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*Statutory Instrument No. 3 of 2026*

CANNABIS ACT  
(Act No. 20 of 2025)

**CANNABIS REGULATIONS, 2026**  
(Published on 12th January, 2026)

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IN EXERCISE of the powers conferred on the Minister responsible for Land and Agriculture by section 67 of the Cannabis Act, the following Regulations are hereby made —

PART I — *Preliminary*

Citation  
Interpretation

1. These Regulations may be cited as the Cannabis Regulations, 2026.
2. In these Regulations, unless the context otherwise requires —
  - “agronomic trial” means a scientific experiment conducted to evaluate production methods, soil management and pest control techniques, including fertilizer types, seed varieties, planting densities, irrigation, to optimise crop performance;
  - “breeding trial” means the testing of different genotypes of cannabis to identify superior traits;
  - “commercial cultivation” means the undertaking of cannabis farming under a cultivation licence;
  - “cannabinoid profiling and extraction” means the laboratory analysis of cannabis plant material to identify and quantify cannabinoids such as tetrahydrocannabinol (THC), cannabidiol and its corresponding acid (CBD), cannabigerol (CBG), cannabichromene (CBC);
  - “germplasm collection” means the systematic gathering and storage of genetic materials, including seeds, tissues, clones, used for breeding, conservation and research;
  - “industrial cannabis research” means a scientific study focused on industrial cannabis grown with very low levels of THC and is classified as having less than 0.7% THC concentration;
  - “industrial processing” means a series of physical and chemical steps for transformation of harvested cannabis plant materials into finished products such as oil, extracts and fibers;
  - “nursery” means a facility that produces cannabis seedlings, clones or juvenile plants for sale or for use in cultivation; and
  - “seed production” means the controlled cultivation of cannabis plants specifically for producing viable, genetically stable seeds.

PART II — *Licensing Requirements*

- 3.** (1) The following shall be classified as subclasses for the purposes of applying for a licence to cultivate cannabis —
- (a) commercial cultivation;
  - (b) nursery; and
  - (c) seed production.
- (2) An application for a cultivation licence, shall be in Form 1 set out in Schedule 1.
- (3) An application under subregulation (2) shall be accompanied by —
- (a) an application fee specified in Schedule 2;
  - (b) a police security clearance report in Form 2 set out in Schedule 1; and
  - (c) such supporting documents or information as may be required by the Authority.
- 4.** The Authority may, when deciding whether or not to issue a cultivation licence to an applicant, consider the following —
- (a) copies of a plan of the cultivation area proposed, including the geographical coordinates, to be licensed;
  - (b) police security clearance;
  - (c) THC testing plan from an approved laboratory;
  - (d) a crop management and cropping plan;
  - (e) seed certification in accordance with the Seeds Act;
  - (f) environmental and social impact assessment plan in accordance with the Environmental Assessment Act; and
  - (g) proof of funding.
- 5.** The Authority shall, where it is satisfied that the applicant meets the requirements under regulation 4, issue the applicant with a cultivation licence in Form 3 set out in Schedule 1.
- 6.** A licence issued under these Regulations shall be valid for a period of 36 months, unless where it is revoked in accordance section 43 of the Act.
- 7.** A person who holds a cultivation licence shall be authorised to —
- (a) possess cannabis;
  - (b) obtain dried cannabis, fresh cannabis, cannabis pollen, cannabis plants or cannabis plant seeds by cultivating, propagating and harvesting cannabis;
  - (c) conduct ancillary activities such as drying and trimming cannabis;
  - (d) for the purpose of testing, to obtain cannabis by altering its chemical or physical properties by any means; and
  - (e) sell cannabis.
- 8.** (1) Where the Authority rejects an application for a licence under regulation 3, the Authority shall notify the applicant, in writing, within seven days of the decision and shall furnish the applicant with reasons for the refusal.
- (2) Where the Authority notifies the applicant under subregulation (1) of the rejection of the application, the applicant may, within 28 days from the date of the notification, lodge an appeal against the rejection to the Appeals Committee, who shall within 30 days of receiving the appeal, confirm, vary or set aside the decision of the Authority in accordance with section 62(3) of the Act.
- 9.** (1) A person who holds a licence for cultivation of cannabis may make an application for a renewal of the licence in Form 4, set out in Schedule 1.

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- (2) An application under subregulation (1) shall be accompanied by —
- (a) an application fee specified in Schedule 2; and
  - (b) such supporting documents or information as may be required by the Authority.
- 10.** (1) Where the documents or information supplied by an applicant under these Regulations change subsequent to the application being lodged with the Authority, the applicant shall, within seven days notify the Authority, in Form 5 set out in Schedule 1, of the changes in the documents or information.
- (2) The application under subregulation (1) shall be accompanied by a fee set out in Schedule 2.
- 11.** A licensee shall, in accordance with section 37 (5) of the Act, where she or he does not intend to renew the licence, within a period of 30 days before the expiry of the licence, submit to the Authority, a status report in Form 6 set out in Schedule 1.
- 12.** (1) A person issued with a licence to carry out the any of the activities under section 35 of the Act, may apply to the Authority for variation of the conditions of the licence in accordance with section 42 of the Act.
- (2) The application for variation of a licence under subregulation (1) shall be in Form 7 set out in Schedule 1 and shall be accompanied by a fee set out in Schedule 2.
- 13.** (1) A licensee may apply for variation of the conditions set out in a licence for the following categories of variations —
- (a) change of licensed premises, which includes —
    - (i) relocation of the entire licensed operation to a new physical address,
    - (ii) addition of a new, distinct licensed site or premises,
    - (iii) major structural alteration or significant expansion of existing licensed premises that impacts security, capacity or operational flow (e.g. adding a new cultivation building, new processing wing, major re-design of existing licensed area), or
    - (iv) reduction or removal of a significant portion of a licensed site or premises, impacting overall operational footprint;
  - (b) change of key responsible personnel, which includes —
    - (i) the appointment of a new responsible person, Managing Director, head of security or a person who holds critical regulatory accountability for the licence, or
    - (ii) a change in the fundamental roles or reporting lines of existing key personnel that impacts regulatory oversight;
  - (c) a major change to security plans or systems, which includes —
    - (i) overhaul of the overall security system (e.g. moving from a basic system to a complex, integrated system),
    - (ii) major changes to physical security infrastructure (e.g. new vault construction, significant changes to perimeter fencing or access control points), or
    - (iii) substantial changes to the security protocols or procedures that affect the overall integrity of controlled access and surveillance;
  - (d) change in cultivation, processing or analytical methodology, which includes —
    - (i) introduction of fundamentally new cultivation methods, including shifting from outdoor cultivation to complex indoor hydroponics, or major changes to pest or disease control using classified substances,

- (ii) introduction of new processing or extraction methods, including adopting a novel solvent-based extraction if previously solvent less, or adding a new refinement process,
- (iii) change in the independent analytical testing laboratory used for mandatory product testing, or
- (iv) significant change to in-house quality control testing methodologies for critical parameters; and
- (e) change in corporate control or ownership structure, impacting licensee accountability, which includes —
  - (i) any change in the ultimate beneficial ownership of the licensee, including a majority shareholder change,
  - (ii) merger or acquisitions where the licensed entity’s legal identity or control fundamentally shifts, or
  - (iii) change in company directorship or executive leadership that impacts regulatory responsibility.

**14.** (1) For the purposes of applying for a manufacturing licence for cannabis, the following shall be classified as subclasses of a licence for manufacturing —

Application for manufacturing licence

- (a) industrial processing; and
- (b) medicinal processing;

(2) An application for a manufacturing licence, shall be in Form 8 set out in Schedule 1.

(3) An application under subregulation (1) shall be accompanied by —

- (a) a police security clearance report in Form 2 set out in Schedule 1;
- (b) vetting and financial reports from a financial institution;
- (c) an application fee specified in Schedule 2; and
- (d) such supporting documents or information as may be required by the Authority.

(4) Where the documents or information supplied by an applicant under this regulation change subsequent to the application being lodged with the Authority, the applicant shall, within seven days notify the Authority, in writing, of the changes in the documents or information.

**15.** The Authority may, when deciding whether or not to issue a manufacturing licence to an applicant, consider the following —

Conditions for issue of manufacturing licence

- (a) whether the applicant has adequate facilities to undertake the manufacturing process;
- (b) whether the facilities to be used for the manufacture of cannabis have adequate security in compliance with the Act and these Regulations;
- (c) whether the applicant has personnel with the adequate skills and experience to carry out the manufacturing process of cannabis; and
- (d) proof of financial capability.

**16.** (1) The Authority shall, where it is satisfied that the applicant meets the requirements under regulation 14 and the conditions under regulation 15, issue the applicant with a manufacturing licence in Form 9 set out in Schedule 1.

Issue of manufacturing licence

(2) A manufacturing licence shall be valid for a period of five years, unless where it is suspended, revoked or cancelled in accordance section 43 or section 45 of the Act.

**17.** (1) A person who holds a manufacturing licence may make an application for a renewal of the licence in Form 10 set out in Schedule 1.

