

BC E-Substances Reporting (BCER) User Guide



Introduction

The <u>E-Substances Regulation</u> introduced requirements for all businesses who currently sell e-substances or intend to sell e-substances in British Columbia. Business owners must submit a Notice of Intent to Sell E-Substances to the Ministry of Health to sell restricted e-substances from each retail location. There are also requirements to provide individual Product and Manufacturing Reports at least six weeks before the product can be sold.

The Ministry of Health launched the <u>BC E-Substances Reporting</u> (BCER) application for vapour product retailers on December 16, 2020. Retailers are now required to use the BCER to fulfill their new reporting obligations under the <u>E-Substances Regulation</u>.

This User Guide has been developed to provide retailers with assistance and troubleshooting tips when using BCER.



If you have submitted your required reports and have waited six weeks before selling, you <u>DO NOT</u> need approval from the Ministry of Health or health authorities once six weeks have passed.

Information Icon

The information icon is included throughout this document to provide additional context.



This icon indicates additional information about or related to a process.



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Browser Requirements

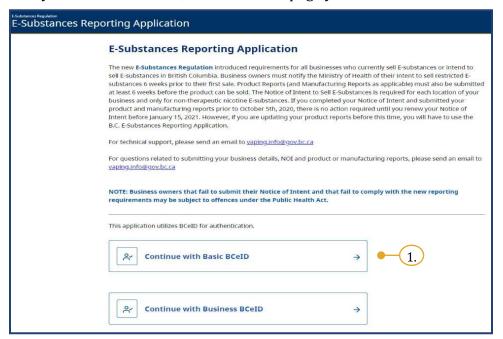
Users must access the database from a desktop computer. The application supports the latest versions of Firefox, Google Chrome, Safari, or Microsoft Edge. **The application is not compatible with Internet Explorer. The BCER is not compatible with mobile devices at this time.**

Access BCER



To access the BCER application and its associated data, users must be logged in from within Canada. This restriction ensures compliance with regional data security and privacy regulations. If you are attempting to access the application from outside of Canada, please note that access may be restricted.

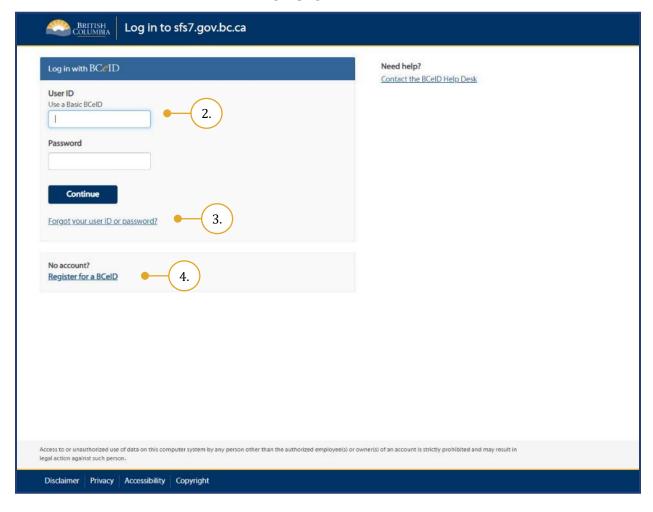
When you access the BCER, this is the first page you will see.



1. Click Continue with Basic BCeID.



You will be forwarded to the BCeID login page.



- 2. Login with your existing Basic BCeID. Use your BCeID USERNAME to login.
- 3. If you have forgotten your ID or password, click **Forgot your user ID or password**.
- 4. To create a new Basic BCeID, click **Register for a BCeID**.



Login and BCeID

Users must have a **Basic BCeID** or a **Business BCeID** to log in.

To create a Basic BCeID or Business BCeID, access the following webpage: https://www.bceid.ca/register/ (this can be done through the BCER).

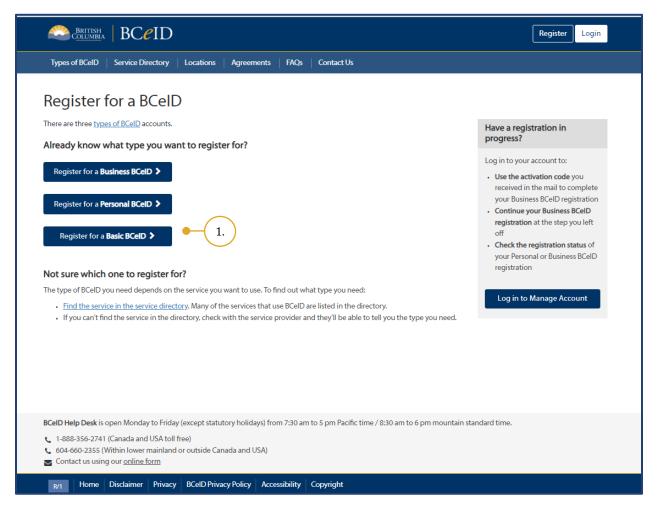
This user guide only shows an example of Basic BCeID creation.



The process for creating a Business BCeID is lengthier and will require a proof of identity. <u>It is the recommended type of account for this application</u>.

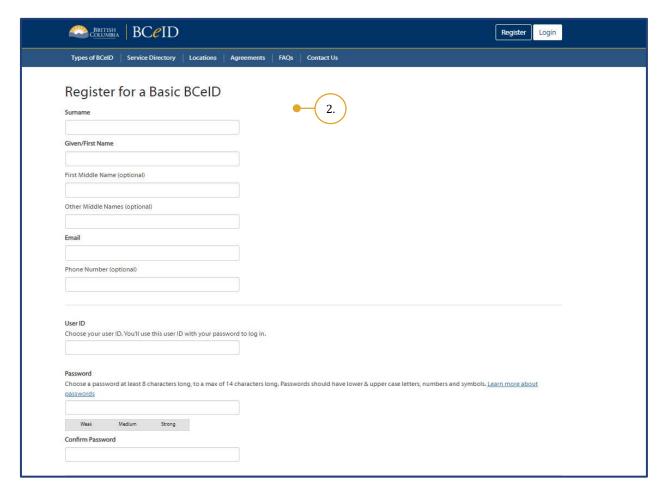


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1. Click **Register for a Basic BCeID**.





2. Users must enter all the necessary information to complete the BCeID registration.

Once Basic BCeID has been created, log into https://bcer.hlth.gov.bc.ca and follow the steps above.





Do not create a new profile if you have an existing account. If you have forgotten your password, click **Forgot your user ID or password?** from the login screen.

Navigation

The following section provides information on navigating through the BCER, including important information about the steps that must be followed as well as key buttons and tips to support data entry.

Welcome to E-Substances Reporting Application

As a first-time user of this application, you need to finish the initial setup of your organization. Next time you login, you will not have to complete this step.

If you have already submitted a product and manufacturing report by email to vaping.info@gov.bc.ca, you will have to reupload this into the BCER.

You will see this page the first time you access the BCER.

1. Click Start.

Note:

- You can sign out of the BCER at anytime by clicking **Sign Out**.
- The navigation pane along the left will enable you to navigate through the application and includes the reports that you must submit.
- The ^① symbol indicates that you have not yet completed a required step.
 Once a step has been completed, the ^② will change to a ^②.



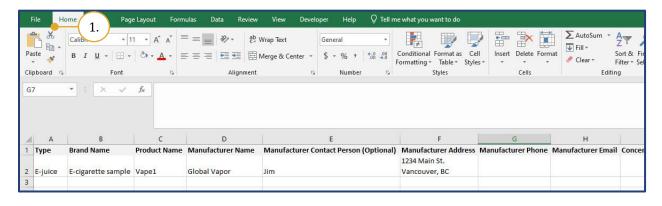
During each step, you will also have the option to download a CSV file of the reports that you have submitted, if needed for your records. This can be done by clicking Download CSV on each table.



This is NOT required to progress through the application and is only included as an optional step for retailers, for convenience.

Converting Excel Files to CSV Files

The BCER requires CSV files when uploading information. Only CSV files will be accepted. A CSV file is a plain-text file that supports the transfer of data between applications. Excel files can be converted to CSV files to support data uploads. To convert an Excel file to a CSV file, use the following steps.

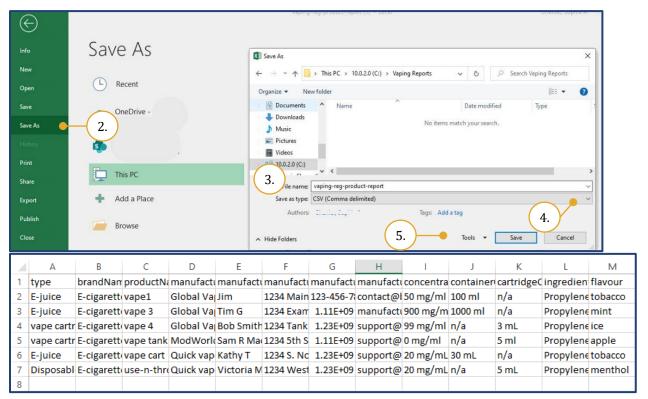


1. Open the original Excel document. Click **File**.

The screenshot shows an example of a file that is **not** yet in the required CSV format as there are a number of formatting



features (text wrapping, borders, colour) that are not be seen in a CSV file.



- 2. Click Save As.
- 3. Enter the filename.
- Click the drop-down box below the document name.
 Select CSV (Comma delimited) (*.csv) from the dropdown list.
- 5. Click Save.

6. Close and reopen the file to confirm that it has been saved as a CSV.



The screenshot shows an example of a file that no longer contains formatting features as it has been saved as a CSV file and this means that it is now ready to upload to the BCER.

My Dashboard

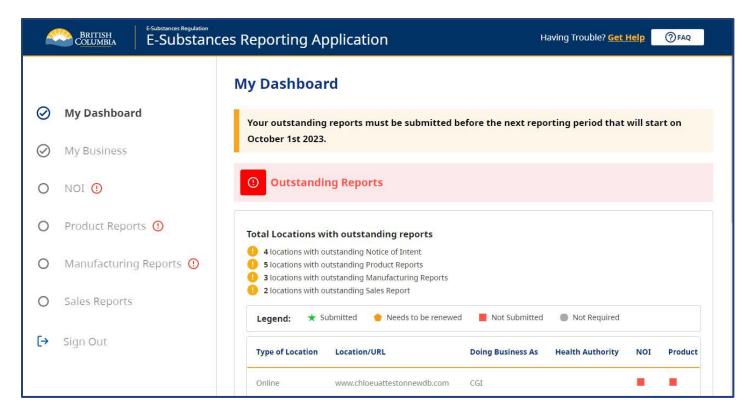
The Dashboard displays the status of the Notice of Intent, Product Report, Manufacturing Report, and Sales Report. Businesses are required to submit all these reports for **each** retail location.



The Manufacturing report is only required if the retailer has indicated that they were manufacturing products at one of their locations.



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If the "Outstanding Reports" red banner is displayed, it means that you must submit at least one report for at least one of your locations and that you are not currently compliant with the legislation.

The Product Report will show as a green dot as soon as you submit at least one Product report for a given location. This does not mean that you no longer have to submit Product reports for that location. If you intend to sell new products you will need to continue submitting your new products for that location.



