

At a Glance for High THC Cultivation Application and Licensing



	Class 3 - Cultivation	Class 4 - Research
Regulatory function of the licence	Growing high THC/CBD yield cannabis indoors in order to sell biomass, live plants and the packaged plant parts.	Growing high THC/CBD yield cannabis indoors to create new strains or seedstock.
Permitted plants	Female only	Male and Female
Cultivars	Licensee's commercial decision. No restrictions on choice of strain.	
Light regime	Interior with maximum 20% glazing by default; Commission does permit other regimes, subject to security.	
Biosecurity	Pollen bearing plants must be destroyed as soon as they are detected	Enhanced measure must be used to prevent escape of pollen to outdoors
Testing regime	GSC may require samples for testing; testing paid for by GSC; No mandatory testing for licensees* see note	
Fertiliser permissions	No GSC restrictions, but see DEFA guidance https://www.gov.im/media/1367331/protecting-our-soil-and-water.pdf	
Pesticide & Fungicide permissions	Non-use of pesticides and growth regulators is assumed. If protection products must be used, the Code of Practice applies, and will trigger automatic sampling and lab testing prior to export.	
Maximum THC	No restrictions, except those imposed by route to market considerations.	
Licence fees	Year 1 -£45,000, Year 2 - £35,000	Year 1 -£20,000, Year 2 - £12,000
Dual licensing?	Class 3 and class 4 may be co-owned by the same licensee.	
Import/export	Separate licences; Year 1 - £10,000; Year 2 - £7,500	
Maximum licence fee	£62,500 for any number of licenses held. Operating on a rolling 12 month basis. The cap is automatically applied when each fee is paid.	
Licensing requirements	Isle of Man company required. Responsible person is IOM resident. Owners are people of integrity; Controllers are people of integrity and competence; Existing route to market exists; Source of wealth can be corroborated and is appropriate; Business plan is realistic.	

*Note that testing is mandatory on certain exports from the Isle of Man; the condition for testing is found on the Class 8 EXPORT licence



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