Renewal of manufacturing licence

(2) An application under subregulation (1) shall be accompanied by —

- (a) an application fee specified in Schedule 2; and

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	<p>(b) such supporting documents or information as may be required by the Authority.</p>
Application for imports or export licence	<p><b>18.</b> (1) A person who wishes import or export cannabis, shall apply to the Authority in Form 11, set out in Schedule 1.</p> <p>(2) An application under subregulation (2) shall be accompanied by —</p> <p>(a) an application fee specified in Schedule 2;</p> <p>(b) a police security clearance report in Form 2 set out in Schedule 1; and</p> <p>(c) such supporting documents or information as may be required by the National Plant Protection Organisation designated as such under the Plant Protection Act.</p>
Conditions for issue of import or export licence	<p><b>19.</b> The Authority may, when deciding whether or not to issue an import or export licence to an applicant, consider the following documents that are to be submitted by the applicant —</p> <p>(a) a certificate of character or police clearance;</p> <p>(b) proof of funding submitted;</p> <p>(c) details of operational procedures;</p> <p>(d) a disposal plan compliant with the requirements of the Act and these Regulations;</p> <p>(e) a premises plan compliant with the requirements of the Act and these Regulations;</p> <p>(f) planning permission or other authorisation (if required) for the premises' use;</p> <p>(g) a security master plan; and</p> <p>(h) any other document or information as required by the Authority.</p>
Issue of import or export licence	<p><b>20.</b> (1) The Authority shall, upon recommendation by the National Plant Protection Organisation, and where it is satisfied that the applicant meets the requirements under regulation 23, issue the applicant with an import or export licence in Form 12, set out in Schedule 1.</p> <p>(2) An import or export licence shall be valid for a period of 36 months from the date of issue.</p>
Application for cannabis transportation licence	<p><b>21.</b> (1) A person who wishes to apply for a cannabis transportation licence, shall apply to the Authority in Form 13, set out in Schedule 1.</p> <p>(2) An application under subregulation (2) shall be accompanied by —</p> <p>(a) an application fee specified in Schedule 2; and</p> <p>(b) a police security clearance report in Form 2 set out in Schedule 1.</p>
Conditions for issue of cannabis transportation licence	<p><b>22.</b> The Authority may, when deciding whether or not to issue a cannabis transportation licence to an applicant, consider the following —</p> <p>(a) that the vehicle to be used to transport cannabis has a fully enclosed, windowless, locked trailer or trunk that cannot be accessed from inside the vehicle, or in a secured area or compartment within the interior of the vehicle; and</p> <p>(b) that the vehicle to be used to transport cannabis can be locked and secured by an electronic system, including an alarm system, motion detectors, pressure switches and panic and hold-up alarms.</p>
Issue of cannabis transportation licence	<p><b>23.</b> The Authority shall, where it is satisfied that the applicant meets the requirements under regulation 21, issue the applicant with a cannabis transportation licence in Form 14, set out in Schedule 1, and such licence shall be valid for a period of 12 months.</p>
Restrictions on transportation of cannabis	<p><b>24.</b> A licensee issued with a cannabis transportation licence shall ensure the following requirements are met —</p>

- (a) the licensee shall only transport cannabis and cannabis products listed on the sales invoice or receipt and the sales invoice or receipt may not be altered or changed once movement begins;
  - (b) the vehicle or trailer that is to be used to transport cannabis or cannabis products shall be secured in such a manner that cannabis or cannabis products will not be visible or identifiable from the outside of the vehicle or trailer;
  - (c) the licensee shall ensure that at all times, the vehicle or trailer used to transport cannabis or cannabis products is not left unattended or that packages or containers holding cannabis or cannabis products shall not be tampered with, or opened, during transportation;
  - (d) the licensee shall not transport non-cannabis goods in the same consignment of cannabis and cannabis products; and
  - (e) the licensee subjects the vehicle or trailer used to transport cannabis or cannabis products to regular inspections by the Authority or any other law enforcement agency at any time.
- 25.** (1) A person who holds a cannabis transportation licence may make an application for a renewal of the licence in Form 15 set out in Schedule 1.
- (2) An application under subregulation (1) shall be accompanied by —
- (a) an application fee specified in Schedule 2; and
  - (b) such supporting documents or information as may be required by the Authority.
- 26.** (1) A person who wishes to apply for a distribution of cannabis licence, shall apply to the Authority in Form 16, set out in Schedule 1.
- (2) An application under subregulation (2) shall be accompanied by —
- (a) an application fee specified in Schedule 2; and
  - (b) a police security clearance report in Form 2 set out in Schedule 1.
- 27.** The Authority may, when deciding whether or not to issue a distribution of cannabis licence to an applicant, consider the following —
- (a) the financial capability of the applicant; and
  - (b) the activities which the licence is authorised to carry out.
- 28.** The Authority shall, where it is satisfied that the applicant meets the requirements under regulation 26 and the conditions under regulation 27, issue the applicant with a distribution licence in Form 17, set out in Schedule 1.
- 29.** (1) A person who wishes to apply for a cannabis research licence, shall apply to the Authority —
- (a) for an industrial cannabis research licence, in Form 18 set out in Schedule 1; or
  - (b) for a medicinal cannabis research licence, in Form 19 set out in Schedule 1.
- (2) An application under subregulation (2) shall be accompanied by —
- (a) an application fee specified in Schedule 2;
  - (b) a police security clearance report in Form 2 set out in Schedule 1; and
  - (c) such supporting documents or information as may be required by the National Plant Protection Organisation.
- 30.** The Authority may, when deciding whether or not to issue a cannabis research licence to an applicant, consider the following —
- (a) whether the perimeter of the site is monitored at all times by visual recording devices to detect any attempted or actual unauthorised access;
  - (b) whether there is indoor cultivation for medicinal cannabis on the site;
  - (c) that there are inventory records available;

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transportation  
licence

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distribution of  
cannabis licence

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issue of cannabis  
research licence

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Application for  
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- (d) there is pre and post-harvest THC testing records available;
- (e) that the storage is secured with double-lock system; and
- (f) that there are buffer zones available for industrial cannabis.
- 31.** (1) The Authority shall, where it is satisfied that the applicant meets the requirements under regulation 30, issue the applicant with a cannabis research licence for either industrial cannabis research licence or medicinal cannabis research licence in Form 20 or 21, set out in Schedule 1.
- (2) A licence issued in terms of this regulation shall be valid for a period of 24 months.
- 32.** (1) A person who holds a cannabis research licence may, before a period of 60 days before the expiry of the licence, make an application for a renewal of the licence in Form 22, set out in Schedule 1.
- (2) An application under subregulation (1) shall be accompanied by —
- (a) an application fee specified in Schedule 2; and
- (b) such supporting documents or information as may be required by the Authority.
- 33.** A cannabis research licence shall be for the conduct of the following —
- (a) germplasm collection;
- (b) breeding and agronomic trials;
- (c) cannabinoid profiling and extraction;
- (d) toxicology, stability and product development; and
- (e) THC and phytosanitary compliance testing.

### PART III — *Designation of Independent Laboratories*

- 34.** A laboratory designated as an independent laboratory for the purposes of testing of cannabis and cannabis products shall meet the following requirements —
- (a) the laboratory should be accredited in accordance with ISO/IEC 17025 for testing of cannabis and cannabis products;
- (b) the laboratory shall participate in proficiency testing (PT) programs for all tests in their scope, including pesticides, microbiology and cannabinoids;
- (c) the laboratory shall be a distinct and independent entity from the licensees licensed under these Regulations;
- (d) the laboratory shall have the relevant qualified personnel who have experience and skills in chemistry, biology and any other relevant qualifications and competences as may be determined by the Authority;
- (e) the laboratory shall have the relevant quality assurance and quality control programs and Standard Operating Procedures for the activities that will be designated for;
- (f) the laboratory shall provide detailed information about the site, including site plans, an aerial view, and specific details on buildings and rooms where the testing activities will take place;
- (g) the laboratory shall have security measures, including a detailed physical security plan, to prevent unauthorised access to the cannabis and cannabis products;
- (h) the laboratory shall adhere to local building, fire and safety codes, including specific requirements for ventilation, chemical exposure and odor abatement;

- (i) the laboratory shall maintain strict physical security and record-keeping procedures, including detailed documentation of sample custody transfer and secure storage of samples of cannabis and cannabis products;
- (j) the laboratory shall have its key personnel undergo a security clearance processes undertaken by relevant authorities;
- (k) the laboratory shall have the capacity to test for a mandatory list of contaminants and composition requirements specified by the Authority, including pesticides, residual solvents, heavy metals, microbial contaminants, mycotoxins, potency, moisture content;
- (l) the laboratory shall adhere to set limits of quantification for various contaminants;
- (m) the laboratory shall issue a detailed certificate of analysis for each tested batch, including all relevant information about the sample, methods used and results; and
- (n) the laboratory shall have the capability to test cannabis for the following —
  - (i) microbiological testing,
  - (ii) microbial testing,
  - (iii) water activity,
  - (iv) mycotoxin testing,
  - (v) heavy metal testing,
  - (vi) pesticide residual testing,
  - (vii) residual solvent testing,
  - (viii) foreign material testing,
  - (ix) potency-cannabinoid content,
  - (x) cannabinoid screening;
  - (xi) total THC and total CBD,
  - (xii) cannabinoid purity,
  - (xiii) artificial derived cannabinoids,
  - (xiv) variance homogeneity testing,
  - (xv) stability testing; and
  - (xvi) terpene analysis.