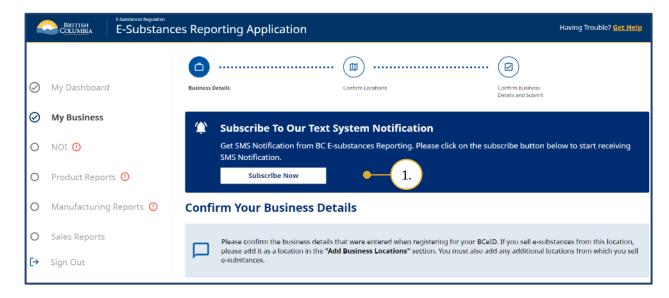
Having the "No Outstanding Report" banner should be your goal. If all the dots are green that means all your reports were submitted and you are currently not expected to submit anything (except Product reports as mentioned above). Enforcement officers will be able to review your submissions and make sure that they respect the provincial legislation.

My Business

Businesses are required to submit reports for all retail locations. To support the submission of data for multiple locations, businesses may report on all locations under one business profile. Businesses have the option to upload a CSV list of all retail locations or manually enter the business locations.

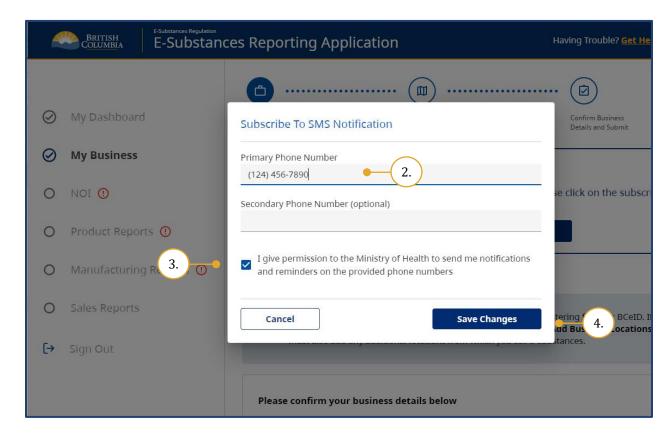
Subscribe to the Text System Notification

This feature allows you to subscribe to a Text Notification system. The Ministry of Health will send text messages to your registered numbers when the new reporting period is approaching and submissions are due.



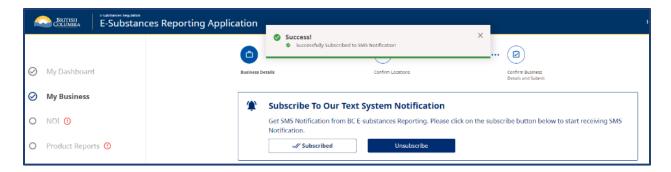
1. Click **Subscribe Now**.





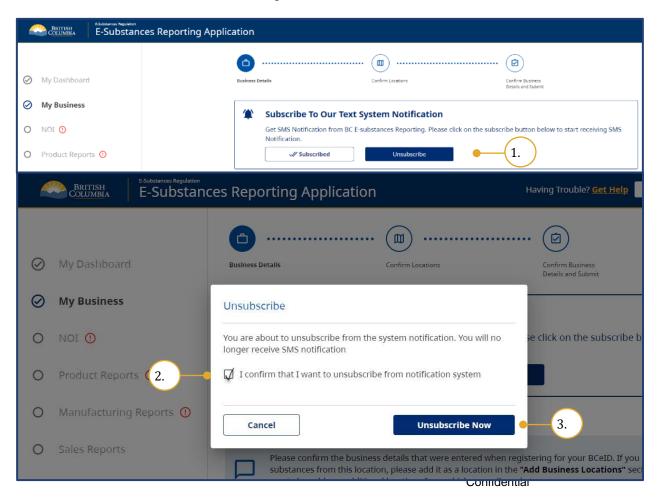
- 2. Add your Primary Phone Number.
 - a. *Optional*. Add a secondary Phone Number.
- 3. Select the I give permission to the Ministry of Health to send me notifications and reminders on the provided phone numbers checkbox.
- 4. Click Save Changes.





The "Successfully Subscribed to SMS Notification" message will display on the screen to inform you that you successfully subscribed to the text System Notification.

Unsubscribe from the Text System Notification



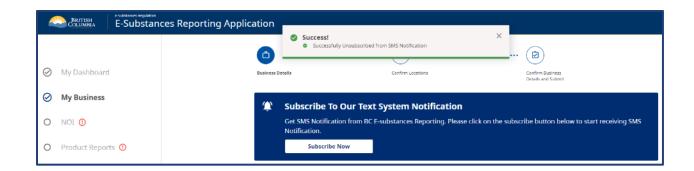
1. Click Unsubscribe.

A confirmation request message displays.

- 2. Select the I confirm that I want to unsubscribe from notification system checkbox.
- 3. Click Unscubscribe Now.

The "Successfully Unsubscribed from SMS Notification" message will display on the screen to inform you that you successfully

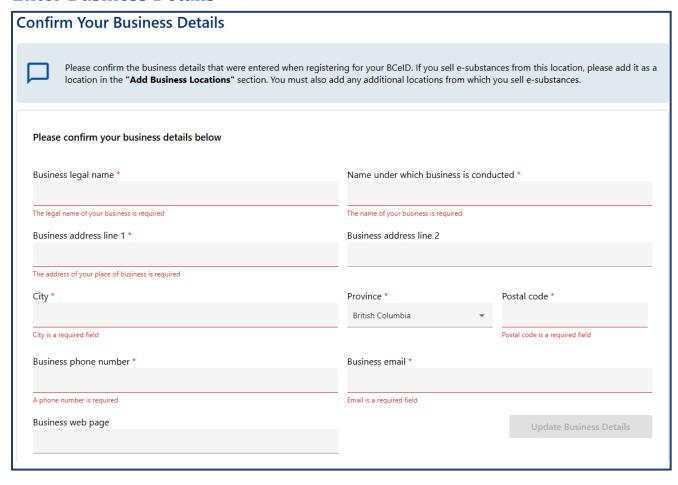




unsubscribed from the text System Notification.



Enter Business Details



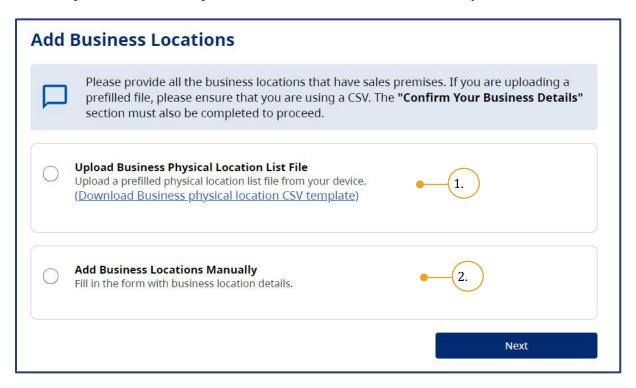
Enter the information for your business.

The database is designed to collect business contact details as well as details for each retail location (next step). Therefore, ensure that you provide information for your business and the information for each retail premises, when adding locations.



Add Business Locations

You are required to submit reports for all retail locations from which you sell e-substances.



All businesses must add at least one location into the application.

If the address identified in the Business Details section is the same address for a retail premises, it must still be added as a location.

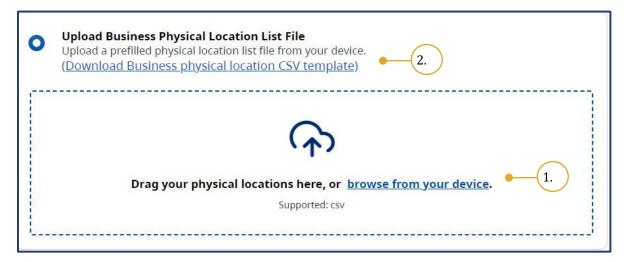
You have two options for adding locations to your business:

- 1. Upload a CSV file of all locations.
- 2. Add locations manually.



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Upload Business Location List File

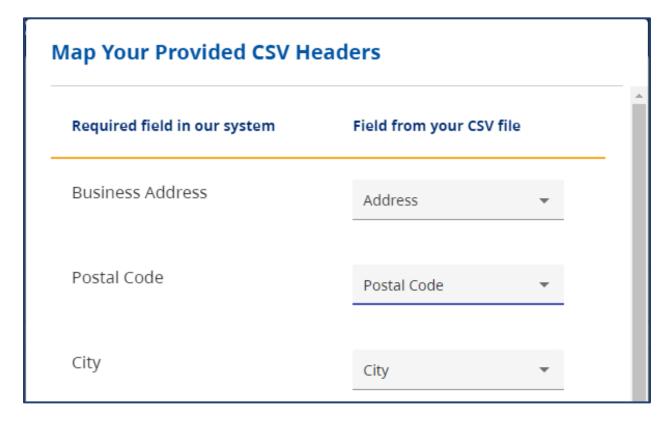


- 1. Upload a CSV file:
 - a. Drag and drop the CSV file from your computer into the data upload section.
 - b. Retailers can also select **browse from your device**.
- 2. Business owners may use their own CSV file if it contains the correct headers or download the CSV template created by the Ministry of Health for retailers to use.



Map CSV Headers

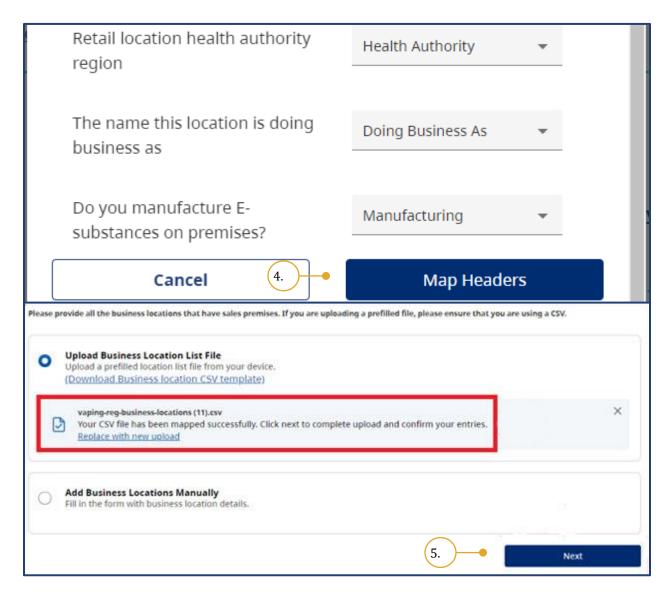
The BCER uses Header Mapping to match required headings in the BCER headers to fields in a CSV file. This allows retailers to use their own templates or templates provided by manufacturers for uploading required reports.



3. After uploading your file, you must map the **Required field in our system** (left) to the **Field from your CSV file** (right).

If you are using your own template, the title of each header may not be identical.





4. Once you have mapped all headers, click **Map Headers**.

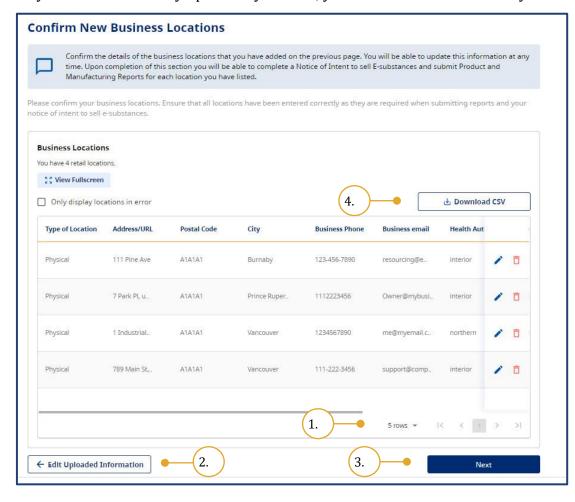
You will receive a message that "Your CSV Files has been mapped successfully."

