
Definitions

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This Summary/Handout is designed to give you quick access to definitions that may be relevant to you as an employee.

We have organized it for you in several sections:

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We have a variety of other handouts to support you. Feel free to use this as a quick reference.

Types of Licenses

"Cultivator." An entity licensed by the Commission under §20-2A-62, Code of Ala. 1975, (as amended), to grow cannabis pursuant to Article 4 of the Act.

"Dispensary." An entity licensed by the commission under §20-2A-64, Code of Ala. 1975, (as amended), authorized to dispense and sell medical cannabis at dispensing sites to registered qualified patients and registered caregivers pursuant to Article 4 of the Act.

"Integrated Facility." An entity licensed under §20-2A-67, Code of Ala. 1975, (as amended).

"License." Authorization by the Commission in accordance with the Act and these Rules to operate as a cultivator, processor, secure transporter, dispensary, integrated facility, or state testing laboratory.

"Licensee." A cultivator, processor, secure transporter, state testing laboratory, dispensary, or integrated facility licensed by the Commission under Article 4 of the Act.

"Processor." One who is licensed by the Commission under §20-2A-63, Code of Ala. 1975, (as amended), authorized pursuant to Article 4 of the Act and these Rules to purchase cannabis from a cultivator and extract derivatives from the cannabis to produce a medical cannabis product or products for sale and transfer in packaged and labeled form back to the contracting cultivator, if applicable, or to a dispensary or integrated facility where the packaged and labeled product may be offered for sale at a dispensary site to holders of a valid, unrevoked and unexpired Medical Cannabis Card.

"Secure Transporter." An entity licensed by the Commission under §20-2A-65, Code of Ala. 1975, (as amended), authorized to transport cannabis or medical cannabis from one licensed facility or site to another licensed facility or site.

"State Testing Laboratory." -An entity licensed under §20-2A-66, Code of Ala. 1975, (as amended), authorized to test cannabis and medical cannabis to ensure the product meets safety qualifications and efficacy requirements as provided in the Act and these Rules.

Cannabis

"Approved Solvent." Solvent-based medical cannabis products may be manufactured using only the following solvents: butane, propane, CO₂, ethanol, isopropanol, acetone, heptane, and pentane. The use of any other solvent is expressly prohibited unless and until approved by the Commission.

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"Batch." (a) "With regard to cannabis, i.e., a **"harvest batch"**: 1. A homogenous, identified quantity of cannabis; 2. That has been cultivated and harvested together; 3. That has received identical propagation and cultivation treatment, including, but not limited to: growing media, ambient conditions, watering and light regimes and agricultural or hydroponic inputs; and 4. That has been assigned the same cultivation batch number for entry in the Statewide Seed-to-Sale Tracking System. (b) With regard to medical cannabis, i.e., a **"production batch"**: 1. A quantity of medical cannabis that is uniform and derived from one or more identifiable cannabis harvest batches; 2. That has been or is intended to be processed under the same processing protocol, using the same methods, equipment and ingredients; 3. That is intended to meet the same specifications for identity, strength and composition; 4. That has been assigned the same production batch number for entry in the Statewide Seed-to-Sale Tracking System; and 5. That is to be packaged and labeled during the same specified period of time according to a single packaging and labeling protocol.

"Cannabis." All parts of any plant of the genus cannabis, whether growing or not, including the seeds, extractions of any kind from any part of the plant, and every compound, derivative, mixture, product, or preparation of the plant; but excluding industrial hemp or hemp regulated under §2-8-11, Code of Ala. 1975, (as amended) and also excluding cannabis that is cultivated, processed, transported, stored, possessed, or used outside the Statewide Seed-to-Sale Tracking System (i.e., illicit cannabis), including but not limited to cannabis that once was included within and/or intended for placement on the Statewide Seed-to-Sale Tracking System (i.e., diverted cannabis).

"CBD." Cannabidiol, a nonintoxicating cannabinoid found in cannabis and hemp.

"Food Product." An edible offered for sale or provided for consumption as such.

"Ingested." Eaten, chewed, swallowed, or consumed by mouth in any other manner; inhaled, sniffed, snorted, sprayed, or introduced into the breathing passages in any other manner; injected or otherwise introduced into the body in any manner, including through the skin or other membrane.

"Medical Cannabis." A medical grade product grown and processed within the State of Alabama, in one of the approved forms set forth in §20-2A-3(14), Code of Ala. 1975, (as amended), that contains a derivative of cannabis for medical use by a registered qualified patient pursuant to the Act and these Rules.

"Remediation." One of various methods whereby cannabis or medical cannabis that has failed an official test by a State Testing Laboratory may be subjected to further processing to remove dangerous substances or other contaminants or otherwise bring the cannabis or medical cannabis within appropriate testing ranges. For purposes of these Rules, remediation may include processes conducted by, and at the facility of, the licensee whose cannabis or medical cannabis failed the test or another licensee acting at the request of such licensee; such processes shall include those that change the form or chemical makeup of the regulated cannabis or medical cannabis (i.e., formal remediation), or not (i.e., decontamination). Nothing in this definition shall preclude a licensee that is subject to official testing from performing its own tests and implementing processes in an effort to bring non-compliant cannabis or medical cannabis within proper testing parameters at any time prior to official testing by a State Testing Laboratory.

