

WHO CAN APPLY FOR A LICENSE?

The **Medicinal Cannabis Industry Act, 2019** allows you to handle medicinal cannabis for **medical and scientific purposes only** under the Barbados Medicinal Cannabis Licensing Authority (BMCLA).

An applicant must be 18 or older and either:

- a citizen of Barbados;
- a permanent resident of Barbados;
- has immigrant status in Barbados;
- a CARICOM citizen; or
- a company, partnership or co-operative society (where 30% of ownership must be owned by a citizen, permanent resident, person with immigrant status or a CARICOM citizen*)



**see exception to the 30% rule in the Barbados Medicinal Cannabis Industry Act, 2019 on www.bmcla.bb*

OUR STORY

The Barbados Medicinal Cannabis Licensing Authority (BMCLA) is the regulator mandated to create and position the local medicinal cannabis industry as a global centre of excellence in training, certification, research and development and to provide a high quality, accessible and advanced patient-centric environment to qualifying individuals.

The BMCLA also ensures that the safety of consumers of medicinal cannabis and its by-products are adequately protected, by appropriately regulating the importation, sale, distribution, possession, purchase, manufacture, and cultivation of medicinal cannabis.

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WHAT YOU SHOULD KNOW IN A BUD

about the Barbados Medicinal Cannabis Industry



MEDICINAL CANNABIS AS A PATIENT

A patient can only get access to medicinal cannabis as a prescription by a medical practitioner. That prescription can only be filled by a pharmacist.

A pharmacist shall only dispense or supply medicinal cannabis on the submission by a patient or where applicable, a caregiver, of a prescription and a valid form of identification.

Upon dispensing medicinal cannabis to a patient (or, where applicable, a caregiver), a pharmacist shall ensure that the label given, in respect of the prescription, has the information required.

MEDICINAL CANNABIS & YOUTH

There will be no sale to minors.

Possession of cannabis on or near school premises, the inclusion of a child or young person in the drug trade and the purchase of cannabis from a child or young person is illegal and indictment and could result in imprisonment for life.

A parent or guardian of a patient who is a minor or young person must obtain a certificate in writing from a medical practitioner certifying that the use of medicinal cannabis is necessary in the case of that minor or young person, and the parent or guardian shall consent in writing to the use of medicinal cannabis.

MEDICINAL CANNABIS AS A BUSINESS REGULATIONS

Application procedure

A person applying for a license shall

- attach the appropriate corresponding supplemental forms; and
- pay the application fee specified and such other payments required.

** For full details go to www.bmcla.bb for the Regulations & Guidelines*

Application requirements for all categories of license:

- a **certificate of character** issued by the Commissioner of Police or the equivalent of that certificate from any country in which that person was resident or domiciled in the 5 years prior to coming to Barbados. The Certificate of Character or equivalent should be issued no more than 1 month prior;
- certified copies of **two forms of identification** with photograph and **proof of address**.
- certified copy of **certificate of registration/certificate of incorporation**.
- **Doctor's certificate**.
- details of the **operational procedures** of the proposed cannabis business inclusive of a **disaster plan**, and the source of the funds;
- a **security plan** and a **disposal plan** completed in accordance with the requirements issued by the BMCLA;
- a **premises plan**, where required, completed in accordance with the requirements issued by the BMCLA;
- **planning permission** or other authorisation from the Chief Town Planner (where applicable)
- Accreditation issued to a Laboratory (where applicable)
- **any other document(s) required by the BMCLA.**

Applications and supporting documents may be submitted in electronic format or drop off at the BMCLA office.

APPLICATION FEES

Cultivator License	\$ 1,980.00
Research & Development License (eligible for an Import & Export License)	\$ 5,940.00
Laboratory License (eligible for an Import & Export License)	\$ 9,900.00
Processor License	\$ 5,940.00
Retail Distributor License (Therapeutic Facility)	\$ 5,940.00
Import License	\$ 1,980.00
Export License	\$ 1,980.00
Transport License	\$ 1,980.00

LICENSE FEES

LICENSES ARE VALID FOR 5 YEARS

TYPE	FEE
Cultivator License (fee per acre)	
Tier 1 - no more than 1 acre	\$ 29,700.00
Tier 2 - over 1 acre to 5 acres	\$123,750.00
Tier 3 - over 5 acres to 25 acres	\$ 99,000.00
Tier 4 - more than 25 acres	\$ 79,200.00
Research & Development License (eligible for an Import & Export License)	\$ 74,250.00
Laboratory License (eligible for an Import & Export License)	\$ 74,250.00
Processor License	
Tier 1 - less than 200 square metres	\$148,500.00
Tier 2 - 200 - 500 square metres	\$742,500.00
Tier 3 - more than 500 square metres	\$990,000.00
Retail Distributor License (Therapeutic Facility)	\$148,500.00
Import License	\$ 5,940.00
Export License	\$ 5,940.00
Transport License (single vehicle)	\$ 99,000.00
Additional vehicle (each)	\$ 14,850.00

MISCELLANEOUS FEES

Certified copy of license	\$ 495.00
Certified replacement of license	\$ 495.00
Reinspection Fee	\$ 297.00

All fees are quoted in Barbadian Dollar