5. Click Next.



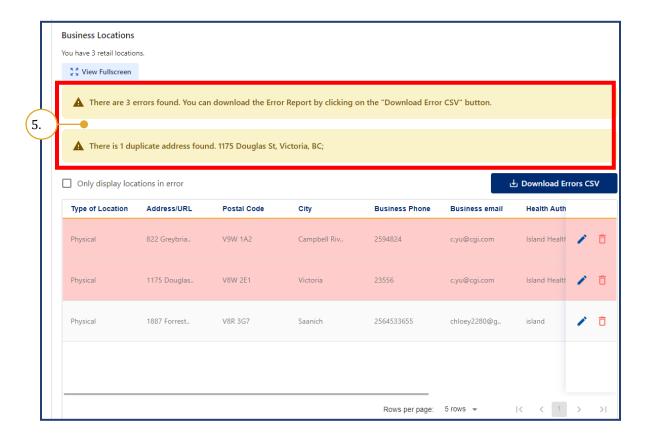
Confirm Business Locations

Once you have successfully uploaded your CSV, you will be asked to confirm your list of business locations.



- 1. Navigate through pages using the navigation bar, if needed.
- 2. To return to the previous page, click **Edit Uploaded Information**.
- 3. Once you have confirmed that all information is correct, click **Next**.
- 4. *Optional:* You can download a CSV of your file.





5. All the Business Locations entered will be validated.

If the addresses of your uploaded locations were not found or if a field in your file was incorrect, an error report will be available for download. This error report will indicate what the errors are.

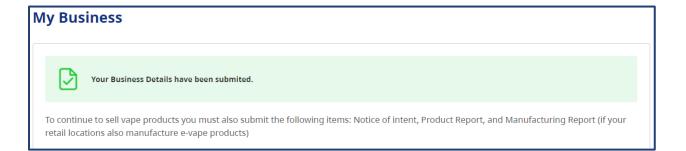
If the addresses of the uploaded locations already exist in the database, a warning banner will display to notify you along with its respective address. You will also receive an email notifying you of this issue

To learn how to correct the duplicate address error, please refer to Edit a Location with Duplicated Address.



Type of Location	Address/URL	Postal Code	City	Business Phone	Business email	Health Aut
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Physical	7 Park Pl, u	A1A1A1	Prince Ruper	1112223456	Owner@mybusi	7

- 6. On the same page, you can edit by clicking the pencil icon, or
- 7. Delete individual lines by scrolling to the right in the table and clicking edit or delete.



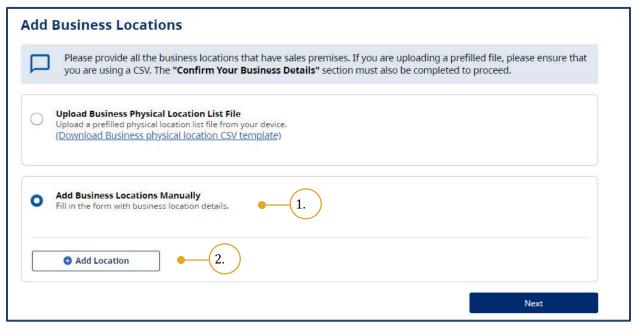
Once your location information has been submitted, you will receive a "Your Business Details have been submitted" message.

You can then proceed to submit your Notice of Intent, Product Report, and Manufacturing Report.

Note: if you submitted Business Locations with duplicated address, you will receive an email to the Business Email associated with the duplicated address



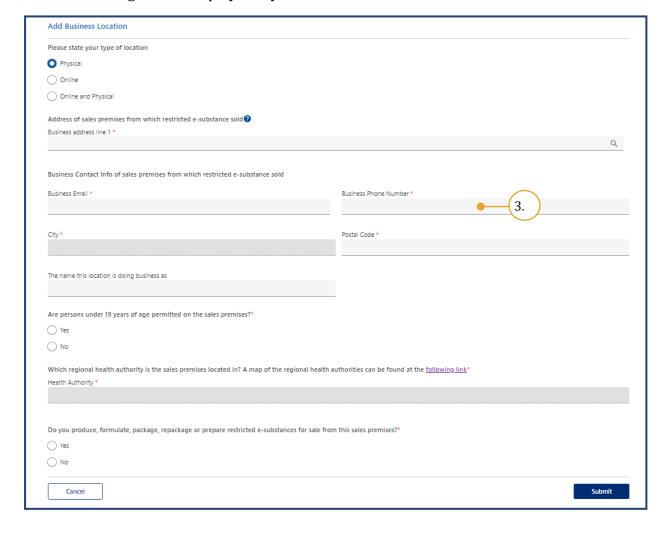
Add Locations Manually



- 1. Select **Add Business Locations Manually**.
- 2. Click Add Location.



The following screen displays for you to enter the location information.

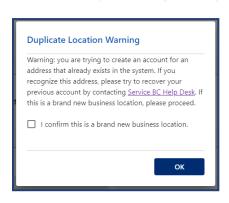


3. Fill in all required fields. The Address will autocomplete as you type. The application may take a few seconds to find your address and will then display suggestions, select the correct one.

Once selected, the City and Health Authority fields will be automatically completed.



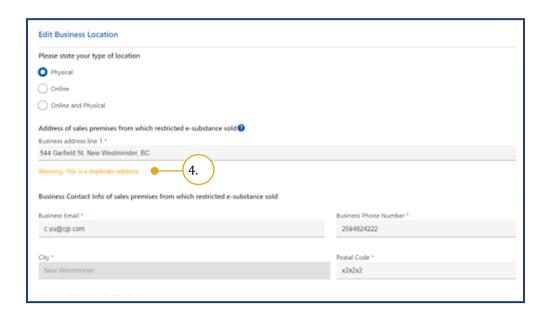




Note: when you select "The name this location is doing business as field", a tooltip will disply to provide more details on the expected input.

Note: if duplicate location is entered in the Business address line 1 field, the Duplicate Location Warning pop up will display. Acknowledge the warning to proceed if you do not have an existing account for the address entered, or follow the instructions in the pop up to recover your previous account.





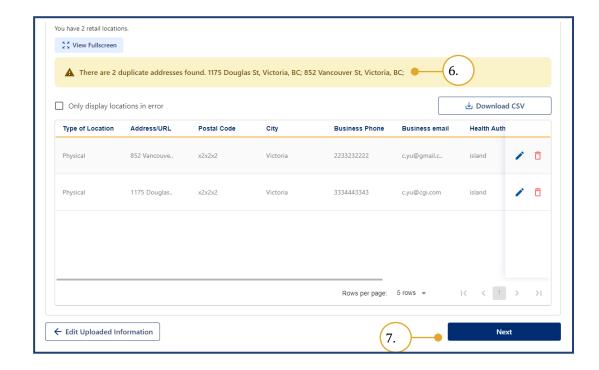
4. If the duplicate location pop up appeared, then a warning message will display under the Business address line 1 in the Edit Business Location page.



5. When all fields are complete, click **Submit**.

If you missed a required field, you will be prompted to complete the field.







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Repeat these steps for all locations that you would like to add manually.

6. If the duplicated address is not updated, a warning banner will disply to notify you on the number of duplicate address found and its respective address.

To learn how to correct the duplicate address error, please refer to Edit a Location with Duplicated Address.

7. Once you have submitted all locations manually, click **Next**.

Once all the locations are added manually, you will be asked to confirm the list of business locations.

If you forgot to add a location, repeat the steps above and click **Add Location**.

Once your location information has been submitted, you will receive a "Your



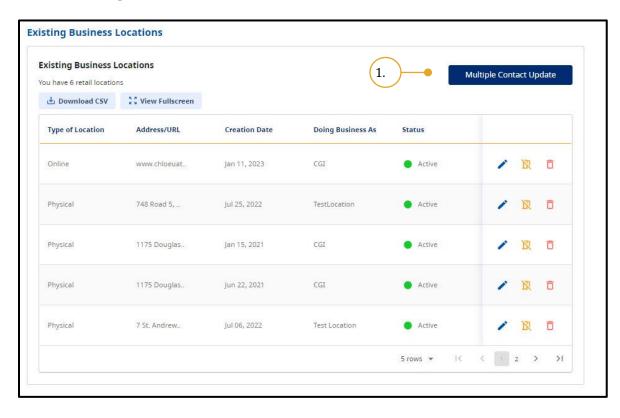
Business Details have been submitted." message.

You can then proceed to submit your Notice of Intent, Product Report, and Manufacturing Report.



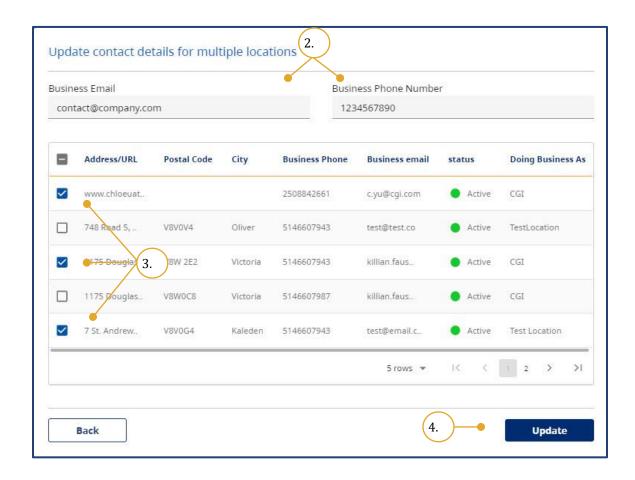
Multiple Contact Update

You can update contact details for multiple locations at the same time. This is useful if you manage multiple locations for all of them share the same contact person details.



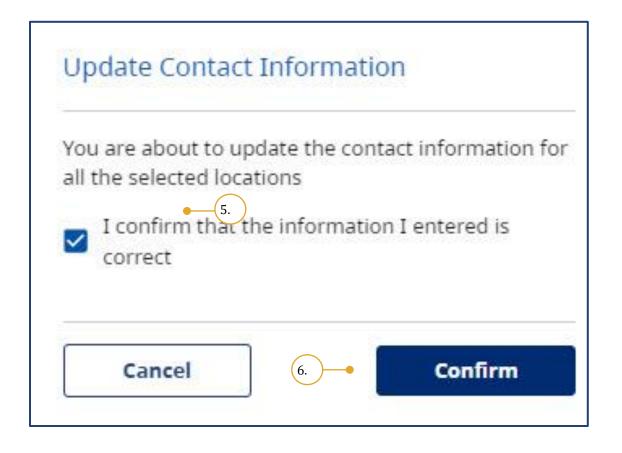
1. Click Multiple Contact Update.





- 2. Enter the new business email address and/or the new business phone number for the locations.
- 3. Select the checkboxes for the locations that need to be updated.
- 4. Click **Update**.





- 5. Acknowledge that the information entered is correct and that you are about to update the contact information for all the selected locations.
- 6. Click **Confirm**.



