

Instructions

- **Deadline:** Applications must be received by the Department no later than April 30.
- Complete all parts of the following form to apply for a MA Hemp Producer License. *Incomplete applications will not be processed.*
- Submit this application with all required maps, attachments, and the \$100 application fee.
- Upon approval, you will be billed for a Licensing fee, due prior to issuance. You may not conduct any hemp production or processing activities until your license has been issued.
- Production or Processing of Hemp without a license is a violation of state and federal law and may result in legal action.
- Hemp Licenses are **NOT transferrable or assignable** and cannot be used by any other individual or entity not included in this application.

**Mail completed form,
fees and attachments to:**

Massachusetts Department of Agricultural Resources
225 Turnpike Road; Room 302
Southborough, MA 01772
attn.: **Hemp Program**

Make checks payable to: *Commonwealth of Massachusetts*

Instructions for Licensing Sites

- Each Production site must be designated by a specific property address or parcel number. You may license multiple properties with different addresses by attaching additional copies of the Production Site Licensing page.
- MDAR may license any or all the proposed Sites. Production may only occur at locations that are covered by the license.
- You may have multiple production areas (i.e., fields, greenhouses, barns, or storage areas) at each Site.
- For each production site, you are required to provide an **aerial photograph map** with this application. All maps must include:
 - Aerial photograph of the site
 - Site Name and Address or Parcel Number
 - GPS coordinates in **decimal degrees** (ex. 42.3664, -71.0588)
 - Site features including *clearly marked boundaries of the proposed growing, storage, and drying areas*

Additional Resources:

FSA Farm Registration: <https://www.mass.gov/guides/resources-for-hemp-program-licensees#-fsa-reporting->

Instructions for creating an aerial map: <https://www.mass.gov/doc/instructions-how-to-create-a-map-of-your-site/download>

Find your GPS Coordinates: <https://www.mass.gov/doc/instructions-how-to-find-your-gps-coordinates-latitude/longitude/download>

Please type or print clearly. Incomplete or illegible forms will be returned. MDAR Hemp Licenses are valid ONLY for the Licensee as indicated here and for the location(s) designated and approved within this application. You MUST include any business name, including your d/b/a. Any businesses that are considered "legally" separate may not be covered under a single license. Each d/b/a, LLC, corporation, or other lawfully created entity under the laws of the Commonwealth or any other state must submit a separate license application. Licenses are non-transferable and may not be assigned to any other individual or entity. The use of a license by anyone other than the licensee may result in the suspension or revocation of the license.

Applicant Information

Applicant Name (may be individual or business entity – this is the name that will appear on your license):

Primary Contact Name:

Business Name (if applicable):

Mailing Address:

City:

State:

ZIP Code:

Primary phone: ☐ cell ☐ home ☐ work

Email:

EIN number (if applicable – Do NOT use your individual social security number):

Key Participant Information

Key Participants are defined as individual applicants, or any person who has a direct or indirect financial interest in the entity producing hemp, including but not limited to, owner(s) or partner(s) in a partnership, officers, directors, the chief executive officer, chief operating officer, or chief financial officer in a corporation, or the trustees of a trust. It does not include such management as farm, field or shift managers, unless those individuals are also identified above.

An [FBI Identity History Summary](#) (FBI Report) is required for each Key Participant in accordance with 7 CFR 990 and 330 CMR 32.03(5). FBI Reports must be current to within sixty (60) days of submitting this application.

FBI Reports are kept on file for 3 years. New/updated FBI Reports must be submitted every 3 years.

FBI Reports must be obtained via the Federal Bureau of Investigations and should be included with this application: <https://www.fbi.gov/services/cjis/identity-history-summary-checks>.

No Individual Applicant or Key Participant may have been convicted of a drug-related felony within the last 10 years.

Please list all Key Participants. You may attach additional sheets if necessary.

Key Participant Name 1:	Title:
Email:	FBI Report Date:
Key Participant Name 2:	Title:
Email:	FBI Report Date:
Key Participant Name 3:	Title:
Email:	FBI Report Date:

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Production Site Licensing

Site Name:

Site Address:

City:

Zip Code:

Total acreage of all hemp to be licensed **outdoors** at this location:

Total square footage of all hemp to be licensed **indoors** at this location:

Statement of Property Ownership: Are you the owner of the property listed above?