#### PART IV — *Security Compliance*

- 35.** A holder of a cannabis licence shall ensure that —
- (a) the site is designed in a manner that prevents unauthorised access;
  - (b) the perimeter of the site is monitored at all times by visual recording devices to detect any attempted or actual unauthorised access;
  - (c) the devices are at all times, in the conditions under which they are used, are able to visibly record all activities on the site;
  - (d) access to each operations area and storage area is restricted to individuals whose presence in the area is required by their duties;
  - (e) each operations area and storage area are surrounded by a physical barrier that prevents unauthorised access;
  - (f) each operations area and storage area are secured by means of an intrusion detection system that operates at all times and allows for the detection of any attempted or actual unauthorised access to the area, any unauthorised movement in the area and any attempted or actual tampering with the system;

Compliance  
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measures by  
licensee

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- Intrusion detection system
- (g) each operations area and storage area is monitored at all times by visual recording devices to detect illicit conduct; and
- (h) the devices, in the conditions under which they are used, are capable of making a visible recording of any illicit conduct.
- 36.** A holder of a cannabis licence shall ensure that each operations area and storage area is secured by means of an intrusion detection system that operates at all times and allows for the detection of any attempted or actual unauthorised access to the area, any unauthorised movement in the area and any attempted or actual tampering with the system.
- Record of detected occurrences
- 37.** (1) A holder of a cannabis licence shall, where an intrusion has occurred, ensure that he or she keeps a record of —
- (a) the date and time of the occurrence; and
- (b) the measures taken in response to the occurrence and the date and time when the measures were taken.
- (2) The recordings made under subregulation (1) shall be retained for a period five years from the date which they are made, in the case of visual recordings.

### PART V — *Miscellaneous Provisions*

- Offences and penalties
- 38.** A person who contravenes any provision of these Regulations commits an offence and is liable to a fine not exceeding P250 000 or to imprisonment for a period not exceeding five years, or to both.
- Appeals
- 39.** A person who is aggrieved by a decision of the Authority made in terms of these Regulations, may within 14 days of the date of the decision appeal against such decision to the Appeals Committee.



## SCHEDULE 1

FORM 1  
APPLICATION FOR CULTIVATION LICENCE  
(reg. 3 (2))

**CANNABIS CULTIVATION LICENCE APPLICATION FORM**

(Issued by: National Cannabis Control Authority)

**SECTION A: APPLICANT DETAILS**

1. **Applicant Type** (Tick one):  
 Individual    Company    Cooperative Research    Institution  
 Other (specify) \_\_\_\_\_
2. **Full Legal Name:** \_\_\_\_\_
3. **ID or Company Registration Number:** \_\_\_\_\_
4. **Contact Person:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Position:** \_\_\_\_\_
5. **Physical Address:** \_\_\_\_\_
6. **Postal Address:** \_\_\_\_\_
7. **Phone:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Email:** \_\_\_\_\_ **TIN:** \_\_\_\_\_

**SECTION B: LICENCE TYPE REQUESTED (Tick all applicable)**

- cultivation licences

**SECTION C: SITE INFORMATION**

1. **Facility Location** (Attach Title Deed/lease agreement):
  - o GPS Coordinates: \_\_\_\_\_
  - o District: \_\_\_\_\_
  - o Village/Town: \_\_\_\_\_
2. **Proof of Cultivation Area Compliance/Site Compliance** (Attach approval):  Yes  
 No
3. **Security Measures** (Describe fencing, surveillance, access control/tracking and Tracing): as prescribed by the Act

**SECTION D: TECHNICAL DETAILS****For Cultivation Licences:**

1. **Cannabis Strain/Variety(s) to Be Cultivated:** \_\_\_\_\_ (Attach seed/seedling certification)
2. **Expected Yield:** \_\_\_\_\_ kg/hectare/year
3. **Purpose for cultivation:** (Type:  industrial    medicinal    seed production  
 nursery    Other: \_\_\_\_\_ specify)
4. System of cultivation:    Protected    Open field    Both
5. **THC Testing Plan (Lab name/frequency):** \_\_\_\_\_

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**SECTION E: LEGAL & COMPLIANCE**

1. **Background Check Authorisation** (Attach signed consent form).
2. **List of All Directors/Beneficial Owners** (Attach IDs + Police Clearance Certificate, Financial Status)
3. **Environmental and Social Impact Assessment (ESIA) Environmental and Social Management Plan/ Waste Management Plan**

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**SECTION F: SUPPORTING DOCUMENTS**

*(Checklist – Attach copies)*

- Business Plan
- Business Registration Certificate
- Proof of Land Rights
- Water Right for irrigated crop
- Site Map/Layout Plan
- Seed Certification (for cultivation)
- Cropping plan (for cultivation)
- Company Letter of Authority (Letter authorising the Applicant to represent the Company)
- Laboratory Testing Agreement
- Proof of Financial Capacity (Bank statement/loan approval)
- GMP/Quality Control Plan (for processors)
- Any Other Related Plans:

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**SECTION G: DECLARATION**

*I certify that all information provided is accurate. I agree to comply with all relevant legislation including, the Licit Use of Cannabis in Botswana Act, regulations, and guidelines. I understand that false statements may result in license revocation or legal action.*

**Applicant Signature:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Date:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Name (Printed):** \_\_\_\_\_

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**SUBMISSION INSTRUCTIONS**

1. Submit this form + attachments to (the Authority Office Address/Email). Ministry of Trade and Entrepreneurship
2. Pay a non-refundable application fee of (Amount TBT) via (Banking Details).

**For Office Use Only**

Received By: \_\_\_\_\_

Checked By: \_\_\_\_\_

Recommendation:

Committee Decision: \_\_\_\_\_

License No.: \_\_\_\_\_ Status:   Approved       Rejected       Pending

Reviewer: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_



**FORM 2**  
**SECURITY CLEARANCE FORM**  
*(reg. 3 (3), 14 (3), 18 (2) and 23 (3))*

**Section 1: Applicant Information**

- I. Given Names: \_\_\_\_\_  
 II. Nationality: \_\_\_\_\_ ID/Passport: \_\_\_\_\_  
 III. Date of Birth (dd-mm-yyyy): \_\_\_\_\_ Gender: \_\_\_\_\_  
 IV. Contact Number: \_\_\_\_\_ Email: \_\_\_\_\_  
 V. Physical Address: \_\_\_\_\_  
 VI. Marital Status: \_\_\_\_\_

**Declaration**

- VII.  I declare that the information provided in this application is true and correct to the best of my knowledge.  
 VIII.  I consent to the use of my personal information for the purpose of security clearance and compliance with the applicable laws and regulations.

**Section 2: Business Integrity (Companies and Intellectual Property Authority)**

- I. Vetting Agency: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Date: \_\_\_\_\_ Place: \_\_\_\_\_  
 II. Vetting Officer: \_\_\_\_\_  
 III. Brief Findings and recommendations: \_\_\_\_\_  
 \_\_\_\_\_

**Section 3: Criminal Record Report (Botswana Police Service)**

- I. Consent for Criminal Record Check  
 I authorise the relevant agency to conduct a criminal record check as part of this application.  
 II. Have you ever been convicted of a criminal offense?  Yes  No  
 If yes, provide details: \_\_\_\_\_  
 III. Received any record suspension (pardon)?  
 Yes  No  
 IV. Fingerprint Number: \_\_\_\_\_  
 V. Officer Conducting Search: \_\_\_\_\_  
 VI. Brief Report on Findings: \_\_\_\_\_  
 \_\_\_\_\_

**Section 4: Financial Integrity (Financial Intelligence Agency)**

- I. Agency: \_\_\_\_\_  
 II. Assessing Officer: \_\_\_\_\_  
 III. Date: \_\_\_\_\_ Place: \_\_\_\_\_  
 IV. Brief report on findings: \_\_\_\_\_  
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**Section 5: Security Vetting (Directorate of Intelligence Security)**

**I. Consent:**

I consent to the use of my personal information for the purpose of security clearance and compliance with the applicable laws and regulations.

II. Vetting Agency: \_\_\_\_\_

III. Date: \_\_\_\_\_ Place: \_\_\_\_\_

**Section 6: Acknowledgement**

Signature of Applicant: \_\_\_\_\_

Date (dd-mm-yyyy): \_\_\_\_\_

**Section 7: For Official Use Only (National Cannabis Control Authority)**

Received By (Names and signature) \_\_\_\_\_

Date (dd-mm-yyyy): \_\_\_\_\_

Comments: \_\_\_\_\_



REPUBLIC OF BOTSWANA

FORM 3  
CANNABIS CULTIVATION LICENCE  
(Cannabis Act, Act No. 20 of 2025)  
(reg. 5)

**A. LICENCE PARTICULARS:**

**Licence Number:** .....  
**Licence Category:** Cannabis Cultivation Licence  
**Date of Issue:** .....  
**Date of Expiry:** .....

**B. LICENSEE DETAILS:**

**Name of Licensee (Institution/Company):**  
.....

**Registration:**  
.....

**Physical Address of Cultivation Site(s):**  
.....

**Authorised Farm Manager/Principal Researcher:**  
Name: .....  
Contact Details: .....

**C. SCOPE OF AUTHORISATION:**

This licence authorises the licensee to:

- Cultivate cannabis at approved sites for **research, medicinal or industrial purposes**, as specified in the licence.
- Conduct agronomic trials, seed production, fibre studies, or medicinal research in compliance with licence terms.
- Retain harvested material solely for approved purposes or supervised destruction.