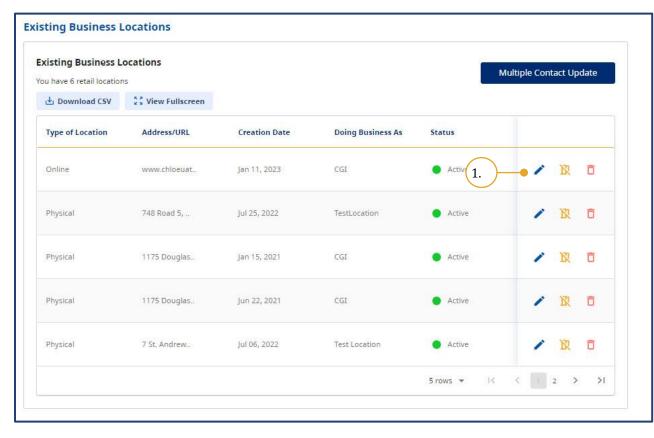
Your contact details have been successfully updated for the selected locations.



Edit, Close, or Delete Existing Business Details

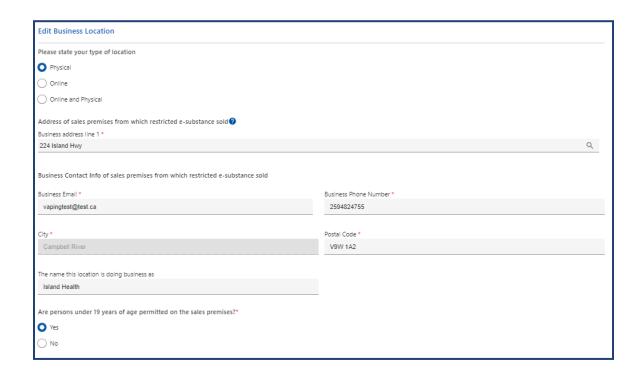
On the My Business page, scroll down to Existing Business Locations. You will see the information details for the different locations. You can edit, close or delete the location.

Edit a Location



1. To edit the location details, click the pencil icon for the relevant location.





2. Make your changes.

Note: If you selected a location for which you have already submitted the NOI, only the contact details can be edited.

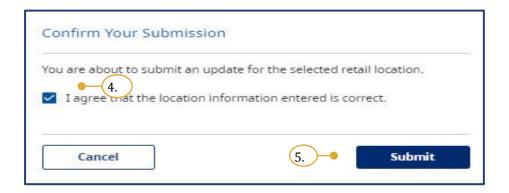


Note: when you select "The name this location is doing business as" field, a tooltip will disply to provide more details on the expected input.



3. Click Submit



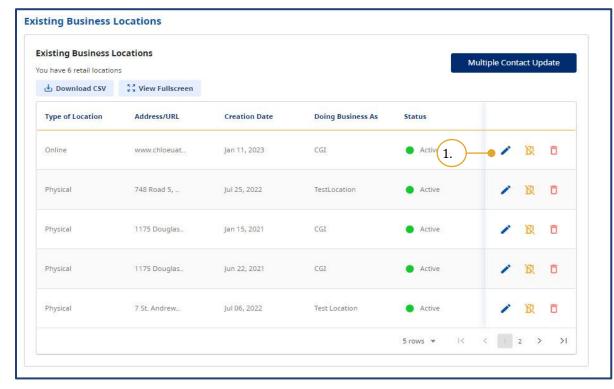


- 4. Acknowledge that the information is correct.
- 5. Click **Submit** to confirm your submissioin.

Your changes have been submitted successfully.

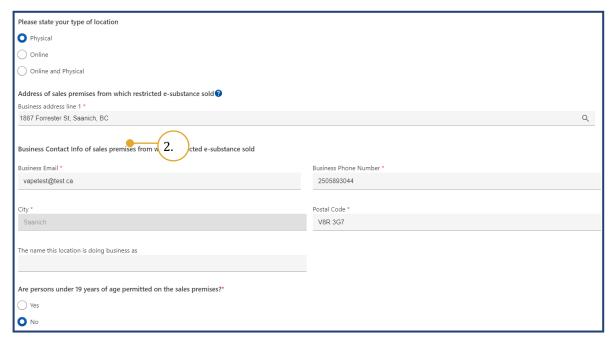
Edit a Location with Duplicated Address Found

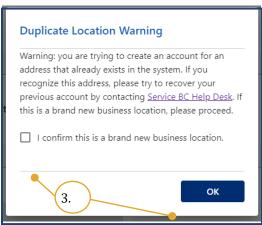
To prevent duplicated accounts with the same business locations, city and address fields are validated to check for existing accounts.



1. To edit the location details, click the pencil icon for the relevant location.



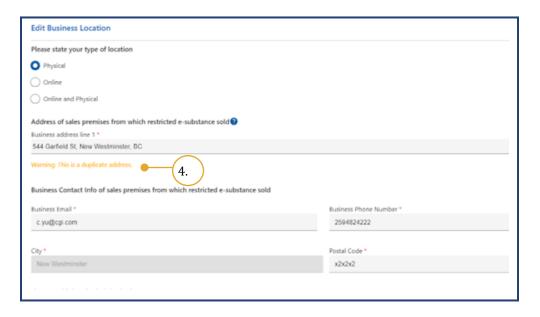




2. In the Business address line, if the address entered matches an existing address in the database, then the duplicate location warning pop up will display.

3. Acknowledge the warning to proceed if you do not have an existing account for the address entered, or follow the instructions in the pop up to recover your previous account.



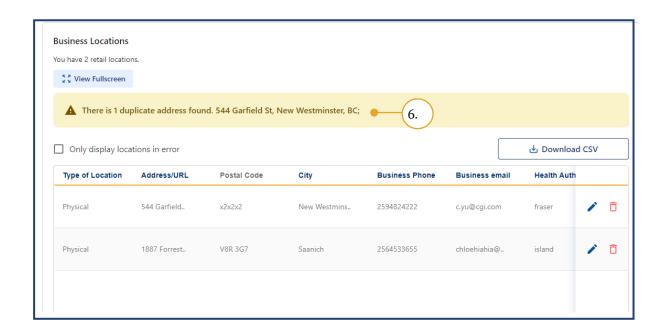


4. A warning message will display under the Business address line 1 in the Edit Business Location page.



5. Click **Submit**.





6. If the duplicated address is not updated, a warning banner will disply to notify you on the number of duplicate address found and its respective address.





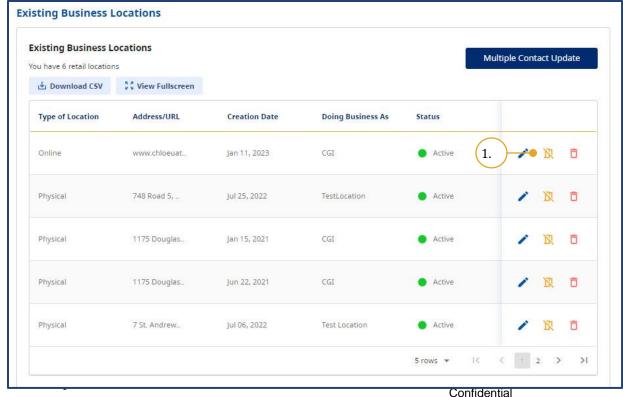
7. Acknowledge that the information is correct.

8. Click **Submit** to confirm your submissioin.

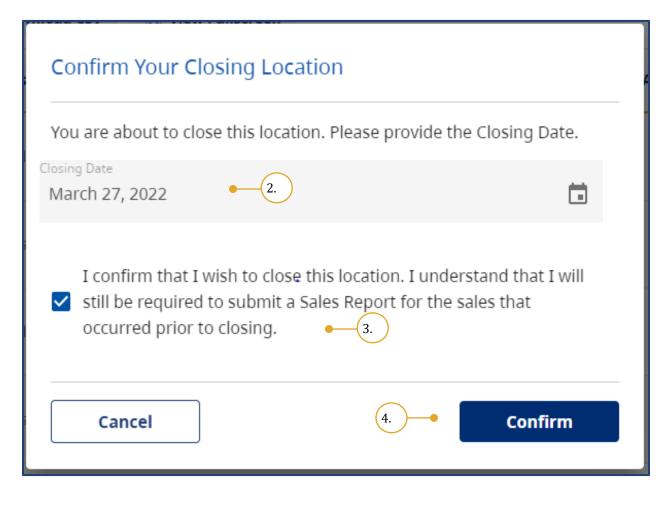
> Your changes have been submitted successfully.

1. To close a location, click the close location icon for the relevant location.

Close a Location





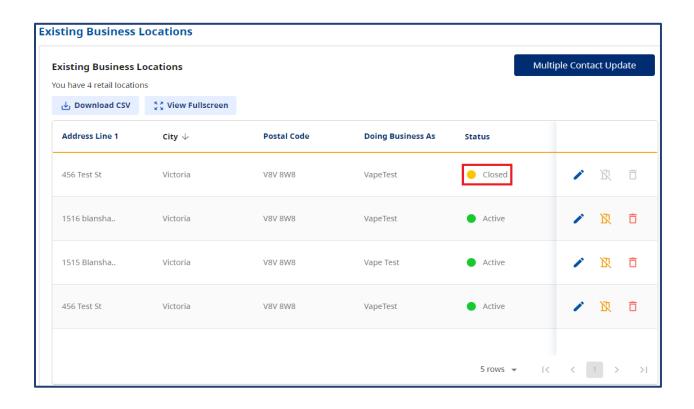


You will be asked to confirm that you wish to close the location.

- 2. Provide the **Closing Date** for the location by clicking the calendar icon and selecting a date.
- 3. Acknowledge that you are aware that you still need to submit a Sales Report for the sales that occurred prior to closing.
- 4. Click Confirm.



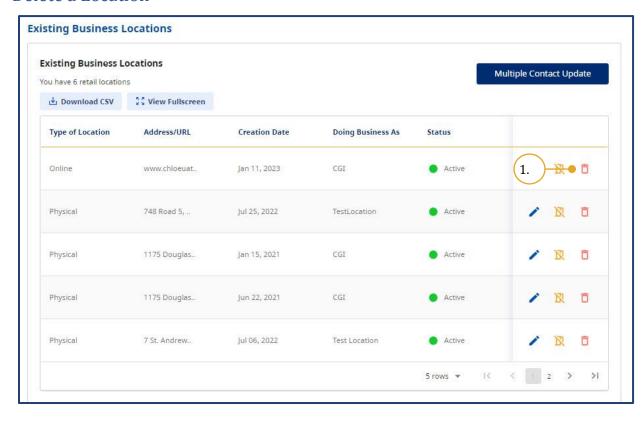
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The status for the location now shows as **Closed**.



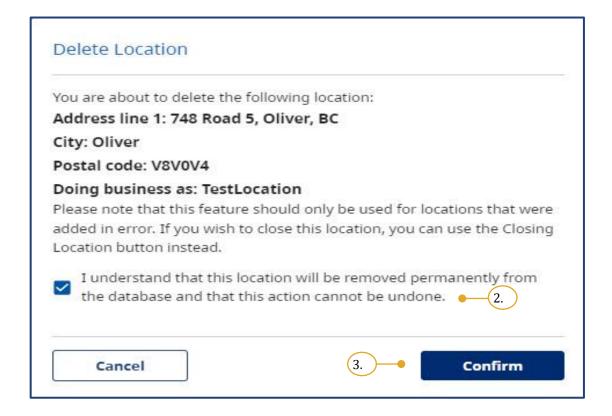
Delete a Location



1. To delete a location, click the delete icon by clicking the trash bin icon for the relevant location.

Note: Use this functionality only if the location you created was a duplicate or an error. If you have sold or closed a location, use the **close location** icon by clicking the yellow icon.