☐ Yes ☐ No *If No, (please initial): _____ I certify that I have permission to use the property listed above for cultivation of hemp. MDAR is not responsible for any issues that arise between a licensee and property owner.*

Property Owner or Manager Name (if different from Applicant):

Owner/Manager Phone:

Owner/Manager Email:

 Property Type: ☐ Farm/Agricultural ☐ Commercial ☐ Residential ☐ Industrial ☐ Other _____

Please provide the following information for each field, greenhouse, barn, or other area to be licensed at the Site listed above (attach additional sheets if necessary):

Production Area Detail

Field/Greenhouse Name:

 Size: ☐ acres ☐ ft²

 Primary Use (check all that apply): ☐ Plant Starts ☐ Cultivation ☐ Storage ☐ Drying

Latitude:

Longitude:

☐ indoor

☐ outdoor:

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 Size: ☐ acres ☐ ft²

 Primary Use (check all that apply): ☐ Plant Starts ☐ Cultivation ☐ Storage ☐ Drying

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Note: Site and growing area names will be required for filing planting and harvest reports.

Latitude and Longitude must be reported in **decimal degrees** (ex. 42.3664, -71.0588).

General Certifications: *By signing this application and initialing where required, the individual signing hereby acknowledges that they have the legal authority to bind the applicant and agrees to the following:*

(please initial): _____ I understand that the production of hemp in Massachusetts must be done so in accordance with applicable state and federal law, including but not limited to, the Agricultural Improvement Act of 2018, USDA's Final Hemp Production Rule at 7 CFR 990 ("USDA Final Rule"), M.G.L. c. 128, Sections 116 through 123, and the regulation promulgated thereunder at 330 CMR 32.00, Hemp Production. I further understand that producing hemp in violation of federal and state law may include further legal action as authorized by applicable federal and state law. This includes destruction of any crops produced in violation of applicable state and federal law.

(please initial): _____ I understand that processing hemp must be done so in accordance with applicable state law, including but not limited to, M.G.L. c. 128, Sections 116 through 123 and the regulation promulgated thereunder at 330 CMR 32.00, Hemp Production. I further understand that processing hemp in violation of state law may include further legal action as authorized by applicable state law. This includes the destruction of any hemp or hemp-derived products processed in violation of applicable state law.

(please initial): _____ I understand that it is my responsibility to ensure that I obtain any other applicable licenses, permits, or approvals required by local or state law for the type of activity to be conducted and that failure to do so may result in enforcement action, included but not limited to, the loss of my hemp license. This includes, but is not limited to, approvals under any applicable state statute or regulation or municipal regulation, ordinance, or bylaw, including but not limited to, wetland regulations, M.G.L. c. 131, Section 40, the Wetlands Protection Act, or M.G.L. c. 131A, the Massachusetts Endangered Species Act. I further understand that these licenses, permits, or approvals, may be needed prior to any activity begins and that any hemp license does not supersede or exempt the activity from any other applicable law.

(please initial): _____ I understand that any individual or entity registered by MDAR to produce or process hemp shall be subject to audit, inspection, and testing pursuant to the USDA Final Rule, as applicable, M.G.L. c. 128, Sections 116 through 123, and the regulation promulgated thereunder at 330 CMR 32.00, Hemp Production at the discretion of MDAR.

(please initial): _____ I hereby give consent for MDAR to conduct both scheduled and random inspections of and around the premises on which hemp is being sown, grown, harvested, stored, and/or processed.

(please initial): _____ I understand that upon approval of my application, MDAR may share the location of my grow and processing sites with municipal officials, including but not limited to, the chief elected or appointed official, local law enforcement, and fire safety officials in the municipality where hemp will be produced or processed. I further understand that any information obtained by MDAR may be disclosed without further notice unless otherwise prohibited by law.

(please initial): _____ I understand that upon approval of my application, my MDAR Hemp License is valid only for the licensed entity at the locations indicated within this application. Licenses are not transferrable or assignable and may not be used by unlicensed entities under any circumstances.

(please initial): _____ I understand that this license is valid only for the production of hemp. This license does not allow for retail or wholesale of hemp products other than those produced by a licensee, under the terms of their license and in accordance with state and federal law. I understand that products manufactured or sold may be subject to additional state and federal law, including but not limited to, regulations promulgated by the Massachusetts Department of Public Health and/or the United States Food and Drug Administration.

Producer Certifications: *By signing this application and initialing where required, the individual signing hereby acknowledges that they have the legal authority to bind the applicant and agrees to the following:*

(please initial): _____ I understand that upon approval of my application, I will be required to provide certain reporting information to the Farm Service Agency (FSA) as required by the USDA Final Rule and 330 CMR 32.04(5).

(please initial): _____ I understand that the seeds obtained for planting will be of a type and variety that do not exceed the maximum concentration of total THC as set forth in M.G.L. c. 128, Sections 116 through 123 and the regulation promulgated thereunder at 330 CMR 32.00, Hemp Production, and must be approved by MDAR before planting. I understand that any cannabis produced that exceeds the maximum concentration of total THC as set forth by state and federal law shall be subject to destruction.