This licence **does not authorise:**

- Unlicensed commercial sale or distribution.
- Transport of cannabis without a valid transport licence.
- Cultivation outside approved sites, quantities, or purposes.

**D. THC COMPLIANCE:**

- For industrial cannabis: THC must not exceed 0.7% (dry weight) or as determined by the relevant regulatory authorities.
- For medicinal cannabis: THC and CBD levels must comply with prescribed limits.
- Non-compliant crops must be reported immediately and destroyed under official supervision.

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**E. LICENCE CONDITIONS:**

1. Cultivation activities must comply with the approved licence, project proposal, and regulatory framework.
2. Secure cultivation site with access control and signage.
3. Maintain accurate records of planting, growth, harvest, and disposal.
4. Authorised officers of relevant regulatory authorities may inspect at any reasonable time.
5. Waste and surplus material must be destroyed under regulatory supervision and documented.
6. Non-compliance may result in suspension, revocation or cancellation of licence, and legal action may be taken against the licensee.

**F. VALIDITY AND LIMITATIONS:**

Remains the property of the Government of Botswana and the following applies:

- Licence is non-transferable and site-specific.
- Activities are limited to quantities and purposes specified in the licence.
- Licence must be renewed annually or as otherwise directed.
- Licence holder shall give up the license, upon surrender, expiry, suspension, or revocation of the licenses.

**OFFICIAL ENDORSEMENT**

Issued at ..... on this ..... day of ....., 20.....

.....  
**Authorised Officer**  
National Cannabis Control Authority

.....  
**Signature**

**IMPORTANT NOTICE**

*This licence certificate must be displayed at the cultivation site at all times. Any unauthorised reproduction, alteration, or misuse constitutes an offence under the laws of the Republic of Botswana.*



FORM 4  
CULTIVATION LICENCE RENEWAL APPLICATION FORM  
(Cannabis Act, Act No. 20 of 2025)  
(reg. 9)

**Issued by:** National Cannabis Control Authority

**PART A: EXISTING LICENCE DETAILS:**

**A1. Current Licence Number:**

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**A2. Date of Original Issue:**

.....

**A3. Date of Expiry:**

.....

**A4. Type of Licence:**

Industrial Cannabis Cultivation     Medicinal Cannabis Cultivation

**PART B: APPLICANT DETAILS:**

**B1. Name of Licensee (Institution/Company):**

.....

**B2. Registration:**

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**B3. Physical Address of Principal Office:**

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**B4. Contact Person/Farm Manager:**

Name: .....

Position: .....

Contact Details: .....

**PART C: CULTIVATION ACTIVITY REPORT:**

**C1. Summary of Cultivation Activities Since Last Licence:**

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.....

**C2. Compliance with Licence Conditions:**

Fully Compliant     Partially Compliant (explain)     Non-Compliant (explain)

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**C3. THC/CBD Monitoring Results:**

.....

**C4. Waste Management and Disposal Report:**

.....

**C5. Incidents or Non-Compliance Reports:**

.....

**PART D: RENEWAL REQUEST DETAILS:**

**D1. Proposed Renewal Period:**

From: ..... To: .....

**D2. Changes to Cultivation Site(s) or Area:**

.....

**D3. Changes to Cannabis Varieties/Strains:**

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**D4. Reason for Renewal:**

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**PART E: SECURITY AND COMPLIANCE UPDATE:**

**E1. Update on Security Measures:**

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**E2. Update on Diversion Prevention Measures:**

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**E3. Monitoring and Testing Updates (e.g., THC/CBD etc.):**

.....

**PART F: DECLARATION AND UNDERTAKING:**

I, the undersigned, declare that the information provided in this application is true and correct. I undertake to continue to cultivate cannabis strictly in accordance with the licence conditions and applicable laws, including THC/CBD thresholds, security, and reporting requirements.

I understand that non-compliance may result in suspension, revocation or cancellation of the licence and legal action may be taken against you in accordance with the Act and these Regulations.

**Name of Applicant/Authorised Representative:**

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**Signature:**

..... **Date:** .....

**PART G: CHECKLIST OF ATTACHMENTS:**

- Cultivation Activity Report/Results
- Updated Security Plan
- Updated Site Map/Coordinates

- Compliance Reports
- THC/CBD Monitoring Reports
- Land Tenure/Authority Documents
- Environmental/Regulatory Clearances

PART H: FOR OFFICIAL USE ONLY:

Application Reference No.: .....

Date Received: .....

Assessment Officer: .....

Decision: Approved    Deferred    Rejected

Renewed Licence Number: .....

Validity Period: .....

Remarks:

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FORM 5  
NOTIFICATION FOR CHANGE OF PARTICULARS  
(Cannabis Act, Act No. 20 of 2025)  
(reg. 10 (1))

Name of Enterprise: .....  
Location: .....  
Application No.: .....  
Date of application: .....  
Particulars being changed:  
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**DECLARATION:**

I solemnly declare that the information given in the application is correct to the best of my knowledge and I have not tried to conceal anything.

I understand that non-compliance may result in suspension or revocation of the licence and legal action may be taken against you in accordance with relevant legislation.

Name of authorised representative: .....

Signature: ..... Date: .....  
ID/Passport No.....  
Telephone No.: .....  
Mobile No.: .....  
Email: .....

**For official use only**

1. Receipt of Notification:

File No.: .....

Date: .....

Remarks:

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2. Signature of Licensing Officer: .....

Date: .....

3. Decision of the Board: .....

Signature of the Board Chairperson: .....

4. Communication of Decision:

Letter Ref: .....

Date: .....

Licence No: .....

Date: .....



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FORM 6  
STATUS REPORT  
(Cannabis Act, Act No. 20 of 2025)  
(reg. 11)

**Report Reference No.:**.....

**Reporting Period:** From: ..... To: .....

**Prepared By:** .....

1. PURPOSE OF REPORT

This report provides an overview of the status of **cannabis research, production and distribution** within Botswana, including compliance, enforcement, and regulatory updates.

2. LICENCE SUMMARY

Licence Type	Number Issued	Active	Suspended	Revoked	Expired
Industrial Cannabis Research					
Medicinal Cannabis Research					
Cannabis Production/ cultivation					
Cannabis Distribution					
Cannabis Carrier Vehicle					

3. RESEARCH ACTIVITY SUMMARY

- Number of active research projects:  
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- Sites under research licence:  
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- Volume of cannabis under research:  
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- THC/CBD compliance:  
.....
- Research findings and publications (if any):  
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4. PRODUCTION AND DISTRIBUTION OVERVIEW

- Licensed production facilities:  
.....
- Total cannabis produced:  
.....
- Distribution activities:  
.....
  
- Licensed transport vehicles:  
.....
- Incidents or non-compliance reported:  
.....

5. INSPECTIONS AND ENFORCEMENT

- Number of inspections conducted:
- Sites inspected:
- Compliance status:  Compliant  Partially Compliant  Non-Compliant
- Corrective actions taken:
- Enforcement actions (suspensions, revocations, fines):

6. RISK AND SECURITY ASSESSMENT

- Security measures in place:  
.....
- Threats identified:  
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- Mitigation strategies implemented:  
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7. RECOMMENDATIONS

- .....
- .....
- .....

8. CERTIFICATION

I certify that the information provided in this report is accurate and complete to the best of my knowledge.

**Name:** .....

**Designation/Authority:** .....

**Signature:** .....

**Date:** .....



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FORM 7  
VARIATION OF LICENCE  
(Cannabis Act, Act No. 20 of 2025)  
(reg. 12 (2))

1. Name of Enterprise:

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Location: .....

Licence No.: .....

Issued on the .....

For purposes of:

.....

2. Reasons for the variation:

a) Change of licensed premises: (specify) .....

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b) Change of key responsible personnel: (specify)

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c) Change to security plans or systems: (specify) .....

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d) Change in cultivation, processing or analytical methodology: (specify)

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e) Change in corporate control or ownership structure, impacting licensee accountability:

(specify) .....

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Name of authorised representative: .....

Signature:..... Date: .....

ID/Passport No.: .....

Telephone No.: .....

Mobile No.: .....

**For official use only**

1. Receipt of Notification:

File No.....

Date: .....

Application fee Receipt No.: .....

Signature of Licensing Officer:

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2. Verification of the application:

Officer's Name: .....

Remarks:

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Signature: .....

Date: .....

3. Decision of the Board:

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Signature of the Board Chairperson: .....

4. Communication of Decision:

Letter Ref: .....

Date: .....

Licence No.: .....

Date: .....



FORM 8  
APPLICATION FOR MANUFACTURING LICENCE  
(Cannabis Act, Act No. 20 of 2025)  
(reg. 14 (2))

**Issued by:** National Cannabis Control Authority

PART A: APPLICANT DETAILS:

**A1. Company/Institution Name:**  
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**A2. Registration Number:**  
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**A3. Physical Address of Principal Office:**  
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**A4. Postal Address:**  
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**A5. Telephone Number:**  
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**A6. Email Address:**  
.....

**A7. Authorised Contact Person/Head of Manufacturing:**

Name: .....

Position: .....

Contact Details: .....

**A8. Ownership:**

Particulars of Shareholders:

Names	Nationality	<i>Omang</i> /Passport No.	No. of Shares	Date of Birth
1.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
2.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
3.....	.....	.....	.....	.....

A.9 Particulars of Directors:

Names	Nationality	<i>Omang</i> /Passport No.	Designation
1.....	.....	.....	.....
2.....	.....	.....	.....
3.....	.....	.....	.....