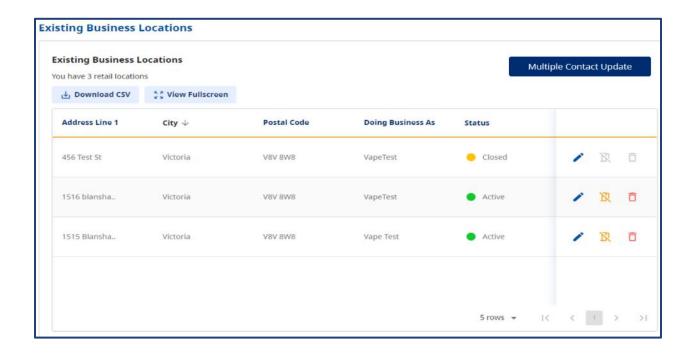


- 2. Acknowledge that you understand deleting the location will permenantly remove it from the database.
- 3. Click **Confirm**.



This action will permanently remove the location from the database. **This action cannot be undone.**





The location is deleted and removed from the Existing Business Locations list.



Notice of Intent to Sell E-Substances

Business owners must notify the Ministry of Health of their intent to sell restricted e-substances by submitting a Notice of Intent to Sell E-Substances to the Ministry of Health at least six weeks before their first sale. The **Notice of Intent to Sell E-Substances** is required for each separate sales premises for your business and for the sale of non-therapeutic nicotine e-substances. Business owners are required to submit the following information:

- · Legal name of business
- Name under which business is conducted
- Address of sales premises from which restricted e-substances are sold
- Phone number for sales premises
- Email address for sales premises
- Webpage for sales premises (if applicable)
- If persons under 19 years of age are permitted on the sales premises
- · Health Authority in which the retail location is located

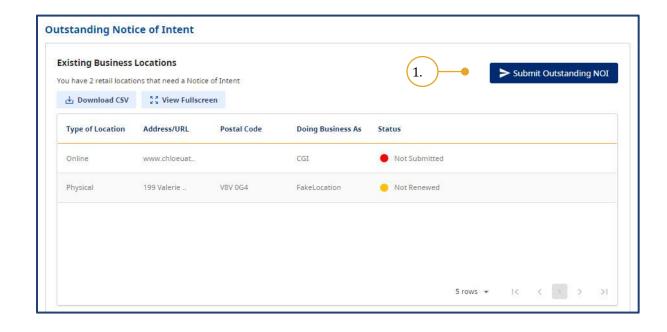
The Notice of Intent must be submitted prior to January 15 of each year that a retailer intends to continue sales.

NOTE: Business owners that fail to submit their Notice of Intent and that fail to comply with the new reporting requirements may be subject to offences under the *Public Health Act*.

Only after you have entered your business information and added locations, will you be able to submit or renew your Notice of Intent (NOI).



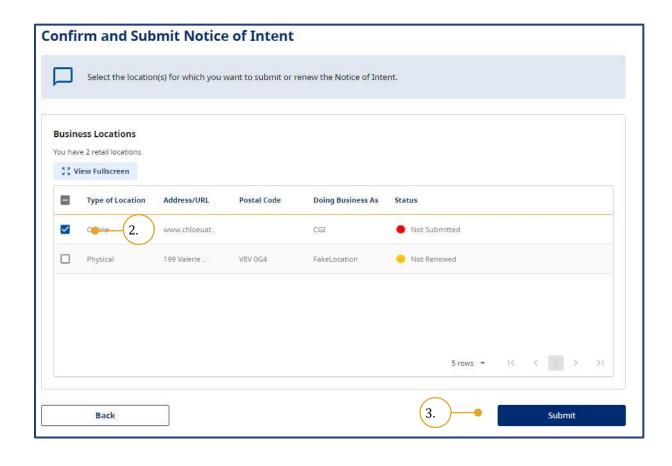
Submit a Notice of Intent to Sell E-Substances



1. To view a list of the locations with outstanding NOIs, scroll down to the NOI table. Click **Submit Outstanding NOI**.

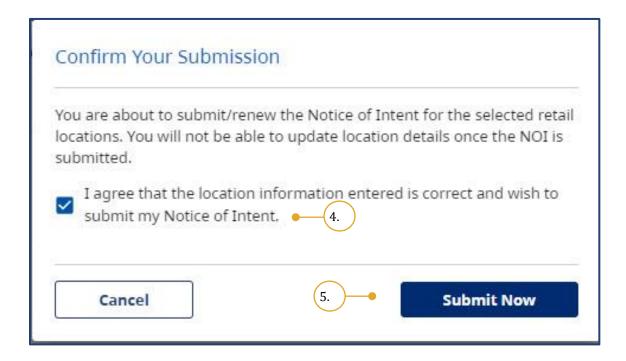


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- 2. To submit an outstanding NOI, select the business location for which you want to submit the NOI.
- 3. Click **Submit**.





- 4. Acknowledge that you want to submit your NOI.
- 5. Click **Submit Now**.

Renew a Notice of Intent

Every year, you must renew your Notice of Intent to sell vaping products for each of your locations. Follow the same process detailed above.



Product Reports

As a business owner who intends to sell e-substances in British Columbia, you are required to provide product reports for each restricted e-substance you intend to sell. Product Reports must be submitted at least six weeks prior to selling a restricted e-substance.

A Product Report must include the following information for each e-substance that will be sold from the sales premises:

- Name and contact information of the manufacturer
- Brand name and product name
- Type of product
- Concentration of nicotine (in mg/mL)
- Capacity (in mLs) of either the refillable container, or the tank/cartridge to hold the e-substance
- List of all the ingredients in an e-substance (both the common and scientific names unless one of these names is not available from the manufacturer)

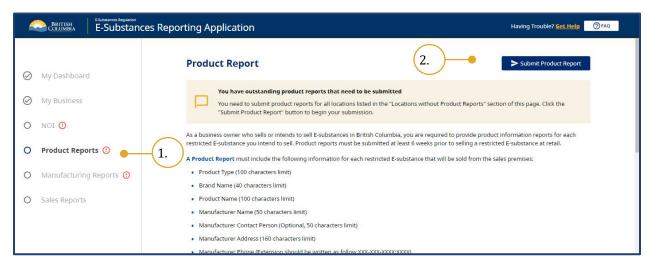
If any of the above information changes for a specific e-substance, the business owner must report this change to the Ministry within seven days of selling the changed product.



You can only access the Product Reports section of the database after you have submitted a Notice of Intent.



Submit Product Report

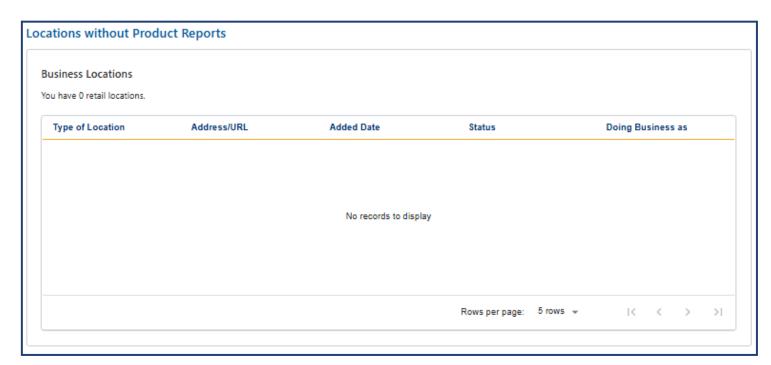


- 1. Select **Product Reports**.
- 2. Select **Submit Product Report**.



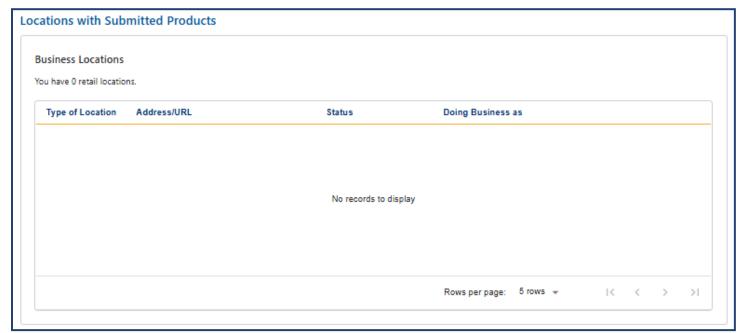
The process is the same for submitting your initial Product Report and any subsequent reports.





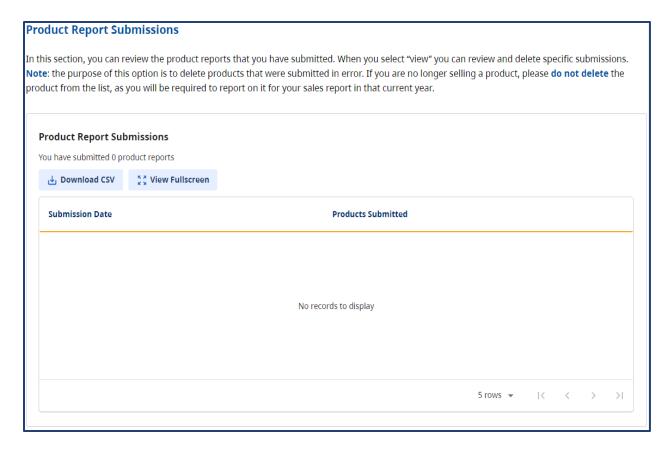
3. To view the locations without Product Reports, scroll down the Product Reports page to the **Business Locations** table.





4. To view the locations with Product Reports, scroll down the Locations with Submitted Products page to the Business Locations table.





 To view the Product Reports Submissions, scroll down to the Product Reports Submission page to the Product Report Submissions table.





- 6. When submitting Product Reports, you can:
 - a. Upload a CSV file.
 - Add products from an existing location if you previously submitted a Product Report for another location.



Upload a Product Report File



- 1. Select **Upload Product List File**.
- 2. Upload a file:
 - a. Drag and drop the CSV file from your computer to the box.
 - b. Click **browse from your device**, which will open the file viewer from your computer.

The Product Report CSV template provided by the Ministy of Health provides retailers with a sample of the required criteria for submitting a product report. You can download the template and use it for submitting product reports.



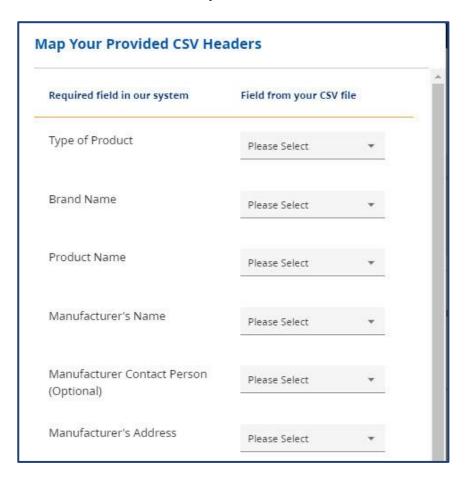
All files must be uploaded as a CSV file (see <u>Converting Files to CSVs</u>). Uploading a file that has not been saved as a CSV will result in an error.

Note: When submitting new products that you intend to sell, YOU MUST ONLY SUBMIT THE NEW PRODUCTS THAT HAVE BEEN ADDED. If you resubmit your entire product report, each product will show up twice on your product list and will impact your Sales Report.



