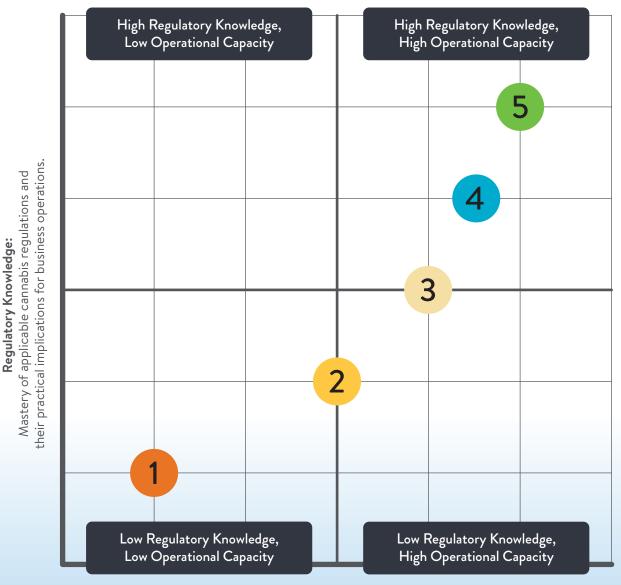


## Continuum of Readiness for the Cannabis Industry

The Continuum of Readiness for the Cannabis Industry helps people see how prepared they are to start a cannabis business. It shows five stages of readiness based on regulatory knowledge (knowing the laws and rules) and operational capacity (running a business). The goal is to move from low to high in both areas. Stage 5 is ideal, as both regulatory expertise and operational capacity are high, meaning an individual understands the rules *and* has the skills to run a successful, legal cannabis business.



**Operational Capacity:** The applied skills, experience, and resources needed to execute a compliant and effective business model.

Stages

Understand How to Operate

Understand Risks and Benefits



Analyze and Comply



Create Sustainable Models

3 Apply Knowledge