

# CANNABIS RETAIL STORE LICENCE APPLICATION: SOLE PROPRIETORSHIP

LCRB-CAN #001

#### **INSTRUCTIONS**

Complete this application form and assemble all required documents. Submit the completed form and supporting documents to cannabis. licensing@gov.bc.ca. After the application package has been submitted, the Liquor and Cannabis Regulation Branch (LCRB) may contact the applicant for additional information or documents.

#### BEFORE STARTING THE APPLICATION

Before starting the application, ensure that:

- The sole-proprietorship has a registered business number issued by the Canada Revenue Agency
- The sole-proprietorship is not a federally licensed producer of cannabis
- The person filling out and submitting the application is at least 19 years old

The Province is not placing a cap on the number of non-medical cannabis stores that can operate in B.C. However, a licensee can only hold or have an interest in a maximum of eight cannabis retail store licences. For the purposes of the retail store licence cap, generally a franchisor cannot have more than 8 franchisees. This limit will be reviewed on January 1, 2021.

#### **DOCUMENT CHECKLIST**

An applicant for a cannabis retail store licence who is applying as a sole proprietor must provide the LCRB with the following completed documents. Failing to include them will delay the application process.

All documents must be clear and legible. Unless otherwise indicated, all documents must be submitted in high-quality PDF format.

## **Application Form**

A completed "Cannabis Retail Store Licence Application: Sole Proprietorship" form (this application form)

#### **Documents Related to the Proposed Store**

A copy of the offer to purchase, lease, or sub-lease the proposed store location. This document is required unless the applicant currently owns or leases the store location.

#### OR

A copy of the lease, sub-lease, or proof of ownership of the proposed store location (if available at the time the application is submitted)

- This documentation is not required to be submitted as part of the application package. However, it will be required before the licence is issued
- Leases or other arrangements must not expire for at least 12 months from the date the licence is issued

Photos or renderings of the store's exterior (.jpg, .gif, .png)

- Must show that cannabis is not visible from outside the store
- If submitting photos, the photos must be taken specifically for the purpose of the application (not general/stock images) and must be no more than six months old
- If submitting renderings, renderings may be either printed or hand-drawn (as long as they are legible)

Photos or renderings of the store's signage (.jpg, .gif, .png)

- The signage submitted must show the name of the store and all words, images and symbols used in the signage
- Signage must not contain any pictures, images or symbols that imply the sale of medical cannabis (e.g. a green cross)
- Signage must not imply an association with another business (other than another non-medical cannabis retail store)
- If submitting renderings, renderings may be either printed or hand-drawn (as long as they are legible)

# Floor Plan(s)

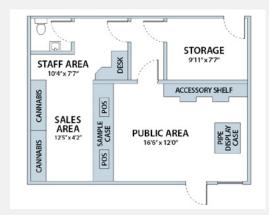
A **floor plan** is a document, showing a view from above, of the dimensions and relationships between rooms, spaces and other physical features on each floor of a structure. The document must measure at least 8.5" x 11" (standard letter size). A floor plan for each level of the establishment must be submitted if the proposed establishment has more than one level. Either a hand-drawn or computer-generated plan is acceptable, as long as the plan is drawn to scale and is clear and legible. A floor plan must not be submitted on graph paper or paper with gridlines.



#### Floor plan(s) - Continued

The floor plan must be submitted at the time of application and it must identify the proposed non-medical cannabis retail area(s) plus the following interior features of the establishment:

- Each room or area labeled with its intended use and dimensions;
- Washrooms, stairs and elevators;
- Entrances and exits (including those used by staff only);
- Cannabis storage areas;
- Sales counter and cash register locations;
- Furniture and fixture layout (e.g. shelves, display cases); and
- Identify the security system and other physical security features that secure the store.



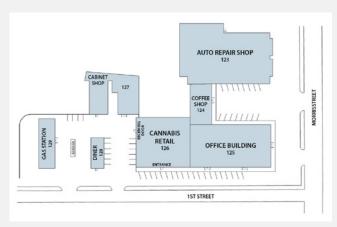
Example of floor plan

#### Site Plan(s)

A **site plan** is a document showing any existing and proposed building footprints, pathways of travel, parking, and landscaping elements, and the surrounding area. The document must measure at least 8.5" x 11" (standard letter size). Either a hand-drawn or computer-generated plan is acceptable, as long as the plan is drawn to scale and is clear and legible. A site plan must not be submitted on graph paper or paper with gridlines.

The site plan must include the proposed store footprint and a representation of any interior or exterior spaces surrounding the store, including:

- The location of any other buildings/businesses on the same site, each building footprint, type of businesses (e.g. gas station, office building) and building names, and their entrances and exits;
- A description of the type of separation proposed (for any adjoining businesses);
- Road access and exits, including any relevant street names; and
- Parking lots.



Example of site plan

If the proposed store is located inside a building with other businesses (e.g. a mall), submit **two** site plans:

- One site plan showing location of any other buildings/businesses on the same site, including:
  - Each building footprint, building name and a list of businesses operating inside the building
- o Road access and exits, including any relevant street names, and
- Parking lots
- A second site plan showing the location of the proposed store inside the building's footprint
  - All entrances and exits for the building
  - The location, name and type of businesses operating inside the building
  - The store footprint with all entrances and exits for the store, and
  - A description of the type of separation proposed for any business adjoining the proposed store

Full height walls are required for separation and no connecting doors between the cannabis retail store and the neighbouring business are permitted.