Header Mapping

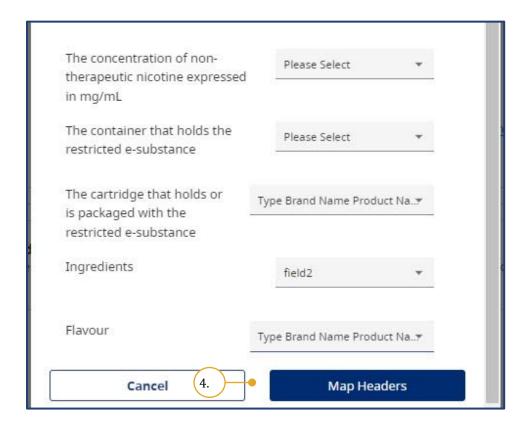
Once a Product Report CSV has been uploaded, you must map the headers from your CSV to the headers contained in the database if you have additional information in your CSV file.



3. After uploading your report, you must map the **Required field in our system** (left) to the **Field from your CSV file** (right).

If you are using your own template, the title of each header may not be identical.



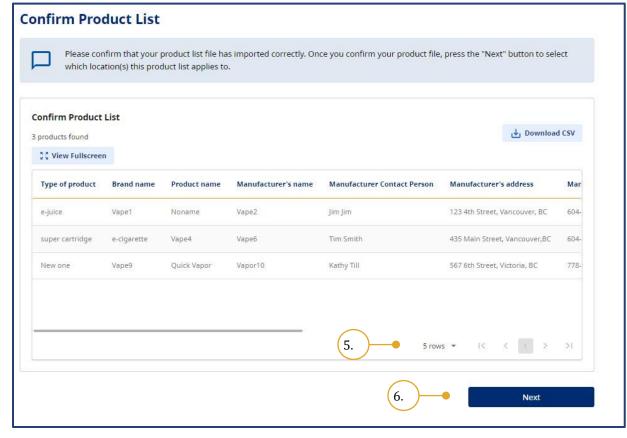


4. Once all headers have been mapped, click **Map Headers**.



Confirm and Submit

You will be asked to confirm the products that you would like to submit.

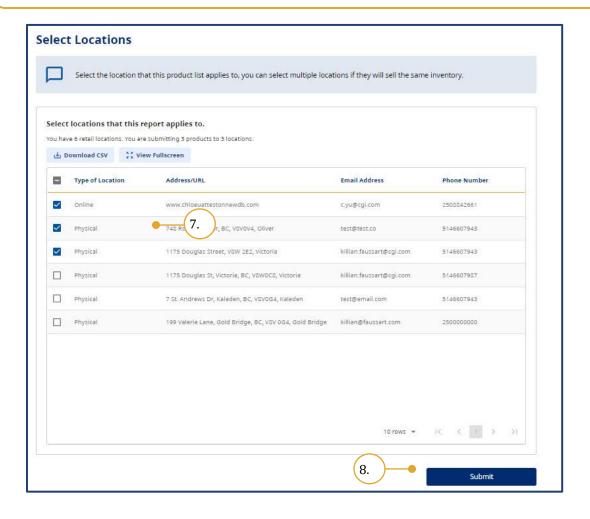


- 5. If you have submitted more than five products, you can navigate through the list by using the arrows and page numbers at the bottom right of the table.
- 6. Once you have confirmed the products you are submitting, click **Next**.



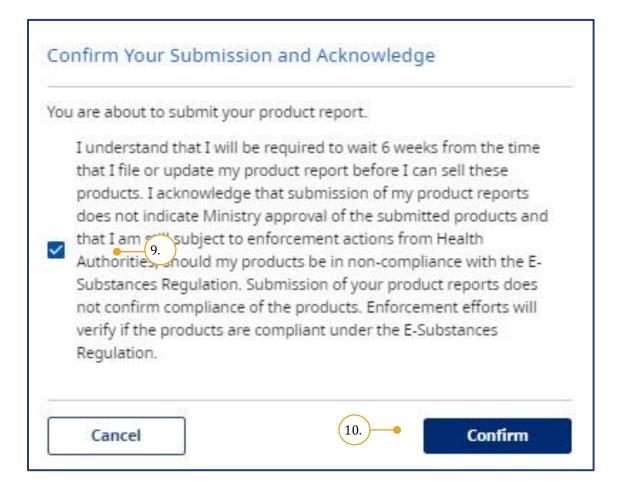
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The **Download CSV** option is optional and available for your convenience. If your Product submission contained errors, then an Error report will be available for download. This report will show you the errors contained in your Product report, line by line and field by field. Once your report is fixed, you can upload it again.



- 7. Select the locations. **Note:** You may select all locations by choosing the checkbox in the top left.
- 8. Click **Submit**.





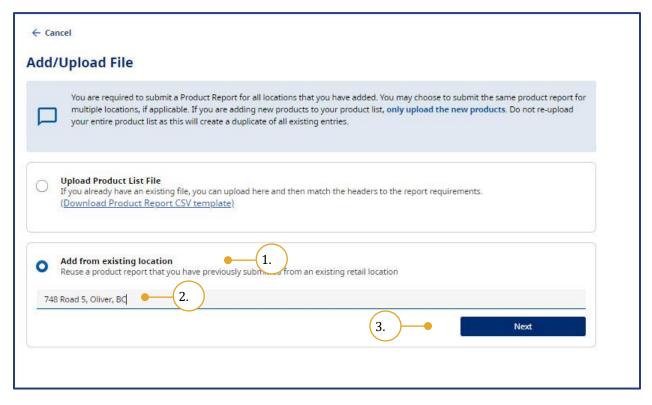
- 9. Acknowledge that you would like to submit the Product Report.
- 10. Click Confirm.

Submission of your product report does not indicate Ministry approval of your product list. You must adhere to the restrictions outlined in the E-Substances Regulation.

Once you confirm, a "Submitting product report. Please wait..." message will appear to let you know that your report is being submitted. The "Confirm" button will be disabled to prevent submitting the report multiple times. **Note**: It may take longer for large files.

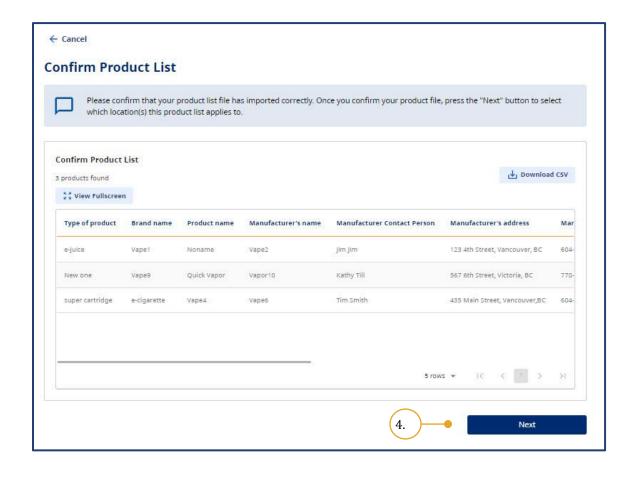


Add from an Existing Location



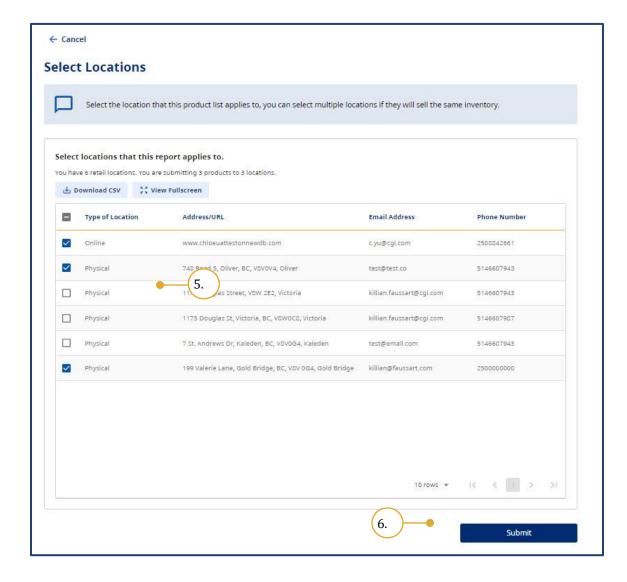
- 1. Click **Add from existing location**.
- 2. Search for the address of the existing retail location.
- 3. Click Next.





4. Confirm the product list and click **Next**.





- 5. Select the locations for which the report will apply.
- 6. Click **Submit**.



Confirm Your Submission and Acknowledge You are about to submit your product report. I understand that I will be required to wait 6 weeks from the time that I file or update my product report before I can sell these products. I acknowledge that submission of my product reports does not indicate Ministry approval of the submitted products and that I am still subject to enforcement actions from Health Authorities, should my products be in non-compliance with the E-Substances Regulation. Confirm Cancel

7. Click **Confirm** to submit the Product Report.



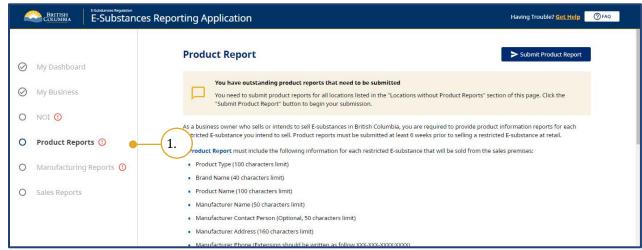
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Delete Product Report

Retailers can now delete a product report if it was submitted in error. The purpose of this section is to reduce the number of duplicates submitted into the application.

Note: The purpose of this section is NOT to manage your product lists, but rather to correct anything that may have been submitted in error. If you delete a product, you will NOT be able to submit a sales report for that product.

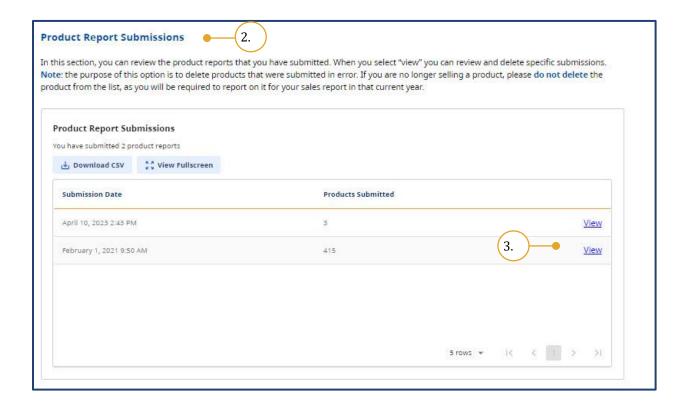
By deleting the product report, you will delete all products that were included in that submission.



Click Product Reports to review your previously submitted product reports.

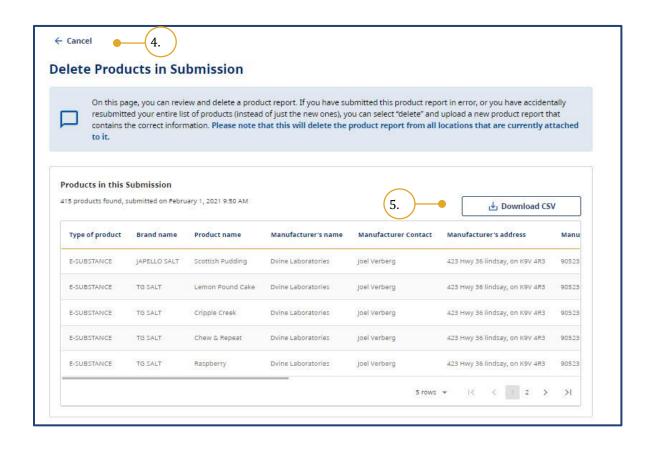


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- In the Product Reporting screen, scroll down to the table titled **Product Report Submissions**. This table shows all of your previously submitted product reports.
- 3. Click **View** to look at the report that you would like to review.





