CalCannabis Cultivation Licensing, a division of the California Department of Food and Agriculture (CDFA), is accepting applications for state medicinal and adult-use (recreational) cannabis cultivation licenses as of January 1, 2018.

### The Three Licensing Authorities

**BUREAU OF CANNABIS CONTROL**
Housed within the Department of Consumer Affairs, the bureau licenses testing labs, distributors, retailers, and microbusinesses.
- Phone: 1-800-952-5210
- Email: bcc@dca.ca.gov
- Website: bcc.ca.gov

**CALCANNABIS CULTIVATION LICENSING**
Housed within the Department of Food and Agriculture, CalCannabis licenses cannabis cultivators and manages a track-and-trace system.
- Phone: 1-833-CALGROW (225-4769)
- Email: calcannabis@cdfa.ca.gov
- Website: calcannabis.cdfa.ca.gov

**MANUFACTURED CANNABIS SAFETY BRANCH**
Housed within the Department of Public Health, MCSB licenses manufacturers of cannabis products, such as edibles and topical products.
- Phone: 1-855-421-7887
- Email: mcsb@cdph.ca.gov
- Website: cdph.ca.gov/mcsb

### Who Does What

- **Distribution Phase**: CalCannabis
- **Cultivation Phase**: MCSB
- **Manufacturing Phase**: Bureau
- **DISTRIBUTION Phase**: Bureau
- **TESTING Phase**: Bureau
- **Retail** Phase: Bureau
- **MICROBUSINESS** Phase: Bureau

*This graphic illustrates the movement of cannabis and cannabis products through the three state agencies responsible for regulating cannabis.*
In spring 2017, the Department of Food and Agriculture’s CalCannabis Cultivation Licensing division, the Department of Consumer Affairs' Bureau of Cannabis Control, and the Department of Public Health’s Manufactured Cannabis Safety Branch released draft regulations for the Medical Cannabis Regulation and Safety Act of 2015. These licensing authorities held several public hearings to accept oral and written comments regarding the draft regulations.

The licensing authorities had planned to move forward with a separate draft regulatory package for implementation of Proposition 64: The Adult Use of Cannabis Act of 2016. However, in June 2017, the Legislature passed and the Governor signed into law the Medicinal and Adult-Use Cannabis Regulation and Safety Act (MAUCRSA), which creates one regulatory system for both medicinal and adult-use (recreational) cannabis industries.

As a result, the three cannabis licensing authorities withdrew the proposed medical cannabis regulations and adopted emergency regulations based on the new law for the commercial medicinal and adult-use (recreational) cannabis industries.

For more information on cannabis cultivation licensing: calcannabis.cdfa.ca.gov

For details on other types of state cannabis licensing: cannabis.ca.gov