

Analysis Licence Key Information

An Analysis Licence permits an Isle of Man-based laboratory to receive samples from third parties that may contain controlled cannabinoids, for the purpose of chemical testing and reporting. This licence does not permit cultivation of cannabis biomass.

Applicants must provide evidence of ISO 17025 accreditation or an equivalent standard.

This licence enables independent laboratories and testing facilities to possess cannabis materials supplied by others specifically for analytical testing. All samples containing cannabinoids must be securely returned or destroyed following analysis.

Successful applicants must demonstrate:

- > Suitable laboratory facilities meeting technical and security standards
- Documented procedures for sample receipt, testing, record-keeping, and disposal

Once licensed, operations are subject to regular reporting and supervision by the GSC, which supports this activity through a regulated framework.

Function of the Licence

This licence allows Isle of Man laboratories to receive and test samples containing controlled cannabinoids from third parties.

When a Licence Isn't Required

You do **not** require an Analysis Licence if:

- You are a test lab based outside the Isle of Man testing samples from Isle of Man licensees.
- > You hold a core licence (e.g. cultivation, research, extraction, manufacturing) and conduct in-house testing, or send samples to a licensed lab in or outside the Isle of Man.

Multi-Licensing

Licensees may hold multiple licence classes. For example, a licensee may establish a separate Isle of Man facility to test its own extractions and offer testing services to third parties under contract.

Accreditation

Applicants must submit evidence of ISO 17025 accreditation or a recognised equivalent.

Testing Requirements for Export to Non-Commercial Customers

The GSC requires the following testing methods:

Metals: ICP-MS

Mycotoxins: HP-LC

Chemical residues: GC-MS and LC-MS

Offering Other Testing Services

This licence covers possession of controlled cannabinoids for testing purposes. It does not restrict the laboratory from offering services in other analytical fields.

If your service includes sample collection and transport, you must also hold a Transport and Storage Licence.

Fees

• Year 1: £13,125

• Year 2 onwards: £8,400

More detailed information on this licence can be found here

Contact & Application

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

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