- 4. Click **Cancel** to return to the previous screen.
- Click **Download CSV** to download the CSV file for this submission.
 The purpose of the file download option is only to review your submission in Excel.





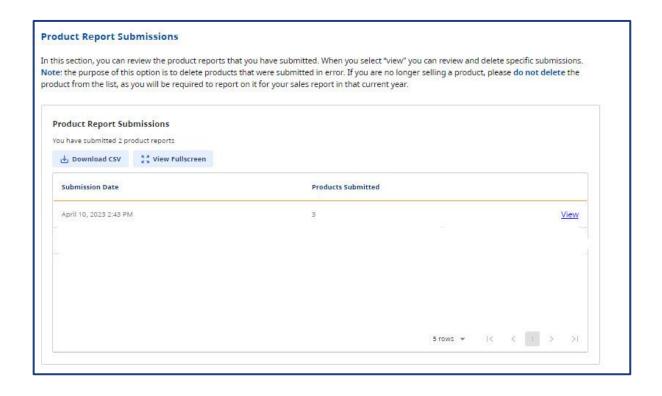
6. Click **Delete** to delete the product report. **Note**: This action will delete the product report from all applicable locations.





7. Click **Confirm**, to delete the report. **Note**: If you delete a product report, you will NOT be able to submit a sales report for the products that were deleted.





The Product Report is no longer in your list of submitted product reports.



Manufacturing Reports

As a business owner, if a retailer formulates, packages, re-packages, or prepares restricted e-substances for sale at your sales premises, you are required to provide information about those e-substances. Manufacturing Reports must be submitted at least six weeks prior to selling the e-substance at the retail location.

A Manufacturing Report must include the following information for each e-substance that will be sold from the sales premises:

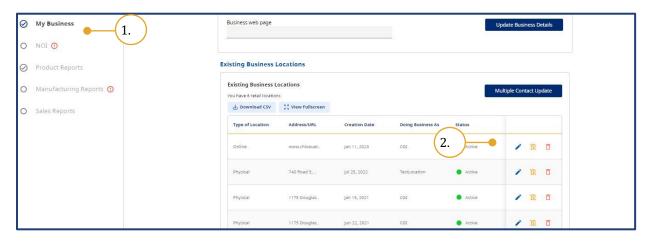
- Name and contact information of the manufacturer of each ingredient
- Both the common and scientific names of each ingredient, unless one of these names is not available from the manufacturer

If your business manufactures e-substances for sale at your sales premises, then you are required to submit Manufacturing Reports for those products. This section will provide details on the process for submitting a Manufacturing Report for your products.

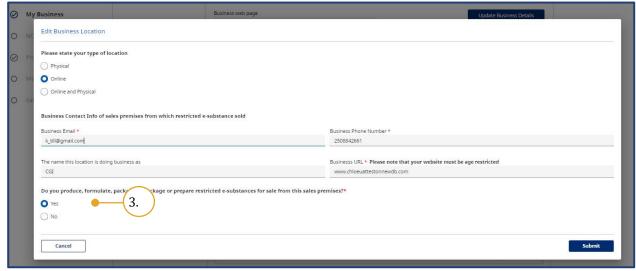


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Submit Manufacturing Reports



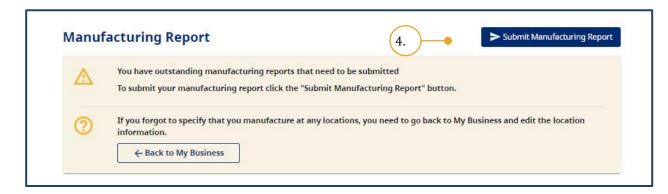
- If you manufacture products, you must update the location of your business that manufactures the product. Click My Business.
- 2. Edit the location that manufactures the products.



3. Select Yes.

Note: If you believe you have incorrectly been asked to enter a Manufacturing Report, return to the "My Business" section and confirm that you have answered **No**.



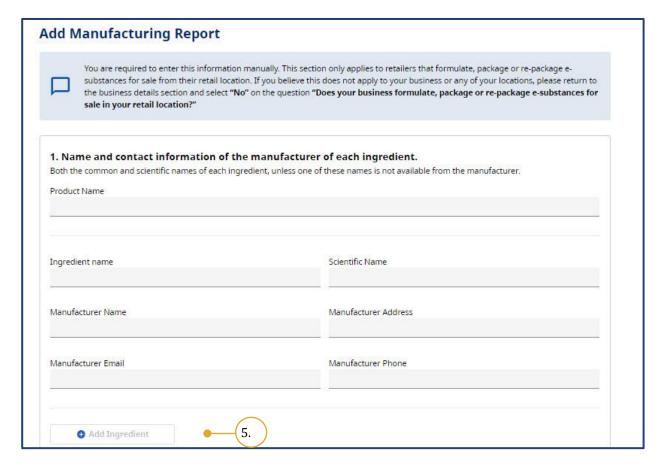


4. Click Submit Manufacturing Report.



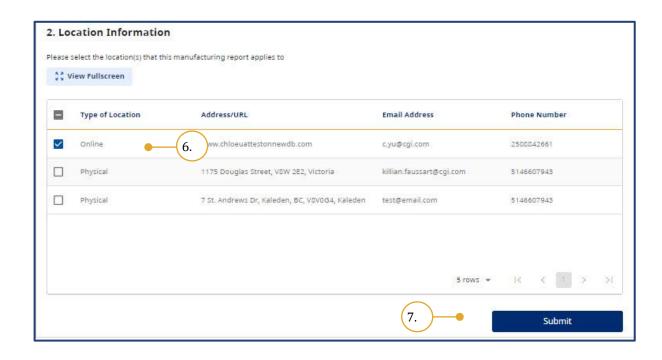
Complete a Manufacturing Report

Manufacturing reports must be entered manually.



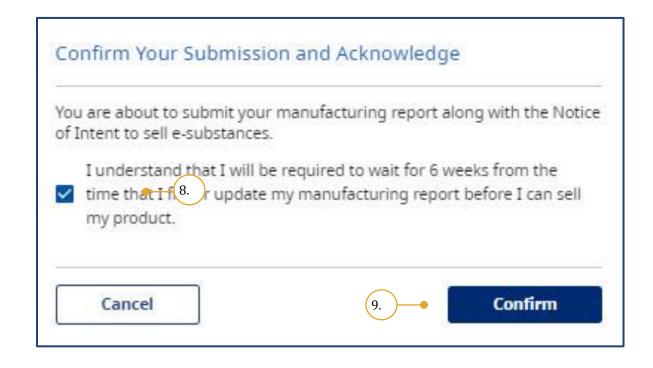
5. Enter the information requested in the form. If you have additional ingredients, click **Add Ingredient**.





- 6. After adding all ingredients, select the locations.
- 7. Click **Submit**.





- 8. Acknowledge that you agree with the required waiting period before selling the e-substance.
- 9. Click **Confirm**.

Once your Manufacturing Report has been submitted, you will receive a confirmation stating "Your Manufacturing Report has been uploaded."





10. Retailers can review their submissions in the Manufacturing Reports section of the BCER by viewing the **Manufacturing List** table.



Delete a Manufacturing Report

Retailers can delete a manufacturing report if it was submitted in error. The purpose of this section is to reduce the number of duplicates that are submitted into the application.

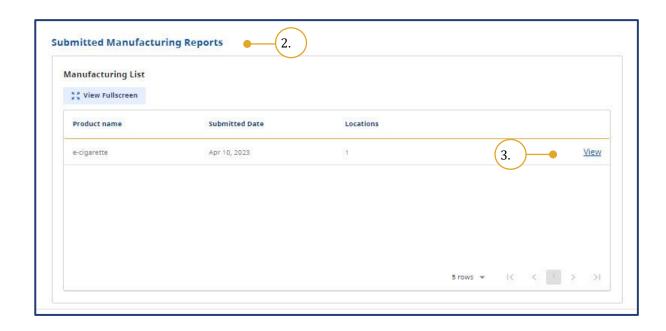


The purpose of this section is NOT to manage your manufacturing lists, but rather to correct anything that may have been submitted in error.

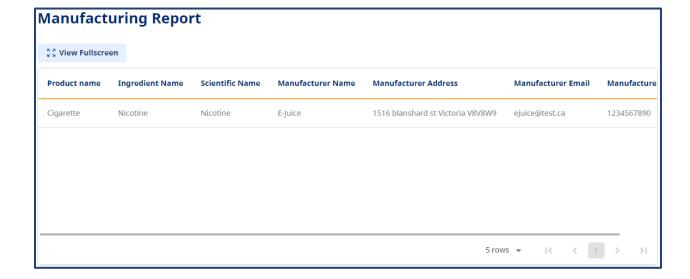


 To review your previously submitted Manufacturing Reports, click Manufacturing Reports .





- On the manufacturing reporting screen, scroll down to the Submitted
 Maufacturing Reports table.
 This table shows all your previous product report submissions.
- 3. Click **View** for the report you want to review.



A screen displays showing the submission details: product name, ingredient name, scientific name, and manufacturer name with address, email address, and phone number.



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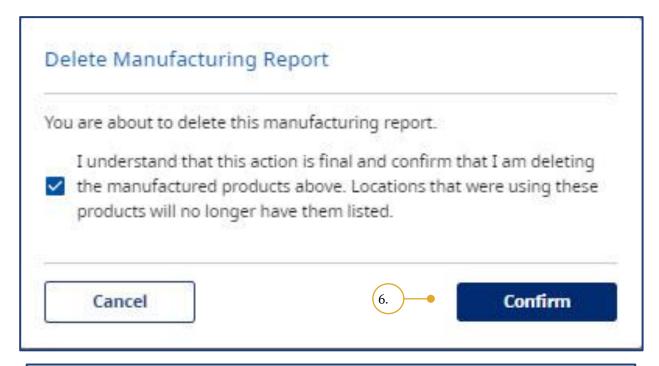
4. Review the retailer location details to which the manufacturing report is attached.

Address	123-4th Street,Vancouver, BC
Email address	tim_test@gmail.com
Phone number	6047556666
f persons under 19 are permitted on sales premis	Yes
Regional health authority the sales premise is located in	
Do you intend to manufacture any e-substances that will also be for sale at this location	Yes

5. To delete the manufacturing report, click **Delete**.

Note: This action will delete the manufacturing report from all locations to which it applies.





6. After you click Delete, you will be asked to confirm that you wish to delete the report.

Note: If you delete a manufacturing report, you will NOT be able to submit a sales report for the deleted products.



The Manufacturing Report is no longer in your Manufacturing List.



Sales Reports

Prior to January 15th of each year, business owners must report the vapour product sales that have occurred during a specified reporting period. For each type of vapour product sold, a business owner must report:

- Number of containers and cartridges sold, grouped by brand name and product name
- Volume (in mLs) of restricted e-substance in the product
- Flavour, if the e-substance in the product is flavoured

Sales data must be submitted annually, based on data collected during the reporting period of **October 1st** of the previous year **to September 30th** of the current year. For example, from October 1, 2022 to September 30, 2023. The due date for submitting Sales Reports is January 15th of every year.