PART B: MANUFACTURING FACILITY DETAILS:

**B1. Location/Physical Address of Facility:**

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**B2. Facility Type:**

Pharmaceutical  Industrial/Extracts  Research & Development  Other (specify)

.....

**B3. Size of Facility (m<sup>2</sup>):**

.....

**B4. Layout Plan/Site Map:**

(Attach separate sheet if necessary)

**B5. Security Measures Implemented:**

(e.g., Fencing, controlled access, surveillance, security personnel, etc.,)

PART C: CANNABIS MANUFACTURING DETAILS:

**C1. Type/Strain of Cannabis for Manufacturing:**

Industrial Hemp  Medicinal Cannabis

**C2. Purpose of Manufacturing:**

Pharmaceutical/Medicinal Products  Extracts/Industrial Use  Research/Experimental Use  Other (specify) .....

**C3. Planned Production Mass (kg or litres per year):**

.....

**C4. THC/CBD Compliance Acknowledgement:**

Applicant acknowledges that all manufactured products are in compliance with the provisions of the Act and these Regulations.

PART D: COMPLIANCE AND RISK MANAGEMENT:

**D1. Quality Control/Laboratory Testing Measures:**

.....

**D2. Waste Management and Disposal Plan:**

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**D3. Chain-of-Custody Measures for Raw Material and Finished Product:**

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**D4. Contingency Plan for Theft, Loss, or Incident:**

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**PART E: REGULATORY AND ETHICAL CLEARANCES:**

**E1. Pharmaceutical/Health Regulatory Approvals (MoH):**  
 Approved  Pending  Not Applicable

**E2. Environmental Clearance (Department of Environmental Protection / Local Authority):**  
 Approved  Pending  Not Applicable

**E3. Research/Clinical Trial Ethics Approval (BOMRA):**  
 Approved  Pending  Not Applicable

**PART F: DECLARATION AND UNDERTAKING:**

I, the undersigned, declare that the information provided in this application is true and correct. I undertake to manufacture cannabis strictly in accordance with all applicable laws, licence conditions, security measures, THC/CBD thresholds, and reporting requirements issued by the relevant regulatory authorities.

I understand that non-compliance may result in suspension or revocation of the licence and legal action may be taken against you in accordance with relevant legislation.

**Name of Applicant/Authorised Representative:**

.....

**Signature:**

..... **Date:** .....

**PART G: CHECKLIST OF ATTACHMENTS:**

- Facility Layout Plan
- Security Plan
- Waste Management Plan
- Quality Control/Laboratory Plan
- Chain-of-Custody Plan
- Regulatory Approvals (MoH/DEP/Security Clearance/Financial Clearance/etc)
- THC/CBD Testing Plan
- Material Source/Cultivation Licence Copies

**PART H: FOR OFFICIAL USE ONLY:**

Application Reference No.: .....

Date Received: .....

Assessment Officer: .....

Decision:  Approved  Deferred  Rejected

Licence Number Issued: .....

Validity Period: .....

Remarks:

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FORM 9  
MANUFACTURING LICENCE  
(Cannabis Act, Act No. 20 of 2025)  
(reg. 16 (1))

Licence No.....

A manufacturing licence is hereby granted to .....

Location: .....

Plot/Ward: .....

For purpose of:

- a) Industrial processing
- b) Medicinal processing

The licensee is licensed to manufacture the following products: .....

.....

Location of facility:

GPS Coordinates: .....District: .....

Village/Town: .....

Subject to payment of an annual fee during the month of .....

The Licence is valid for a period of 36 months (3 years) from first day of issue subject to compliance with the conditions upon which it is issued.....

Licensing Officer: .....

.....  
Name

.....  
Signature

Station: .....



FORM 10  
APPLICATION FOR RENEWAL OF MANUFACTURING LICENCE  
(Cannabis Act, Act No. 20 of 2025)  
(reg. 17 (1))

**A. PARTICULARS OF APPLICANT(S):**

Name of Applicant/Enterprise  
.....  
*(In block letters)*

Trading Name *(if other than enterprise name)*  
.....

Company Registration No..... Date of Registration: .....

**a) Ownership:**

Particulars of Shareholders:

Names	Nationality	Omang/Passport No.	No. of Shares	Date of Birth
1.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
2.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
3.....	.....	.....	.....	.....

**b. Particulars of Directors:**

Names	Nationality	Omang/Passport No.	Designation
1.....	.....	.....	.....
2.....	.....	.....	.....
3.....	.....	.....	.....

**2. LOCATION OF MANUFACTURING:**

Plot No.....  
 Ward.....  
 Town/Village.....

GPS Coordinates: .....

**3. COMMUNICATION ADDRESS:**

Postal Address: .....  
 Telephone No: ..... Fax.....  
 E-mail.....  
 Mobile No: .....

**4. MANUFACTURING LICENCE SUBCLASS:**

- a) Industrial processing
- b) Medicinal processing

**5. PRODUCTS MANUFACTURED: (PLEASE GIVE DETAILS):**

.....  
 .....  
 .....

**6. ACTUAL EMPLOYMENT:**

	Cadre	Citizens	F	M	Non-Citizens	F	M
Managers/ Supervisors	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Skilled Staff	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Unskilled Workers	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Others	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Total	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....

**7. ACTUAL SALES:**

a) Actual Sales for the Previous/Current Financial Year:

PRODUCTS (BWP) (Country)	QUANTITY			VALUE	Total
	Local	Export	Destination		
.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Total	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....

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**DECLARATION:**

I solemnly declare that the information given in the application is correct to the best of my knowledge and I have not tried to conceal anything.

I understand that non-compliance may result in suspension or revocation of the licence and legal action may be taken against you in accordance with relevant legislation.

Name of authorised representative: .....

Signature: ..... Date: .....

ID/Passport No.....

Telephone No: .....

Mobile No: .....

Email: .....

**For official use only**

1. Receipt of Application:

File No.....

Date: .....

Application fee Receipt No: .....

Signature of Licensing Officer:  
.....

2. Verification of the application:

Officer's Name: .....

Remarks:  
.....  
.....

Signature: ..... Date: .....

3. Decision of the Board: .....

Signature of the Board Chairperson: .....

4. Communication of Decision:

Letter Ref: ..... Date: .....

Licence No: ..... Date: .....



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FORM 11  
APPLICATION FOR IMPORT OR EXPORT LICENCE  
(Cannabis Act, Act No. 20 of 2025)  
(reg. 18 (1))

**1. PARTICULARS OF APPLICANT(S):**

Name of Applicant/Enterprise  
.....  
(In block letters)

Trading Name (if other than enterprise name)  
.....

Company Registration No.....

Date of Registration: .....

**a) Ownership:**

Particulars of Shareholders:

Names	Nationality	Omang/Passport No.	No. of Shares	Date of Birth
1.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
2.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
3.....	.....	.....	.....	.....

**b) Particulars of Directors:**

Names	Nationality	Omang/Passport No.	Designation
1.....	.....	.....	.....
2.....	.....	.....	.....
3.....	.....	.....	.....

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**2. LOCATION:**

Plot No.....  
Ward.....  
Town/Village.....  
GPS Coordinates: .....

**3. COMMUNICATION ADDRESS:**

Postal Address: .....  
Telephone No: ..... Fax..... E-mail.....  
Mobile No: .....

**4. TYPE OF LICENCE BEING APPLIED FOR:**

- a) Cannabis Import Licence
- b) Cannabis Export Licence

**OTHER INFORMATION:**

- a) Has any director or shareholder been convicted within or outside Botswana of any serious criminal offence involving dishonesty?  
If so, give details: .....  
.....  
.....
- b) Has any director or shareholder been sequestered or declared bankrupt within or outside Botswana? If so, give details: .....  
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**DECLARATION:**

I solemnly declare that the information given in the application is correct to the best of my knowledge and I have not tried to conceal anything.

I understand that non-compliance may result in suspension or revocation of the licence and legal action may be taken against you in accordance with relevant legislation.

Name of authorised representative: .....

Signature: ..... Date: .....

ID/Passport No.....  
Telephone No: .....  
Mobile No: .....  
Email: .....

**For official use only**

1. Receipt of Application:

File No.....

Date: ..... Application fee Receipt No: .....

Signature of Licensing Officer: .....

2. Verification of the application:

Officer's Name: .....

Remarks:  
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.....

Signature: ..... Date: .....

3. Decision of the Board:

.....

Signature of the Board Chairperson: .....

4. Communication of Decision:

Letter Ref: ..... Date: .....

Licence No: ..... Date: .....



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FORM 12  
IMPORT OR EXPORT LICENCE  
(Cannabis Act, Act No. 20 of 2025)  
(reg. 20 (1))

**Licence No.** .....  
Date of issue: ..... Expiry date: .....  
Licence is hereby granted to .....  
Location: GPS Coordinates: ..... District: .....  
Village/Town: .....  
For purposes of this application only one activity should be specified  
Export  
Import

SPECIFICATION OF CANNABIS TO BE EXPORTED/ IMPORTED	QUANTITY	VALUE

Export Destination/Country Imported from .....  
Botswana Port of Entry/ Exit to be used: .....  
Details of authorised transport to be used:

Vehicle registration number	Trailer registration number

*Only goods mentioned above will be permitted to be imported/exported in and out of the Republic of Botswana under this license. The licence is issued without any amendments of any kind. If any unauthorised amendment appears to have been made, the licence will be regarded as invalid and cancelled by the Authority henceforth. Upon utilisation of this licence, it must be returned to the Authority.*

Licensing Officer: .....

