

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 and tinctures. The sale of all other products (i.e., vapes, 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 retailer licenses.

Hemp Activity	Licensing Requirements	Other Requirements
Hemp Cultivation	Licensed under Minn. Stat. § 18K for growing industrial hemp. <i>Regulated by the Minnesota Department of Agriculture.</i>	Not applicable
Wholesaling: Lower-potency hemp edibles	Cannabis wholesaler license (Minn. Stat. § 342.33).	Not applicable
Importing: Lower-potency hemp edibles from out of state	Cannabis wholesaler license (Minn. Stat. § 342.33).	Not applicable
Manufacturing: Lower-potency hemp edibles including beverages and tinctures under 0.3% THC	<p>Allowed under the following license types:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Cannabis microbusiness with production of customer products endorsement (Minn. Stat. § 342.28). Cannabis mezzobusiness with production of customer products endorsement (Minn. Stat. § 342.29). Cannabis manufacturer (Minn. Stat. § 342.31). Lower-potency hemp edible manufacturer* (Minn.Stat. § 342.45). <p><i>* Applications accepted fall 2025.</i></p>	Must also obtain an edible cannabinoid product handler endorsement (Minn. Stat. § 342.07, subd. 3).
Retail sales: Lower-potency hemp edibles including beverages and tinctures under 0.3% THC	<p>Allowed under the following license types:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Cannabis microbusiness with retail operations endorsement (Minn. Stat. § 342.28). Cannabis mezzobusiness with retail operations endorsement (Minn. Stat. § 342.29). Cannabis retailer (Minn. Stat. § 342.32). Lower-potency hemp edible retailer* (Minn. Stat. § 342.46). <p><i>* Applications accepted fall 2025.</i></p>	Must also obtain local retail registration (Minn. Stat. § 342.22, subd. 1).

Hemp Activity	Licensing Requirements	Other Requirements
Retail sales: Hemp-derived consumer products such as vapes, flowers or tinctures	Allowed under the following license types: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Cannabis microbusiness with retail operations endorsement (Minn. Stat. § 342.28). • Cannabis mezzobusiness with retail operations endorsement (Minn. Stat. § 342.29). • Cannabis retailer (Minn. Stat. § 342.32). 	Must also obtain local retail registration (Minn. Stat. § 342.22, subd. 1).
On-site consumption of lower-potency hemp edibles.	Allowed with a lower-potency hemp edible retailer license* with an on-site consumption endorsement (Minn. Stat. § 342.46). * Applications accepted fall 2025.	Not applicable
Events: Offering sale and/or consumption of lower-potency hemp products.	Event hosting allowed with a cannabis event organizer license** (Minn. Stat. § 342.39). Lower-potency hemp edible sales at a licensed cannabis event allowed under the following license types: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Cannabis microbusiness with retail operations endorsement (Minn. Stat. § 342.28). • Cannabis mezzobusiness with retail operations endorsement (Minn. Stat. § 342.29). • Cannabis retailer (Minn. Stat. § 342.32). ** Applications accepted fall 2025.	Must also receive local approval, including obtaining any necessary permits or licenses issued by a local unit of government.
Delivery: Lower-potency hemp products directly to consumers	Allowed with a cannabis delivery license (Minn. Stat. § 342.41).	Products being delivered must be purchased by consumers from a licensed cannabis microbusiness with a retail endorsement, cannabis mezzobusiness with a retail endorsement, cannabis retailer, or medical cannabis combination business only.

