

INDUSTRIAL HEMP REGISTRATION PROCESS

Q: What are the state and local requirements for industrial hemp cultivation?

A: All state requirements for industrial hemp cultivation are outlined in [Division 24 of the California Food and Agricultural Code \(FAC\)](#) and [Title 3, Division 4, Chapter 8 of the California Code of Regulations](#). In accordance with FAC Division 24, cultivation of industrial hemp in California will require registration with your local county agricultural commissioner.

For information regarding any additional local restrictions that may apply to any proposed activities, please contact the applicable county and/or city officials, including the county agricultural commissioner's office. Contact information for all county agricultural commissioners is available at <https://www.cdfa.ca.gov/exec/county/countymap/>.

Q: How do I register?

A: Registration applications are available on the CDFA's Industrial Hemp Program webpage: <https://www.cdfa.ca.gov/plant/industrialhemp/> (We recommend downloading the application for full functionality). Submit your completed application along with the appropriate registration fee to your local county agricultural commissioner. If you intend to cultivate in multiple counties, you will need to register with each county separately.

Q: Which registration application do I complete?

A: If you plan to cultivate industrial hemp for commercial purposes, fill out the [application for growers](#). If you plan to cultivate industrial hemp for seed cultivar development or seed production, fill out the [application for seed breeders](#). If you plan to cultivate industrial hemp as a grower and seed breeder, then you will need to complete both applications.

Q: I submitted my application, what's next?

A: Once your application has been reviewed and approved, a proof of registration along with a letter documenting your registered cultivation site(s) and approved seed cultivar(s) will be mailed to you. The proof of registration is valid for one year from the issue date.

The registration letter may indicate that a seed cultivar on your registration application is pending approval. You will need to provide documentation to meet the approved seed cultivar requirements (CCR § 4920) to the county agricultural commissioner for review and approval prior to planting.

Q: When can I begin planting?

You can begin cultivating once you obtain your proof of registration and the county agricultural commissioner has approved your seed cultivar(s) for planting.

Changes to add or remove registered cultivation sites and approved seed cultivars must be submitted to the county prior to planting.

Q: How do I make a change on my registration?

A: Changes to business names, contact information, cultivation site, approved seed cultivar, and seed development plan must be requested by submitting a new application. Registrants are not required to pay additional registration fees for such changes.

Registration cannot be amended for changes in registrant or county, or changes from grower to seed breeder and vice versa. Registrants must submit a new registration application and fee to make these changes.