1. When you are ready to submit your sales report, click the **Sales Report** option of the database.

The BCER requires retailers to upload a CSV file for each business location. All sales for a specific location must be uploaded in one CSV file. Once a report has been submitted, retailers may submit a new report for that location if the intent is to fix an error as **the new report will replace the previously submitted report for that location.**



Sales Report Template

Businesses are required to upload a CSV file of their sales report for each location and must include a line item for each product they have sold during the reporting period.

The following CSV template is created by the Ministry of Health for businesses to use to support their sales report submissions. This file can be downloaded from the system.



vaping-reg-sales-re port.csv

The CSV template distinguishes between containers (which are restricted to a maximum of 30 mLs) and cartridges (which are restricted to a maximum of 2 mLs). If an e-substance is only sold in either a container or cartridge, the retailer may leave the other column blank.

The UPC column is optional for businesses.

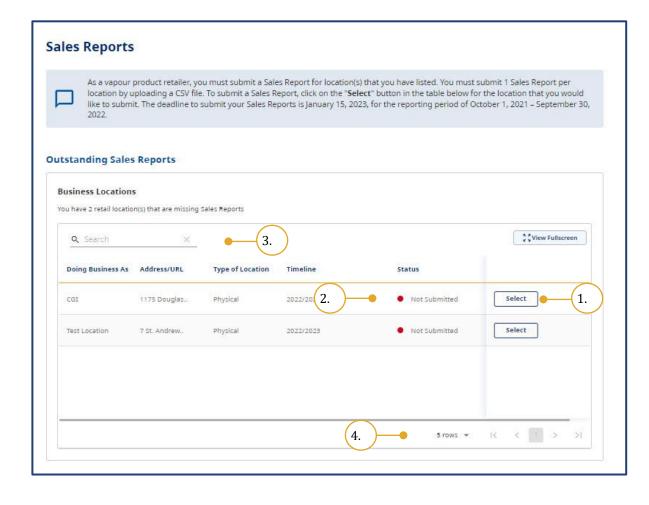
If a retailer chooses to use their own CSV file, they must ensure that the following headers are included:

- Brand name
- Product name
- Nicotine Concentration (optional)
- Cartridge capacity
- Container capacity
- Flavour
- UPC code (optional)
- Number of containers
- Number of cartridges sold



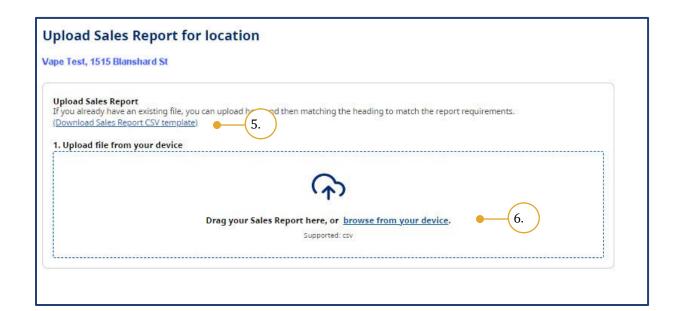
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Submit Sales Report



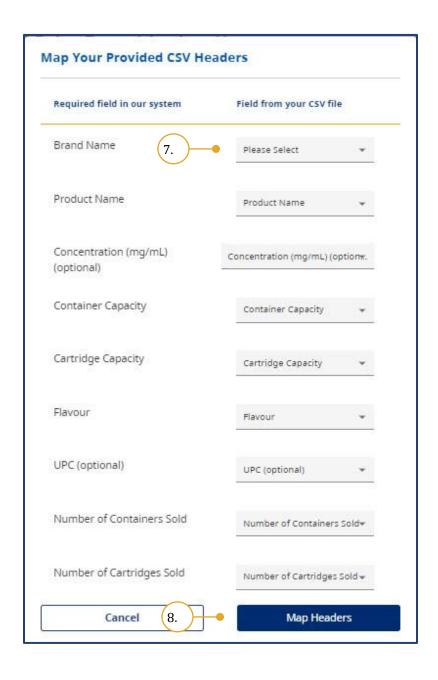
- 1. To submit a sales report, click **Select** for the location for which you want to submit a report.
 - **Note**: You may submit a Sales Report at any time between October 1 and January 15.
- 2. Review the status of your Sales Report for each location by reviewing the **Status** column in the **Sales Reports** table.
- 3. If the location for which you are submitting a Sales Report for is not listed, search for it using the **Search** bar at the top-left of the table.
- 4. If you have more than five locations, you can navigate through the pages using the arrows and page numbers at the bottom of the table.





- Once you have selected the location for which you want to submit a report, the address and Doing Business As name are listed in the top-left corner.
- 5. Download a copy of the Ministryprovided CSV template by clicking **Download Sales Report CSV template**.
- 6. To upload your report, drag and drop the sales report from your computer into the Upload section, or click **browse from your device** to find and upload the file.





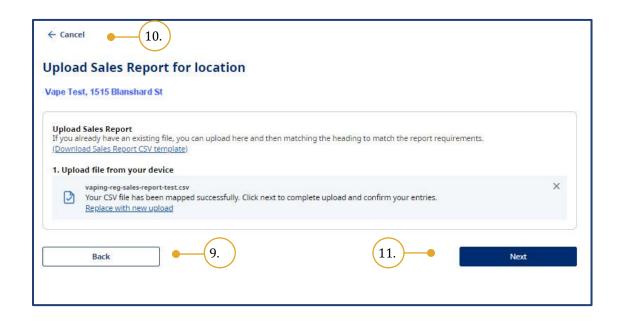
map the **Required field in our system**(left) to the **Field from your CSV file**(right).

B. Once all the headers have been mapped.

7. After uploading your report, you must

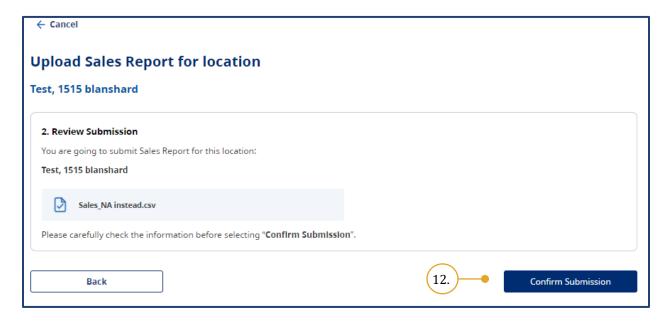
8. Once all the headers have been mapped, click **Map Headers**.





- After the headers have been mapped, you can see the uploaded file.
- 9. To return to the previous page, click **Back**.
- 10. To cancel your submission, click Cancel.
- 11. To proceed and finalize the upload for your report, click **Next**.





12. Complete your sumission by clicking **Confirm Submission**.





- 13. Acknowledge that you want to submit your sales report.
- 14. Click Confirm.





15. Click **Return to my Sales Reports** to return to the main Sales Reports page.

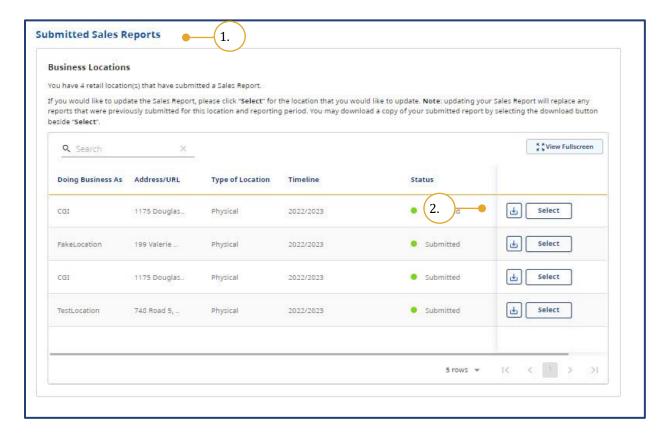


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Replace Sales Reports

You can replace any previously submitted sales report.

Note: If you choose to replace a previously submitted Sales Report, the new report will delete any previous Reports associated with that location for the reporting period.



- From the main page of the Sales Reports section, scroll down to **Submitted Sales Reports**.
- 2. Click **Select** for the location for which you want to submit a new Sales Report.

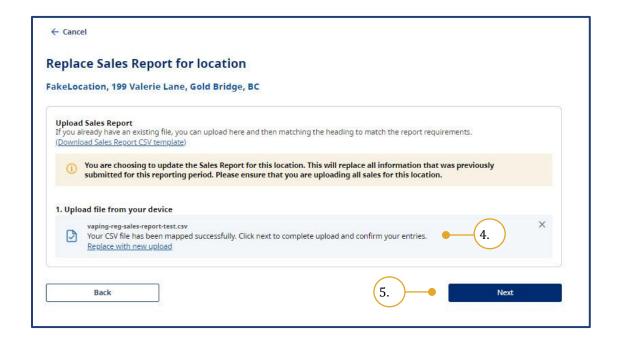




3. Drag and drop the Sales Report from your computer into the Upload section, or click **browse from your device** to find and upload the file.

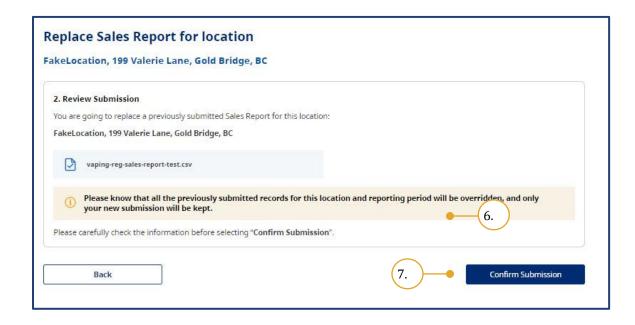
If you are uploading your own file, ensure that you have correctly mapped the headers.





- 4. You will receive a message that your file has been uploaded.
- 5. Click Next.





- 6. A warning displays indicating that any previously submitted Sales Reports for this location will be replaced.
- 7. Click **Confirm Submission**.





- 8. Acknowledge that you understand the previous report will be replaced and that you wish to submit your report.
- 9. Click **Confirm**.





Thank you!

Your Sales Report for **1515 Blanshard St, Victoria, BC** has been submitted.

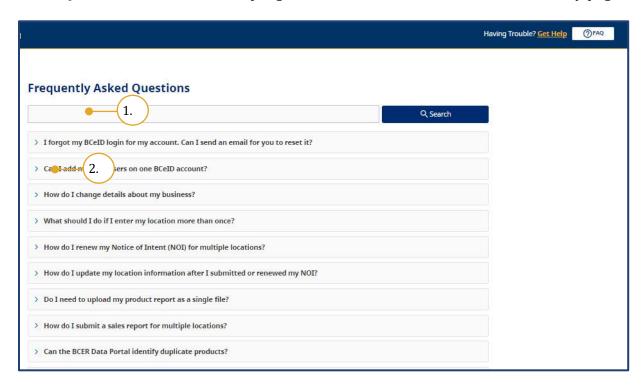
Return to my Sales Reports

A confirmation message confirming that your Sales Report was submitted will display.



Frequently Asked Questions (FAQ)

The **FAQ** button is located at the top-right of the screen and is accessible from every page.



- 1. Filter the list of questions by searching using keywords or a question.
- 2. Clicking the question will open the answer below it.



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Appendix 1: Support

For technical support in submitting your Notice of Intent, Product Report, Manufacturing Report, or Sales Report, send an email to: vaping.info@gov.bc.ca.

Further information on the E-Substances Regulation and information for retailers is available on the B.C. Laws website: https://www.bclaws.gov.bc.ca/civix/document/id/complete/statreg/186 2020



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