



Analysis Licence

Key Information

Overview

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, extraction, or manufacture of cannabis biomass or products.

Licensees must demonstrate:

- Suitable laboratory facilities meet technical and security standards
- Documented procedures for sample receipt, testing, record-keeping, and disposal
- ISO 17025 accreditation or a recognized equivalent standard

All samples containing cannabinoids must be securely returned or destroyed after analysis. Licensed operations are subject to regular reporting and supervision by the GSC.

Licence Scope

This licence is required for:

- Independent laboratory analysis of cannabis-derived materials
 - Third-party testing services for cannabinoid content, potency, and contaminants
 - Export compliance support, including contaminant screening and cannabinoid profiling for international markets
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Licence Class

Class 10 – Analysis Licence

Permits possession of cannabis materials supplied by third parties for the purpose of analytical testing.

Allows:

- Possession of samples containing controlled cannabinoids for testing
- Chemical analysis and reporting of cannabinoid content and contaminants
- Return or destruction of samples following testing
- Offering analytical services to third parties

Restrictions:

- Does not permit cultivation, extraction, or manufacture
- After testing, all samples must be securely returned or disposed of
- Sample collection and delivery to the licensed laboratory must be conducted under a separate Transport & Storage Licence. This requirement applies even when receiving samples from other Isle of Man licensees.
- License holders must not use synthetic cannabinoids
- Laboratories must comply with Isle of Man standards for security and safe custody

Dual Licensing

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

Where applicable, licensees may also apply for additional licence types, including:

- Transport & Storage Licence (for sample collection and delivery)
 - Cultivation, Extraction, or Manufacture Licence (if conducting in-house testing)
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Activities That Do Not Require This Licence

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
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Facility Requirements

Applicants must demonstrate that their facility meets the following standards:

Secure Laboratory Premises

- Restricted access and physical security measures appropriate for handling-controlled substances
- Security measures must align with [Secure By Design](#) principles, including:
 - Physical protection systems
 - Secure storage
 - Controlled access

Specialised Equipment and Protocols

- Equipment must be suitable for chemical analysis of cannabis-derived materials
- Protocols must support safe handling, accurate testing, and compliance with controlled substance regulations

Documented Operational Procedures

Applicants must maintain clear procedures for:

- Sample receipt and chain of custody
- Analytical testing and reporting
- Record-keeping
- Disposal of samples (including secure destruction or return)
- Track & trace

Regulatory Compliance

Facilities must comply with Isle of Man standards for:

- **Fire safety** – including fire risk assessments under applicable regulations.
- **Health and safety** – as overseen by the Isle of Man Health and Safety Inspectorate
- **Data protection** – Laboratories must ensure that all sensitive data including test results and client information is handled securely and in full compliance with data protection legislation.

Accreditation

Applicants must submit evidence of:

- ISO 17025 accreditation
 - Or a recognised equivalent standard for analytical testing
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Testing Requirements for Export

The GSC requires the following testing methods:

- Metals: ICP-MS
 - Mycotoxins: HP-LC
 - Chemical residues: GC-MS and LC-MS
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Licence Fees

| <u>Licence Type</u> | <u>Year 1</u> | <u>Year 2+</u> |
|---------------------------|---------------|----------------|
| Analysis (Class 10) | £13,125 | £8,400 |
| <u>Maximum Annual Cap</u> | £62,500 | |

Licences operate on a rolling 12-month basis. The cap is automatically applied when each fee is paid.

Contact & Application

Please refer to the Full Guidance Document

If, after reviewing the guidance, you require further assistance, you may contact us by telephone or email. Contact details are provided in the footer of this page.