



Industrial Hemp Licence

Key Information

The Industrial Hemp Licence enables businesses and farmers to cultivate low-THC cannabis (hemp) for commercial purposes on the Isle of Man. Hemp is defined as cannabis with a THC content below 0.2%, and is commonly used in textiles, food, construction, and wellness products.

This licence supports the development of a regulated hemp industry that contributes to the Island's agricultural and economic diversification.

What This Licence Permits

Licence holders are authorised to:

- Cultivate industrial hemp outdoors or indoors
- Harvest and process hemp biomass for non-psychoactive uses
- Export hemp-derived products under approved conditions

All cultivation must comply with security, traceability, and environmental standards set out by the Gambling Supervision Commission (GSC).

Application Requirements

Applicants must submit detailed plans covering:

- Cultivation site location and layout
- Seed sourcing and strain details (must be low-THC certified)
- Security measures and fencing
- Crop monitoring and record-keeping
- Waste disposal and environmental impact

The GSC may inspect sites and assess applicant suitability based on fitness, funding, and operational competence.

Licence Scope

This licence is required for:

- Farmers growing hemp for fibre, seed, or CBD extraction
- Businesses producing hemp-based goods for export
- Organisations conducting research or pilot cultivation

Licensees may also apply for additional licences, such as:

- Extraction Licence (for CBD or other non-THC compounds)
- Export Licence (for international distribution)

Fees

- Year 1: £1,500
- Subsequent Years: £750

Compliance & Oversight

The GSC regulates the hemp sector under the Misuse of Drugs Act 1976 and associated regulations. Licensees must:

- Maintain accurate crop records
- Submit reports on harvest volumes and product destinations
- Comply with inspections and enforcement actions

Contact & Application

To apply or request further information, please contact the GSC Cannabis Licensing Team:

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