.....  
Name

.....  
Signature

Station: .....



REPUBLIC OF BOTSWANA

FORM 13  
APPLICATION FOR CANNABIS TRANSPORTATION LICENCE  
(Cannabis Act, Act No. 20 of 2025)  
(reg. 21 (1))

To be completed when transporting cannabis (medicinal or industrial) plants, plants products or any regulated article. Form must accompany the consignment for issues of traceability of the products being transported, a cultivation licence and a copy retained for record purposes.

**Issued by:** National Cannabis Control Authority

PART A: APPLICANT DETAILS

**A1. Company/Owner Name:**

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**A2. Registration/Identity Number:**

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**A3. Physical Address of Principal Office:**

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**A4. Postal Address:**

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**A5. Telephone Number:**

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**A6. Email Address:**

.....

**A7. Authorised Contact Person:**

Name: .....

Position: .....

Contact Details: .....

PART B: VEHICLE DETAILS:

**B1. Vehicle Registration Number:**

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**B2. Vehicle Type:**

Truck  Van  Car  Other: .....

**B3. Driver(s) Details:**

Name(s): .....

**B4. Driver Licence Number(s):**

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PART C: TRANSPORTATION DETAILS

**C1. Type of Cannabis Material:**

Industrial Cannabis/Hemp  Medicinal Cannabis  Other: .....

**C2. Quantity to be Transported:**

.....

**C3. Source/Origin of Material:**

Production Facility  Research Site  Distribution Centre  Other (specify)

**C4. Destination:**

Production Facility  Research Site  Distribution Centre  Export Point  Other (specify)

**C5. Proposed Date(s) of Transport:**

From: ..... To: .....

**C6. Route of Transport (attach map if applicable):**

.....

PART D: SECURITY AND COMPLIANCE MEASURES:

**D1. Security Measures During Transport:**

(Fencing, lockable compartments, GPS Tracking, escort if required)

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**D2. Chain-of-Custody Documentation:**

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**D3. Contingency Plan for Theft/Accident:**

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**D4. Authorisation of Personnel:**

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PART E: DECLARATION AND UNDERTAKING:

I, the undersigned, declare that the information provided in this application is true and correct. I undertake to transport cannabis strictly in accordance with applicable laws, regulations, and licence conditions issued by the relevant regulatory authorities.

I understand that non-compliance may result in suspension or revocation of the licence and legal action may be taken against you in accordance with the Act and these Regulations.

**Name of Applicant/Authorised Representative:**

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**Signature:**

..... **Date:** .....

**PART F: CHECKLIST OF ATTACHMENTS:**

- Vehicle Registration Documents
- Driver Licence Copies
- Material Source/Production Licence/etc.
- Route Map/Transport Plan
- Security and Chain-of-Custody Plan
- Insurance/Contingency Plan

**PART G: FOR OFFICIAL USE ONLY**

Application Reference No.: .....  
Date Received: .....  
Assessment Officer: .....  
Decision:  Approved  Deferred  Rejected  
Licence Number Issued: .....  
Validity Period: .....

Remarks:  
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FORM 14  
CANNABIS TRANSPORTATION LICENCE  
(Cannabis Act, Act No. 20 of 2025)  
(reg. 23 (1))

A. LICENCE PARTICULARS:

**Licence Number:**.....  
**Vehicle Registration Number:** .....  
**Licence Category:** Cannabis Transport Licence  
**Date of Issue:** .....  
**Date of Expiry:** .....

B. LICENSEE DETAILS:

**Company/Owner Name:**  
.....

**Vehicle Registration Number:**  
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**Physical Address of Principal Office:**  
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**Authorised Driver(s):**  
Name(s): .....

**Contact Details:** .....

C. SCOPE OF AUTHORISATION:

This licence authorises the licensee to transport licensed cannabis or industrial cannabis between approved facilities, including:

- Production sites
- Research sites
- Distribution centres
- Export/import points (with appropriate permits)

**This licence does NOT authorise:**

- Sale or distribution to the public
- Transport outside authorised routes, times, or quantities
- Transport by unlicensed personnel or vehicles

D. SECURITY AND COMPLIANCE REQUIREMENTS:

- Vehicle must display licence certificate and identification numbers during transport.
- Security measures must be implemented, including:
  - o Lockable compartments
  - o Geo-location tracking
  - o Chain-of-custody documentation
  - o Compliance with authorised routes and schedules
- Drivers must carry **authorisation** letters and valid identification.
- Any theft, loss, or incident must be reported immediately to National Cannabis Control Authority, BOMRA, DEA, and Botswana Police Service.

E. LICENCE CONDITIONS:

1. Vehicle and driver(s) must remain compliant with all applicable laws and regulations.
2. Transport only **approved cannabis or cannabis quantities** in accordance with accompanying licences.
3. Maintain accurate **transport logs and chain-of-custody records**.
4. Allow authorised officers to inspect vehicle, documentation, and cargo at any reasonable time.
5. Non-compliance may result in suspension, revocation or cancellation of the licence.

F. VALIDITY AND LIMITATIONS:

- Non-transferable and valid only for the registered vehicle and authorised drivers.
- Licence must be renewed annually or as otherwise directed.
- Must be surrendered upon suspension, revocation, or vehicle decommissioning.

OFFICIAL ENDORSEMENT

Issued at ..... on this ..... day of ....., 20.....  
.....

**Authorised Officer**

National Cannabis Control Authority  
.....

**Signature**

**IMPORTANT NOTICE**

*This licence certificate must be displayed inside the vehicle during transport. Any unauthorised reproduction, alteration, or misuse constitutes an offence under the laws of the Republic of Botswana.*



FORM 15  
APPLICATION FOR RENEWAL OF CANNABIS TRANSPORTATION LICENCE  
(Cannabis Act, Act No. 20 of 2025)  
(reg. 25 (1))

**A. PARTICULARS OF APPLICANT(S):**

Name of Applicant/Enterprise  
.....  
(In block letters)

Trading Name (if other than enterprise name)  
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Company Registration No..... Date of Registration: .....

**a) Ownership:**

Particulars of Shareholders:

Names	Nationality	Oman/Passport No.	No. of Shares	Date of Birth
1.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
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**b. Particulars of Directors:**

Names	Nationality	Oman/Passport No.	Designation
1.....	.....	.....	.....
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4.....	.....	.....	.....

**2. COMMUNICATION ADDRESS:**

Postal Address: .....  
Telephone No: ..... Fax.....  
E-mail.....  
Mobile No: .....

**3. PRODUCTS TRANSPORTED: (PLEASE GIVE DETAILS):**

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**4. ACTUAL EMPLOYMENT:**

Cadre	Citizens	F	M	Non-Citizens	F	M
Total						
Managers/Supervisors	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
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Skilled Staff	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
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Unskilled Workers	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
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Others	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
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Total	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
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**5. DECLARATION:**

I solemnly declare that the information given in the application is correct to the best of my knowledge and I have not tried to conceal anything.

I understand that non-compliance may result in suspension or revocation of the licence and legal action may be taken against you in accordance with relevant legislation.

Name of authorised representative: .....

Signature: ..... Date: .....  
ID/Passport No.....  
Telephone No: .....  
Mobile No: .....  
Email: .....

**For official use only**

1. Receipt of Application:

File No.....

Date: .....

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Application fee Receipt No: .....

Signature of Licensing Officer:  
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2. Verification of the application:

Officer's Name: .....

Remarks:  
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Signature: ..... Date: .....

3. Decision of the Board:  
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Signature of the Board Chairperson: .....

4. Communication of Decision:

Letter Ref: ..... Date: .....

Licence No: ..... Date: .....



FORM 16  
APPLICATION FOR DISTRIBUTION OF CANNABIS LICENCE  
(Cannabis Act, Act No. 20 of 2025)  
(reg. 26 (1))

**Issued by:** National Cannabis Control Authority

**PART A: APPLICANT DETAILS:**

**1.1 Name of Applicant (Company/Institution):**  
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**1.2 Company Registration Number:**  
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**1.3 Type of Applicant:**

Company  Cooperative  State-Owned Entity  Other (specify)  
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**1.4 Physical Address:**  
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**1.5 Postal Address:**  
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**1.6 Telephone Number:**  
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**1.7 Email Address:**  
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**1.8 Authorised Representative:**

Name.....

Signature.....

Designation.....

**2.1 Type of Licence:**

Cannabis Distribution Licence

**2.2 Intended Market:**

Domestic (Botswana – licensed health facilities and authorised entities only)  International  
(Export – authorised importing country only)

**2.3 Type of Licence:**

Cannabis Distribution Licence

**2.4 Purpose of Distribution (tick all that apply):**

Medical Cannabis

Scientific/Research Use

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- Industrial / Pharmaceutical Use
- Export
- Other (specify): .....

