

# Navigating Hemp Licensing

Hemp-derived cannabinoid products (HDCP) to lower-potency hemp edibles (LPHE) activities

After the adoption of rules, hemp-derived cannabinoid products and sales will be regulated under [Minnesota Statutes, section 342.46](#), which requires that the only approved hemp-derived products that can be sold with a lower-potency hemp license are edibles, including beverages. The sale of all other products (i.e., vapes, tinctures, flower, etc.) will require a cannabis business license. Therefore, the only license types eligible for the registration conversion process are the lower-potency hemp manufacturer or lower-potency hemp manufacturer retailer licenses.

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Grow hemp.	Be licensed under <a href="#">Minn. Stat. § 18K</a> to grow industrial hemp. <i>Regulated by the Minnesota Department of Agriculture.</i>	N/A
Wholesale lower-potency hemp edibles.	Obtain a cannabis wholesaler license ( <a href="#">Minn. Stat. § 342.33</a> ).	N/A
Import lower-potency hemp edibles from out of state.	Obtain a cannabis wholesaler license ( <a href="#">Minn. Stat. § 342.33</a> ).	N/A
Manufacture lower-potency hemp edibles including beverages.	Obtain one of the following license types: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Cannabis microbusiness with production of customer products endorsement (<a href="#">Minn. Stat. § 342.28</a>).</li> <li>• Cannabis mezzobusiness with production of customer products endorsement (<a href="#">Minn. Stat. § 342.29</a>).</li> <li>• Cannabis manufacturer (<a href="#">Minn. Stat. § 342.31</a>).</li> <li>• Lower-potency hemp edible manufacturer* (<a href="#">Minn.Stat. § 342.45</a>).</li> </ul> <i>* Applications accepted fall 2025.</i>	You must also obtain an edible cannabinoid product handler endorsement ( <a href="#">Minn. Stat. § 342.07, subd. 3</a> ).
Sell lower-potency hemp edibles including beverages.	Obtain one of the following license types: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Cannabis microbusiness with retail operations endorsement (<a href="#">Minn. Stat. § 342.28</a>).</li> <li>• Cannabis mezzobusiness with retail operations endorsement (<a href="#">Minn. Stat. § 342.29</a>).</li> <li>• Cannabis retailer (<a href="#">Minn. Stat. § 342.32</a>).</li> <li>• Lower-potency hemp edible retailer* (<a href="#">Minn. Stat. § 342.46</a>).</li> </ul> <i>* Applications accepted fall 2025.</i>	You must also obtain local retail registration ( <a href="#">Minn. Stat. § 342.22, subd. 1</a> ).

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Sell hemp-derived consumer products such as vapes, flower or tinctures.	Obtain one of the following license types: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Cannabis microbusiness with retail operations endorsement (<a href="#">Minn. Stat. § 342.28</a>).</li> <li>• Cannabis mezzobusiness with retail operations endorsement (<a href="#">Minn. Stat. § 342.29</a>).</li> <li>• Cannabis retailer (<a href="#">Minn. Stat. § 342.32</a>).</li> </ul>	You must also obtain local retail registration ( <a href="#">Minn. Stat. § 342.22, subd. 1</a> ).
Offer on-site consumption of lower-potency hemp edibles.	Obtain a lower-potency hemp edible retailer license* with an on-site consumption endorsement ( <a href="#">Minn. Stat. § 342.46</a> ). * Applications accepted fall 2025.	You must also obtain an on-sale liquor license ( <a href="#">Minn. Stat. § 340A</a> ).
Host an event offering sale or consumption of lower-potency hemp products.	Obtain a cannabis event organizer license** ( <a href="#">Minn. Stat. § 342.39</a> ). ** Applications accepted summer 2025.	You must also receive local approval, including obtaining any necessary permits or licenses issued by a local unit of government.
Deliver lower-potency hemp products.	Obtain a cannabis delivery license ( <a href="#">Minn. Stat. § 342.41</a> ).	Purchase from a licensed cannabis microbusiness with a retail endorsement, cannabis mezzobusiness with a retail endorsement, cannabis retailer, or medical cannabis combination business only.