The cannabis retail store may share a vestibule with another type of business (e.g. a liquor store or grocery store) provided each business has its own controlled entrance within the vestibule. The cannabis retail store cannot share a vestibule with a business that would be contrary to public interest (i.e. business aimed at minors or a liquor consumption business).

## **Documents Related to the Sole-Proprietorship Applying for the Licence**

List of sole-proprietorship's key personnel and senior employees:

• Key personnel are those people having authority and responsibility for planning, directing, and controlling the activities of the sole-proprietorship, either directly or indirectly



## Financial Documents (if the sole-proprietorship has operated for more than one year)

Completed Business Financial Integrity form

Annual financial statements for the past 3 years including:

- Balance sheet
- Profit and loss statement
- Cash flows

Tax filing for the past 3 years in all jurisdictions filed in

Notice of Assessment (or equivalent) for past 3 years in all jurisdictions filed in

Documentation of funding sources and amounts

Documentation about any debts owed

Documentation about any loans given

## Financial Documents (if the sole-proprietorship has operated for less than one year)

Completed Business Financial Integrity form

Projected financial statements, including:

- Balance sheet
- Profit and loss statement
- Cash flows
- Assumptions used for projections

**Privacy Collection Notice**The information requested on this form is collected by the Liquor and Cannabis Regulation Branch under Sections 26 (a) and (c) of the Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act for the purpose of cannabis licensing, compliance and enforcement matters in accordance with the Cannabis Control and Licensing Act. Should you have any questions about the collection, use, or disclosure of personal information, please contact the Freedom of Information Officer at PO Box 9292 STN PROV GVT, Victoria, BC, V8W 9J8 or by phone toll free at 1-866-209-2111.



# PART 1: DETAILS OF THE SOLE PROPRIETORSHIP

Complete all fields. Fields that are incomplete or incorrect will cause delays.				
Business Number 9 digit number from the Canada Revenue Agency				
<b>Business Contact</b> The name and contact information of the person LCRB should contact for ongoing communication.				
Contact Person	Phone	Email		
Mailing Address The address for snail mail, including where licence renewal notifications will be sent.				
Sole Proprietor Name	Address	ldress		
City	Country	Province/State		
Postal Code/ZIP Code				
PART 2: CONNECTIONS TO FEDERAL PRODUCERS OF CANNABIS				
Does the sole proprietor have any association, connection or financial interest in a federally licensed producer of cannabis?  Yes No  This includes, but is not limited to:  Directly holding voting shares in a federal producer.  Indirectly holding voting shares in a federal producer. For example, through a subsidiary or holding voting shares in a company that holds voting shares in a federal producer.  Having a beneficial interest in a federal producer. For example, through a trust.  A contractual business arrangement of any sort.  If Yes - Provide the name of the federal producer and details of the connection (e.g. percentage and type of shares held).				
Does the sole proprietor have an immediate family member that has any interest in a federal producer?				
Yes No				
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If Yes - Provide the name of the federal producer and details of the connection (e.g. percentage and type of shares held).				



## PART 3: APPLICATION CONTACT DETAILS

The contact the LCRB should communicate wit	in regarding the application			
First Name	Last Name	Title Contact's role in the sole proprietorship		
Email	Phone			
PART 4: PROPERTY DETAILS				
Physical Address of Proposed Store				
Proposed Store Name As part of the application process we will review the proposed scannabis.	store's name. The name cannot imply sales of medicinal	<ul> <li>Words related to medicinal products or similar sounding words will not be approved such as:</li> <li>Pharmacy / Farmacy</li> <li>Dispensary / Dispenzary</li> <li>Clinic / Klinic</li> <li>Apothecary / Apothekary</li> </ul>		
Address				
City	Province British Columbia	Postal Code		
Parcel Identifier (PID)	<ul> <li>The property's PID may be found on:</li> <li>The title to the property</li> <li>Through the B.C. Land Title and Survey Authority</li> <li>The tax assessment notice from BC Assessment</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>BC Assessment's e-valueBC website</li> <li>The municipal tax notice</li> <li>The property lease</li> </ul>		
Does the sole proprietorship currently have an offer to lease, sub-lease or purchase the location?  Yes  N				
If YES, please confirm the following: A copy of the offer to lease, sub-lease, or purchase the location is included with this application.  OR				
Does the sole proprietorship currently own, lease, or sub-lease the location for a period of more than 12 months? Yes				
If YES, please confirm the following: A copy of the proof of ownership, lease or sub-lease is included with this application.				
If NO, applicants must purchase or lease the property before receiving conditional approval. A licence cannot be issued unless the applicant provides evidence of the purchase or lease. Leases or other arrangements must not expire for at least 12 months from the date a licence is issued.				

# **PART 5: DECLARATIONS**

This application should be submitted by an individual with the authority to bind the applicant. The Branch relies on the applicant to ensure that the individual who submits this application is authorized to do so. Typically, an appropriate individual for a sole proprietorship will be the sole proprietor.

Note: An agent, lawyer, licensee representative or third party operator may NOT submit this application on behalf of the applicant.

# I understand and affirm that I am authorized to submit the application

Section 22(2) of the Cannabis Control and Licensing Act states: "A person must not submit to the general manager an application, or information or a record included as part of the application, that contains false or misleading information, or fails to disclose a material fact".

# I understand and affirm that all of the information provided for this application is true and complete

Name of Authorized Individual (Please Type)