

How to Apply for a Temporary Event

A temporary cannabis event is a licensed event lasting 1 to 4 days at a location not normally licensed. At this event, retailers can sell cannabis goods and event attendees can buy and/or consume cannabis goods.

A temporary cannabis event is different from an educational event. You do not need a license if you are hosting an educational event or just sharing information on cannabis. However, you cannot sell or give away cannabis at an educational event. If you display cannabis goods during an educational event, you must follow the personal possession limits in the Health and Safety Code.

How to hold a temporary event

Temporary cannabis events can only be held by someone that is a licensed Cannabis Event Organizer (Type 14). The cannabis event organizer license is an annual license with fees based on the number of events organized by the licensee each year. This license does not authorize a person to grow, manufacture, possess, distribute, or sell cannabis or cannabis products.

To receive approval for a specific temporary cannabis event, you will also need a temporary event license. To obtain a temporary cannabis event license, the cannabis event organizer licensee must apply for a Temporary Cannabis Event license at least 60 days before the first day of the cannabis event.

Applying for a temporary cannabis event license

Before applying for a specific temporary cannabis event license, be sure that you hold a valid Cannabis Event Organizer (Type 14) license.

The application for a temporary cannabis event must be submitted at least 60 days before the first day of the proposed event.

The application must include the following:

- Your name (either legal first and last name or legal business name if the applicant is an entity)
- License number for each state cannabis license you hold
- Address of the event location
- Name of the event



- A diagram of the event in black-and-white print, which includes:
 - Where the temporary cannabis event will take place on the location grounds
 - All entrances and exits that will be used by participants during the event
 - All cannabis goods consumption areas
 - All retail areas where cannabis goods will be sold
 - The hours during which cannabis goods will be sold
 - Indication of the area where cannabis waste will be stored
 - All areas where cannabis goods will be stored
 - The specific location of each cannabis licensee who will be participating in the event. Each cannabis licensee participating in the event must be identified with an assigned temporary cannabis event location number.
 - Dates and hours of operation for the event
 - Contact information for the applicant's primary contact person (name, title, address, phone number and email address)
 - Contact information for a designated contact person(s) who will be onsite at the event and reachable at all times during the event
 - Written approval from the local jurisdiction for event sales and consumption
 - A list of all licensees and employees who will be providing onsite sales of cannabis goods at the event

General requirements

- A temporary cannabis event can only be held at a county fair event, district agricultural association event, or at another venue expressly approved by a local jurisdiction for the purpose of holding a temporary cannabis event.
- A temporary cannabis event license will not be issued to a premises that is licensed for the sale of alcohol or tobacco.
- If the list of licensees and employees participating in the event changes after the initial application, an updated list must be submitted at least 72 hours before the event.

Requirements for the temporary event

- Consumption of alcohol or tobacco is not allowed on the event premises
- The licensed cannabis event organizer must hire or contract for security personnel to provide security services on-site at the licensed temporary cannabis event
- Access to the area where cannabis consumption is allowed shall be restricted to persons 21 years of age or older
- A sign must be posted at or near each entrance that states "No Persons Under 21 Allowed." The sign must be at least 7" by 11" in size.
- Cannabis consumption cannot be seen from any public place or non-age-restricted area.
- Onsite cannabis consumption requirements by the local jurisdiction must be followed and smoking of cannabis is prohibited in areas where smoking is prohibited by law



- Employees of every licensee participating in the event must display licensee-issued employee identification badges
- Only retailers can sell cannabis goods during an event. Retailers must follow all the rules for on-site sales and consumption, including:
 - Displays of cannabis goods
 - Use of exit packaging
 - Age restrictions on sales
 - Daily sales limits
 - No free samples of cannabis goods or cannabis accessories
 - Recording sales in the track and trace system
- Each retailer must have a specific location where they sell cannabis goods. Retailers cannot sell cannabis goods from mobile carts.

The regulations for temporary cannabis events can be found in Department regulations sections 15600-15604.

The Department of Cannabis Control (DCC) licenses and regulates commercial cannabis activity within California. To learn more about the California cannabis market, state licenses or laws, visit cannabis.ca.gov. Email questions to info@cannabis.ca.gov or call 1-844-61-CA-DCC (1-844-612-2322).