**2.5 Intended Market:**

- Domestic  International (Export)

**PART C: BUSINESS AND OPERATIONAL INFORMATION:**

**3.1 Description of Distribution Activities:**

(Include receipt, quarantine, storage, quality release, order fulfilment, transportation, recall capability, and pharmacovigilance reporting in line with BOMRA Good Distribution Practices)

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**3.2 Proposed Distribution Premises (Physical Location):**

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**3.3 Proof of Legal Right to Use Premises:**

- Title Deed  Lease Agreement  Other (specify)

**3.4 Estimated Annual Quantity of Cannabis/Medicinal Cannabis Products to be Distributed:**

(To be consistent with MoH national estimates and INCB annual submissions)

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**3.5 Source of Cannabis Products:**

- Licensed Local Producer  Licensed Importer  Other (specify)

**PART D: COMPLIANCE, SECURITY, AND REGULATORY REQUIREMENTS:**

**4.1 Security Measures in Place (DEA):**

(Access control, CCTV, alarm systems, personnel vetting, secure transport in consultation with DEA)

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**4.2 Quality Control, Storage, and Traceability Systems:**

(Compliance with domestic and international regulatory bodies, including Good Distribution Practices (GDP), batch/lot traceability, temperature control, controlled-drug registers, and product recall procedures, including batch tracking and inventory reconciliation.)

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**4.3 Record Keeping and Reporting Arrangements:**

(Maintenance of distribution records, import/export permits, stock reconciliation, adverse drug reaction reporting, and periodic submissions to MoH, BOMRA, and INCB etc)

(Submission of periodic returns to the Authority, MoH, MoLA, and INCB as required)

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**4.4 Waste Management and Disposal Procedures:**

(Destruction in accordance with DEP guidelines and under supervision of authorized officers)

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**4.5 Environmental and Social Compliance:**

- Environmental Impact Assessment conducted (if required)
- Environmental Authorisation obtained from DEP

**PART E: MANAGEMENT AND KEY PERSONNEL:**

**5.1 Names and Positions of Directors/Partners/Key Officers:**

Name	Position	ID

**5.2 Relevant Experience in Pharmaceuticals, Health Supply Chain, Agriculture, Logistics, or Regulatory Compliance:**

(Include prior BOMRA-licensed activities, pharmaceutical warehousing, or health commodities distribution experience)

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**PART F: STATUTORY DECLARATION AND UNDERTAKING:**

I, the undersigned, hereby declare that the information provided in this application is true, complete, and accurate to the best of my knowledge. I acknowledge that cannabis is a controlled substance under the laws of Botswana and undertake to fully comply with:

- All licence conditions issued by the Competent Authority
- Directives of the Ministry of Lands and Agriculture and the Ministry of Health
- Requirements of the Botswana Medicines Regulatory Authority
- Security directives of the Botswana Police Service/DEA
- Customs, taxation, and reporting obligations administered by BURS
- Botswana’s international obligations under the 1961 Single Convention on Narcotic Drugs and INCB requirements

I understand that any breach of licence conditions or applicable laws may result in enforcement action by NCCA including suspension or revocation of the licence, product seizure, administrative penalties, and possible criminal liability.

**Name of Applicant/Authorised Representative:**

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**Signature:**

..... **Date:** .....

**PART G: MANDATORY CHECKLIST OF ATTACHMENTS:**

- Certified copy of Registration Certificate
- Business Plan (including pharmacovigilance and recall procedures)
- Security Plan (approved in consultation with Botswana Police Service/DEA and MoH)
- Floor Plan of Distribution Premises
- Proof of Premises Ownership or Lease
- Police Clearance Certificates (Directors/Key Personnel)
- Tax Compliance Certificate
- Any other supporting documents (specify):  
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**PART H: FOR OFFICIAL USE ONLY**

*(This section must be completed by the Licensing Authority)*

Application Reference No.: .....

Date Received: .....

Received By: .....

Decision:  Approved  Deferred  Rejected

Remarks:  
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FORM 17  
DISTRIBUTION OF CANNABIS LICENCE  
(Cannabis Act, Act No. 20 of 2025)  
(reg. 28 (1))

**Licence Number:** .....

**Issuing Authority:** National Cannabis Control Authority

**A. LICENSEE PARTICULARS:**

**1.1 Name of Licensee (Company/Institution):**  
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**1.2 Company Registration Number:**  
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**1.3 Physical Address of Licensed Premises:**  
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**1.4 Postal Address:**  
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**1.5 Authorising Person:**

Name: .....  
Designation: .....  
Contact Details: .....

**B. SCOPE OF LICENCE:**

This licence authorises the licensee to **distribute cannabis and/or medicinal cannabis products** strictly for lawful purposes as approved by the Ministry of Health (MoH), regulated by the Botswana Medicines Regulatory Authority (BOMRA), and harmonised with production licences issued by the NCCA.

Permitted activities include (subject to linkage with a valid Production Licence):

- Receipt of cannabis or medicinal cannabis products from **licensed producers or importers**
- Secure storage in **BOMRA-compliant premises**
- Distribution to licensed health facilities, manufacturers, researchers, or authorised entities
- Transportation in accordance with approved security and logistics arrangements
- Export of medicinal cannabis products, where authorised, subject to INCB estimates and permits

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*This licence does not authorise cultivation, manufacturing, retail sale to the public, or personal possession unless separately licensed. Distribution under this licence shall only be undertaken where the source cannabis originates from a valid NCCA-issued Cannabis Production Licence or an authorised import permit issued by MoH-BOMRA/Plant Health-MoLA.*

**C. LICENCE CONDITIONS:**

The licensee shall:

3.1 Comply with all applicable laws of Botswana, including directives issued by MoH and BOMRA, NCCA, Plant health etc.

3.2 Operate in accordance with **BOMRA Good Distribution Practices (GDP)** and controlled-drug requirements.

3.3 Maintain accurate records of all receipts, storage, distribution, losses, and disposals, and submit periodic reports as required.

3.4 Implement and maintain **adequate security measures**, including access control, surveillance, and secure transportation, in consultation with the Botswana Police Service/DEA.

3.5 Ensure effective **traceability, recall procedures, and pharmacovigilance reporting**, including reporting of adverse drug reactions.

3.6 Allow authorised officers of NCCA, MoH, BOMRA, Botswana Police Service/DEA, and other competent authorities to **inspect licensed premises, records, and consignments** at any reasonable time.

3.7 Dispose of expired, damaged, or seized cannabis products only in accordance with **written authorisation and supervised destruction procedures**.

**D. LIMITATIONS AND RESTRICTIONS:**

4.1 Distribution quantities shall not exceed **approved national estimates** or licence-specific limits.

4.2 Distribution shall be restricted to **authorised recipients only**, as approved by NCCA.

4.3 Advertising or promotion of cannabis products to the general public is **strictly prohibited**.

4.4 This licence is **non-transferable**, premises-specific, and operationally linked to NCCA approved production sites and supply chains.

**E. VALIDITY AND RENEWAL:**

5.1 **Date of Issue:** .....

5.2 **Date of Expiry:** .....

5.3 This licence is valid for a period of **twelve (12) months**, unless earlier suspended or revoked.

5.4 Renewal shall be subject to satisfactory compliance, inspection outcomes, and submission of required returns.

F. SUSPENSION OR REVOCATION:

The NCCA, upon recommendation by regulators, may suspend or revoke this licence where the licensee:

- Breaches any licence condition or applicable law
- Provides false or misleading information
- Compromises public health, safety, or security
- Fails to comply with inspection or reporting requirements

G. OFFICIAL ENDORSEMENT:

Issued at ..... on this ..... day of ....., 20.....

.....  
Name and Signature of Authorised Officer

**N.B. Unauthorised reproduction, alteration, or misuse of this licence constitutes an offence**



FORM 18  
APPLICATION FOR INDUSTRIAL CANNABIS RESEARCH LICENCE  
(Cannabis Act, Act No. 20 of 2025)  
(reg. 29 (1) (a))

**Issued by:** National Cannabis Control Authority

**PART A: APPLICANT DETAILS:**

**A1. Name of Applicant (Institution/Company):**

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**A2. Company Registration Number:**

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**A3. Type of Applicant:**

Research Institution  University  Government Entity  Private Company  Other  
(specify)

**A4. Physical Address:**

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**A5. Postal Address:**

.....

**A6. Telephone Number:**

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**A7. Email Address:**

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**A8. Authorised Project Lead/Principal Researcher:**

Name: .....

Qualifications: .....

Contact Details: .....

**PART B: LICENCE APPLIED FOR:**

**B1. Type of Licence:**

Industrial Cannabis Research Licence

**B2. Purpose of Research (tick all that apply):**

Agronomic Trials (varietal testing, yield, adaptability)

Industrial Fibre Research

Seed Development and Breeding

Environmental/Climate Adaptation Studies

Processing and Value-Addition (non-medicinal)

Other (specify): .....

**B3. THC Threshold Acknowledgement:**

The applicant acknowledges that industrial cannabis must comply with the prescribed THC limits as determined by the relevant regulatory authority (<0.7%).

**PART C: RESEARCH PROJECT DETAILS:**

**C1. Title of Research Project:**

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**C2. Project Summary (objectives, methodology, expected outputs):**

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**C3. Duration of Research Project:**

From: ..... To: .....