"THC." Tetrahydrocannabinol; either of two physiologically active isomers C₂₁H₃₀O₂ from cannabis plant resin, including, especially, delta-9 THC, the chief intoxicant in cannabis.

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Facilities

"Dispensing Site." A site operated by a dispensary licensee or an integrated facility licensee pursuant to Article 4 of the Act.

"Enclosure" or "Enclosed Facility." A fully floored, walled, roofed, locked and secured building, room, greenhouse, or warehouse facility, for cultivating, storing, processing, or dispensing cannabis or medical cannabis, at which security is maintained and that is accessible only to persons who are employed or contracted by a licensee, or who have been given permission to come onto the premises and have provided state or federally issued photo identification.

"Facility" or "Medical Cannabis Facility." Any facility or land associated with a facility, of a licensee.

Patients & Sales

"Administer" or "administration." The introduction of medical cannabis into the body of a human, whether through use of an inhaler, ingestion, or any other approved means, whether by a registered qualified patient (self-administration), a registered qualified caregiver, or (improperly) by another.

"Daily Dosage" and "Maximum Daily Dosage." The total amount of one or more cannabis derivatives, including, but not limited to, cannabidiol ("CBD") and tetrahydrocannabinol ("THC") which may be present in a medical cannabis product that may be ingested by a registered qualified patient during a 24-hour period, as determined by a registered certified physician. "Maximum Daily Dosage" means the maximum total amount of one or more cannabis derivatives that may be ingested during a 24-hour period by a registered qualified patient, as determined by a registered certified physician, without a follow-up appointment and/or requiring compliance with §20-2A-33(f), Code of Ala. 1975, (as amended).

"Dispense." To distribute or provide medical cannabis, per the certification and recommendation of a registered certified physician, to a registered qualified patient or, if applicable, a registered caregiver.

"Medical Cannabis Card." A valid card, which may be tangible or virtual, issued by the Commission to a registered qualified patient or a registered qualified caregiver pursuant to §§20-2A-35 and -36, Code of Ala. 1975, (as amended).

"Minor." An individual who has not yet reached nineteen years of age.

"Patient Registry." The Alabama Medical Cannabis Patient Registry System that is an electronic integrated system that tracks physician certifications, patient and caregiver registrations, medical cannabis cards, the daily dosage and type of medical cannabis recommended to qualified patients by registered certifying physicians, and the dates of sale, amounts, and types of medical cannabis that were purchased by registered qualified patients at licensed dispensing sites.

"Physician Certification." A registered certifying physician's authorization for a registered qualified patient to use medical cannabis in a recommended daily dosage that shall include a recommended maximum daily dosage.

"Qualifying Medical Condition." One of the various conditions or symptoms of conditions provided in §20-2A-3(21), Code of Ala. 1975, (as amended), but only after documentation indicates that conventional medical treatment or therapy has failed, unless current medical treatment indicates that use of medical cannabis is the standard of care.

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"Registered Caregiver." An individual who meets the requirements described in §20-2A-30(c), Code of Ala. 1975, (as amended), and is authorized to acquire and possess medical cannabis and to assist one or more registered qualified patients with the use of medical cannabis pursuant to the Act and these Rules.

"Registered Qualified Patient." Either an adult who meets the requirements of §20-2A-30(a), Code of Ala. 1975, (as amended), and is authorized to acquire, possess, and use medical cannabis pursuant to the Act and these Rules, or a minor who meets the requirements described in §20-2A-30(b), Code of Ala. 1975, (as amended), and is authorized to use medical cannabis pursuant to these Rules with the assistance of a registered caregiver.

Additional Important Terms

"Package" or "Packaging." A closed and sealed container in which a processor or integrated facility may provide medical cannabis, in accordance with the Act and these Rules; the term does not include any carry-out bag or other similar container.

"Self-Reporting." A licensee's report to the Commission as the result of a reported incident or condition involving an injury, loss (including, but not limited to loss of product, loss of production, or loss of reputation) or material breach that has occurred at its facilities or involving one or more of its representatives.

"Statewide Seed-to-Sale Tracking System." The tracking system established pursuant to §20-2A-54, Code of Ala. 1975, (as amended), that tracks all medical cannabis and cannabis destined for processing as medical cannabis in the state of Alabama.

"Transfer." An exchange of titular, possessory or custodial interest, usually, but not always involving physical movement. As used in these Rules, the authority to "transfer" products does not necessarily include the authority to "transport" such products.

"Transit." The phase of transportation during which cannabis or medical cannabis is physically moved from one facility to another.

"Transport." The process of loading or unloading and physically moving harvested and prepared cannabis or medical cannabis from one facility to another, usually but not always coinciding with "transfer" of cannabis or medical cannabis.

"Universal State Symbol." The image to be established by the Commission pursuant to Section §20-2A-53, Code of Ala. 1975, (as amended), made available to processors, which indicates the package contains medical cannabis.