(please initial): _____ I understand that it is my responsibility to read and understand all applicable state and federal laws, regulations, and rules that govern the production of hemp, including but not limited to, 7 CFR 990, M.G.L. c. 128, Sections 116 through 123, and the regulation promulgated thereunder at 330 CMR 32.00, Hemp Production, and any rules, policies, or regulations promulgated thereunder.

(please initial): _____ I understand that it is my responsibility to make sure that any hemp transferred or sold to or by an establishment licensed by the Cannabis Control Commission meets all applicable legal requirements.

Property Certifications: *By signing this application and initialing where required, the individual signing hereby acknowledges that they have the legal authority to bind the applicant and agrees to the following:*

(please initial): _____ I certify that the Production and Processing Site Map(s) accurately represent the proposed area(s) to be used for Hemp Processing and/or Production, including storage and drying, and are attached to this application.

(please initial): _____ I certify that I have permission to use all Site locations listed in this application for the production and/or processing of hemp. I further understand that if the property owner rescinds permission to use any or all of the Site locations listed in this application that this will result in the suspension, revocation, or non-renewal of my license. MDAR is not responsible for any issues that arise between me and the property owner.

(please initial): _____ I understand that if any Site is subject to an Agricultural Preservation Restriction ("APR") or Agricultural Covenant held by MDAR, all activity must be conducted in accordance with the terms of the APR or Agricultural Covenant. I further understand that it is my responsibility to review and understand the terms and conditions set forth in the APR or Agricultural Covenant before commencing operation.

Is any property listed on this application subject to an APR? ☐ Yes ☐ No

If yes, please contact MDAR's APR Program to ensure compliance with any applicable requirements of the APR.

<https://www.mass.gov/agricultural-preservation-restriction-apr-program>

Is any property listed on this application subject to an Agricultural Covenant? ☐ Yes ☐ No

If yes, please contact MDAR's Farm Viability Program to ensure compliance with the terms of the Agricultural Covenant.

<https://www.mass.gov/service-details/farm-viability-enhancement-program-fvep>

I hereby certify that, to the best of my knowledge, all information provided in this application is true and accurate. I understand that providing false, inaccurate, or misleading information is grounds for renewal denial, suspension, or revocation pursuant to the USDA Final Rule, M.G.L. c. 128, Sections 116 through 123, and the regulation promulgated thereunder at 330 CMR 32.00, Hemp Production. I further understand that my license to produce or process hemp in the Commonwealth expires on December 31st and that if I fail to submit a renewal application and obtain a license for the following year, I am no longer considered licensed to produce or process hemp under state or federal law.

I hereby certify that I acknowledge and understand that all information provided to MDAR as part of this renewal application and as part of my participation in the program is subject to the public records law and may be disclosed unless otherwise protected by state or federal law.

I hereby certify that I will comply with applicable state and federal laws, regulations, and rules that govern the production and/or processing of hemp, including but not limited to, M.G.L. c. 128, Sections 116 through 123, and the regulation promulgated thereunder at 330 CMR 32.00, Hemp Production, and any rules, policies, or regulations promulgated thereunder, and the USDA Final Rule. I understand that failing to comply with such requirements may result in the denial, suspension, or revocation of any license, may subject me to fines in accordance with M.G.L. c. 128, Section 123, may result in the destruction of any non-compliant cannabis material or products, and/or further legal action as authorized by state and federal law.

I have read this license application, understand the requirements in it, and I agree to hold harmless and release the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, its officers, employees, contractors or agents from any and all claims, actions, suits, damages, judgments, attorneys' fees, or prosecution of any kind, that may arise due to my cultivation of industrial hemp conducted in accordance with the Industrial Hemp Program administered by the Massachusetts Department of Agricultural Resources pursuant to the USDA Final Rule, M.G.L. c. 128, Sections 116 through 123, and the regulation promulgated thereunder at 330 CMR 32.00, Hemp Production.

Signature: _____

Printed Name: _____ Date: _____

<i>For official use</i>			
Date Received:			
CHR Review: <input type="checkbox"/> OK <input type="checkbox"/> Not Attached <input type="checkbox"/> Other (explain):			Date:
Payment: <input type="checkbox"/> Check <input type="checkbox"/> Money Order		Number:	Amt.: \$

Application Attachments Checklist

- ☐ Maps for each production site that include:
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- ☐ \$100 non-refundable application fee
- ☐ An FBI Identity History Summary report for each Key Participant
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Questions? mahemp@mass.gov

Or visit: <https://www.mass.gov/industrial-hemp-program>