



Cultivators



Processors



Safety Compliance  
Facilities






Dispensaries

# What is a safety compliance facility?

A safety compliance facility license authorizes its holder to test samples of medical cannabis received from licensed cannabis businesses to ensure compliance with the testing requirements contained in 915 KAR 1:110. Safety compliance facilities verify that the medical cannabis products intended for sale in Kentucky are safe for use.

## Testing requirements

Samples from each harvest and production batch must be tested by safety compliance facilities to ensure the quality of medical cannabis in each stage of the process. Testing is performed to identify the following:

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| <p> <b>Psychoactive Compounds</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▶ Tetrahydrocannabinol (THC) and other cannabinoid concentrations</li> <li>▶ Terpene types and concentrations</li> </ul> | <p> <b>Production residuals</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▶ Residual pesticides</li> <li>▶ Processing chemicals</li> <li>▶ Residual solvents</li> <li>▶ Heavy metals</li> <li>▶ Vitamin E acetate</li> </ul> | <p> <b>Impurities and contaminants</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▶ Microbial impurities</li> <li>▶ Mycotoxins</li> <li>▶ Water activity</li> <li>▶ Yeast</li> <li>▶ Mold</li> </ul> |
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## Qualifications for applicants

- ▶ Must conduct criminal background checks on prospective employees and not employ anyone under 21 or convicted of a disqualifying felony offense
- ▶ Must employ a director to oversee testing operations who has earned an approved degree in chemistry or biological science
- ▶ Must maintain a certificate of accreditation in good standing from an accreditation body
- ▶ Cannot hold management roles or financial interests in a cultivator, processor, producer, or dispensary
- ▶ Must meet qualifications for licensure in the Kentucky Medical Cannabis Program as detailed in 915 KAR 1:010E, 915 KAR 1:020E, and 915 KAR 1:060
- ▶ May only apply for a license in one cannabis business type being offered at that time

## Associated financial commitments

<b>Nonrefundable application fee</b>	\$3,000
<b>Initial licensing fee</b>	\$12,000
<b>Annual licensing fee</b>	\$12,000
<b>Capital requirements</b>	\$150,000

### Approved activities

- ▶ Acquiring or possessing medical cannabis obtained from licensed Kentucky cannabis businesses and cardholders for the purpose of testing
- ▶ Testing medical cannabis for psychoactive compounds, residual production chemicals, impurities, and contaminants
- ▶ Producing and selling medical cannabis educational materials, lab equipment, and packaging materials
- ▶ Training cardholders and cannabis business agents

### Prohibited activities

- ▶ Performing tests on medical cannabis for a cannabis business prior to entering into a written contract with that business
- ▶ Being open to the general public
- ▶ Locating within one thousand (1,000) feet of an existing elementary school, secondary school, or daycare center
- ▶ Accepting medical cannabis from or returning medical cannabis to anyone except licensed cannabis businesses

## Resources

- ▶ For more information about cannabis businesses, please visit the Office of Medical Cannabis website at: <https://kymedcan.ky.gov/>.