



THINGS TO KNOW ABOUT THE ARIZONA INDUSTRIAL HEMP AGRICULTURAL PILOT PROGRAM

Q: WHAT IS THE DEFINITION OF INDUSTRIAL HEMP?

A: INDUSTRIAL HEMP IS DEFINED AS THE PLANT *CANNABIS SATIVA* L. AND ANY PART OF SUCH PLANT, WHETHER GROWING OR NOT, WITH A DELTA-9 TETRAHYDROCANNABINOL (THC) CONCENTRATION OF NOT MORE THAN THREE-TENTHS PERCENT (0.3%) ON A DRY-WEIGHT BASIS.

Q: WHAT TYPES OF LICENSES WILL BE AVAILABLE?

A: THERE WILL BE FOUR TYPES OF LICENSES THAT CAN BE APPLIED FOR, INDIVIDUALLY OR AS A COMBINATION OF TWO OR MORE:

- GROWER LICENSE – for qualified applicants interested in the growth and propagation of industrial hemp.
- HARVESTER LICENSE – for qualified applicants interested in providing harvesting services to a licensed industrial hemp grower.
- TRANSPORTER LICENSE – for qualified applicants interested in providing shipping and transport services of harvested industrial hemp from a licensed grower to a licensed processor.
- PROCESSOR LICENSE – for qualified applicants interested in the processing of harvested industrial hemp into hemp products or hemp seed.

Q: WHO WILL BE ABLE TO APPLY FOR AN INDUSTRIAL HEMP LICENSE?

A: ANYONE WHO MEETS THE QUALIFICATIONS DEVELOPED IN THE APPLICATION PROCESS, WHICH WILL INCLUDE AN APPLICANT WHO:

- Completes an AZDA approved application (pending development) that could request:
 - The physical location of the applicants intended activity as a grower or processor;
 - Intended planting and harvesting date for a grower;
 - Intended end use of the harvested hemp product for a grower;
 - Intended product(s) manufactured for a processor license;
 - Knowledge and understanding of the state and federal requirements of propagating and processing industrial hemp; etc.
- Obtains a fingerprint clearance card through the Fingerprint Division of the AZ Dept. of Public Safety (DPS).
- Submits complete payment for the fee established in the rules developed by the AZDA.
- Other eligibility and qualifying requirements will follow.

Q: CAN I APPLY FOR A LICENSE TO GROW, HARVEST, TRANSPORT, OR PROCESS INDUSTRIAL HEMP TODAY?

A: NOT AT THIS TIME. THE EFFECTIVE DATE OF THE BILL IS SET FOR AUGUST OF 2019. THIS WILL PROVIDE THE NEEDED TIME TO:

- Establish Rules
- Create an industrial hemp licensing program
- Appoint membership to the Industrial Hemp Advisory Council
- Develop an application and review process
- Develop a fee schedule

Q: HOW MUCH WILL AN INDUSTRIAL HEMP LICENSE COST?

A: FEES FOR PARTICIPATION IN THE INDUSTRIAL HEMP AGRICULTURAL PILOT PROGRAM AS A GROWER, HARVESTER, TRANSPORTER, AND/OR PROCESSOR HAVE NOT BEEN SET. FEES WILL BE SET ACCORDINGLY TO SUPPORT THE PROGRAM.

Q: WHAT WILL THE STEPS BE FOR PARTICIPATING IN THE INDUSTRIAL HEMP AGRICULTURAL PILOT PROGRAMS?

A: ONCE THE PROGRAM IS LAUNCHED IN AUGUST 2019, THESE WILL BE THE BASIC STEPS FOR PARTICIPATION IN THE PROGRAM (TENTATIVELY):

- Submit an official, complete and accurate application.
- Submit proof of a valid fingerprint clearance card (Issued by the Fingerprint Division of DPS).
- Submit a signed agreement to acknowledge the conditions, requirements, and responsibilities of an applicant.
- Submit complete payment based on the type of license and certification requirements.
- Submit pre-planting, pre-harvest, and post-harvest reports for licensed growers.
- Submit intake and output reports for licensed processors.
- Meet various conditions for signage, notifications, facility standards, etc.
- Properly notify the AZDA on issues of loss, theft or other negative outcomes regarding planted or harvested hemp and/or hemp seed.
- Allow inspectors to collect samples for official analysis of THC concentration prior to harvesting.
- Comply with any remediation requirements of industrial hemp, planted or harvested, that test above 0.3% THC content on a dry-weight basis.
- Steps may change, check back for updates.

Q: WHAT ZONING/DISTANCE REQUIREMENTS WILL I HAVE TO COMPLY WITH?

A: THE DEPARTMENT WILL NOT LIKELY HAVE ANY REQUIREMENTS. HOWEVER, THE APPLICANT MUST DETERMINE, ON THEIR OWN, IF THERE IS ANY LOCAL ZONING OR ORDINANCE RESTRICTIONS THAT WOULD LIMIT THEIR ABILITY TO PARTICIPATE. CROSS-POLLINATION ISSUES ARE THE RESPONSIBILITY OF THE APPLICANT TO BE AWARE OF AND TO PROTECT THEIR CROP, BUT THE DEPARTMENT WILL HELP DETERMINE IF ANY EXIST.

Q: WILL I BE ABLE TO SELL HARVESTED HEMP FOR COMMERCIAL PURPOSES?

A: CURRENTLY, IT IS NOT LEGAL TO SELL HARVESTED INDUSTRIAL HEMP FOR COMMERCIAL PURPOSES DUE TO FEDERAL RESTRICTIONS. HOWEVER, A GROWER WILL BE ABLE TO SELL HARVESTED INDUSTRIAL HEMP, WITHIN THE STATE, TO A PROCESSOR AS PART OF THE INDUSTRIAL HEMP AGRICULTURAL PILOT PROGRAM. THE INTERSTATE MOVEMENT OF LIVE OR UNPROCESSED HEMP PLANTS IS ALSO PROHIBITED. ONLY PROCESSED PRODUCTS CAN BE SOLD TO OTHER STATES THAT ALLOW HEMP PRODUCTS.

Q: HOW CAN I CONTACT THE INDUSTRIAL HEMP PROGRAM RULES COMMITTEE IF I HAVE A QUESTION ABOUT THE RULES BEING DEVELOPED?

THERE IS A WEBFORM AT [HTTPS://AGRICULTURE.AZ.GOV/INDUSTRIAL-HEMP-PROGRAM-RULES-COMMITTEE](https://agriculture.az.gov/industrial-hemp-program-rules-committee) THAT YOU CAN COMPLETE AND SUBMIT TO ASK A QUESTIONS OR MAKE A COMMENT.

Q: I HAVE MORE QUESTIONS, WHO CAN I CONTACT?

A: CONTACT BRIAN MCGREW BY EMAILING: bmcgrew@azda.gov OR CALL (602) 542-3228