**C4. Proposed Research Site(s) (attach map and coordinates):**

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**C5. Land Tenure/Authority to Use Site:**

Title Deed  Lease  Research Permit/MoU  Other (specify)

**PART D: CULTIVATION AND MATERIAL DETAILS:**

**D1. Proposed Cannabis Variety/Seed Source:**

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**D2. Quantity of Seed/Planting Material:**

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**D3. Cultivation Method:**

Open Field  Greenhouse  Screenhouse  Other (specify)

**D4. Intended Use of Harvested Material:**

Fibre  Seed  Biomass (industrial research only)  Destruction after trials

**PART E: COMPLIANCE, SECURITY, AND RISK MANAGEMENT:**

**E1. Security Measures at Research Site:**

(e.g. Fencing, access control, signage, personnel controls etc)

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**E2. Measures to Prevent Diversion or Misuse:**

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**E3. THC Monitoring and Testing Arrangements:**

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**E4. Waste Management and Disposal Plan:**

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**PART F: REGULATORY AND ETHICAL CLEARANCES**

**F1. Research Ethics Approval (if applicable):**

Approved  Not Applicable  Pending

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**F2. Environmental Authorisation (DEP):**

Approved  Not Required  Pending

**F3. Import Permit (propagating material is imported):**

Yes  No

**PART G: DECLARATION AND UNDERTAKING:**

I, the undersigned, hereby declare that the information provided in this application is true and correct. I undertake to conduct the approved research strictly for industrial and scientific purposes and to comply with all licence conditions, THC limits, inspection requirements, and directives issued by NCCA, MoLA, MoH, and other competent authorities.

I understand that non-compliance may result in suspension or revocation of the licence and legal action may be taken against you in accordance with relevant legislation.

**Name of Applicant/Authorised Representative:**

.....

**Signature:**

..... **Date:** .....

**PART H: CHECKLIST OF ATTACHMENTS:**

- Research Proposal
- Site Map and Coordinates
- Security Plan
- Proof of Land Tenure/Authority to Use Site
- Ethics Approval (if applicable)
- Environmental Clearance
- Seed Certification/Import Permit (if applicable)

**PART I: FOR OFFICIAL USE ONLY:**

Application Reference No.: .....

Date Received: .....

Assessment Committee: .....

Decision:  Approved  Deferred  Rejected

Licence Number Issued: .....

Validity Period: .....

Remarks:

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FORM 19  
APPLICATION FOR MEDICINAL CANNABIS RESEARCH LICENCE  
(Cannabis Act, Act No. 20 of 2025)  
(reg. 29 (1) (b))

**Issued by:** National Cannabis Control Authority

**PART A: APPLICANT DETAILS:**

**A1. Name of Applicant Institution/Company):**

.....

**A2. Company Registration Number:**

.....

**A3. Type of Applicant:**

Research Institution  University  Government Entity  Private Company  Other  
(specify)

**A4. Physical Address:**

.....

**A5. Postal Address:**

.....

**A6. Telephone Number:**

.....

**A7. Email Address:**

.....

**A8. Authorised Project Lead/Principal Researcher:**

Name: .....

Qualifications: .....

Contact Details: .....

**PART B: LICENCE APPLIED FOR:**

**B1. Type of Licence:**

Medicinal Cannabis Research Licence

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**B2. Purpose of Research (tick all that apply):**

- Clinical Trials (safety, efficacy)
- Pharmacological Studies
- Formulation and Drug Development
- Dosage and Administration Research
- Other (specify): .....

**B3. THC/CBD Acknowledgement:**

- The applicant acknowledges that all cannabis used must comply with the limits and regulatory standards set out in the Act and any other relevant law and under the Authority's , MoH/BOMRA's supervision.

**PART C: RESEARCH PROJECT DETAILS:**

**C1. Title of Research Project:**

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**C2. Project Summary (objectives, methodology, expected outputs):**

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**C3. Duration of Research Project:**

From: ..... To: .....

**C4. Proposed Research Site(s) (attach map and coordinates):**

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**C5. Land Tenure/Authority to Use Site:**

- Title Deed  Lease  Research Permit/MoU  Other (specify)

**PART D: CANNABIS MATERIAL DETAILS:**

**D1. Proposed Cannabis Variety/Strain:**

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**D2. Quantity of Material:**

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**D3. Source of Material:**

- Licensed Production Facility (NCCA)  Import Permit Approved  Other (specify)

**D4. Intended Use of Material:**

- Clinical Testing  Laboratory Analysis  Formulation Studies  Destruction After Use

**PART E: COMPLIANCE, SECURITY, AND RISK MANAGEMENT:**

**E1. Security Measures at Research Site:**

(e.g. Fencing, access control, signage, personnel controls etc)

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**E2. Measures to Prevent Diversion or Misuse:**

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**E3. THC/CBD Monitoring and Testing Arrangements:**

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**E4. Waste Management and Disposal Plan:**

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**PART F: REGULATORY AND ETHICAL CLEARANCES:**

**F1. Research Ethics Approval (if applicable):**

Approved  Not Applicable  Pending

**F2. Environmental Authorisation (DEP):**

Approved  Not Required  Pending

**F3. Import Permit (if material is imported):**

Yes  No

**F4. Clinical Trial Authorisation (if applicable):**

Approved  Pending  Not Applicable

**PART G: DECLARATION AND UNDERTAKING:**

I, the undersigned, declare that the information provided in this application is true and correct. I undertake to conduct the approved research strictly for medicinal purposes and to comply with all licence conditions, THC/CBD limits, inspection requirements, and directives issued by NCCA, MoLA-Plant health, MoH - BOMRA, and other relevant regulatory authorities.

I understand that non-compliance may result in suspension or revocation of the licence and legal action may be taken against you in accordance with relevant legislation.

**Name of Applicant/Authorised Representative:**

.....

**Signature:**

..... **Date:** .....

**PART H: CHECKLIST OF ATTACHMENTS:**

- Research Proposal/Protocol
- Site Map and Coordinates
- Security Plan
- Proof of Land Tenure/Authority to Use Site
- Ethics Approval
- Environmental Clearance
- Material Import/Source Permits
- Clinical Trial Authorisation (if applicable)

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**PART I: FOR OFFICIAL USE ONLY:**

Application Reference No.: .....

Date Received: .....

Assessment Committee: .....

Decision:  Approved  Deferred  Rejected

Licence Number Issued: .....

Validity Period: .....

Remarks:

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REPUBLIC OF BOTSWANA

FORM 20  
INDUSTRIAL CANNABIS RESEARCH LICENCE  
(Cannabis Act, Act No. 20 of 2025)  
(reg. 31)

A. LICENCE PARTICULARS:

**Licence Number:** .....  
**Licence Category:** Industrial Cannabis Research Licence  
**Date of Issue:** .....  
**Date of Expiry:** .....

B. LICENSEE DETAILS:

**Name of Licensee (Institution/Company):**  
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**Company Registration Number:**  
.....

**Physical Address:**  
.....

**Approved Research Site(s):**  
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**Authorised Principal Researcher/Project Lead:**

Name: .....  
Qualifications: .....  
Contact Details: .....

C. SCOPE OF AUTHORISATION:

This licence authorises the licensee to:

- Cultivate, possess, and use **industrial cannabis** exclusively for approved **research and experimental purposes**.
- Conduct agronomic trials, varietal evaluation, fibre and seed research, and industrial value-chain studies.
- Retain harvested material solely for analysis, testing, or supervised destruction.

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This licence **does not authorise:**

- Commercial production, sale, or distribution.
- Medicinal cannabis research or manufacture.
- Import or export of cannabis or seed without separate written authorisation.
- Any activity outside the approved research proposal.

**D. THC COMPLIANCE:**

The licensee shall ensure that all cannabis cultivated under this licence complies with the prescribed **industrial cannabis THC threshold of not more than 0.7% (dry weight basis)** or such lower limit as may be determined by the relevant regulatory authorities.

Any crop exceeding the prescribed THC limit shall be reported immediately and destroyed under official supervision.

**E. LICENCE CONDITIONS:**

1. Research activities must be conducted strictly in accordance with the approved project proposal.
2. Cultivation is limited to approved sites and quantities.
3. No harvested material shall be sold, transferred, or used for commercial purposes.
4. Adequate security measures must be maintained to prevent theft or diversion.
5. Accurate records of planting, growth stages, testing results, harvest, and disposal shall be maintained and made available for inspection.
6. Authorised officers of NCCA, MoLA, MoH, Botswana Police Service, and other competent authorities may inspect the site at any reasonable time.
7. Any loss, theft, or abnormal THC result shall be reported immediately.
8. Waste and surplus material shall be destroyed under supervision and documented.
9. Failure to comply with these conditions may result in suspension or revocation of the licence and further legal action.

**F. VALIDITY AND LIMITATIONS:**

- This licence is **non-transferable** and valid only for the approved research sites.
- Activities are limited to the quantities and duration demonstrated in the approved research proposal.
- The licence remains the property of the Government of Botswana and must be surrendered upon expiry, suspension, or revocation.

**OFFICIAL ENDORSEMENT:**

Issued at ..... on this ..... day of ....., 20.....

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**Name and signature of Authorising Officer**

**IMPORTANT NOTICE**

*This licence certificate must be displayed conspicuously at the approved research site at all times. Unauthorised reproduction, alteration, or misuse constitutes an offence under the laws of the Republic of Botswana.*



REPUBLIC OF BOTSWANA

FORM 21  
MEDICINAL CANNABIS RESEARCH LICENCE  
(CANNABIS ACT, 2025)  
(reg. 31)

A. LICENCE PARTICULARS:

**Licence Number:** .....  
**Licence Category:** Medicinal Cannabis Research Licence  
**Date of Issue:** .....  
**Date of Expiry:** .....

B. LICENSEE DETAILS:

**Name of Licensee (Institution/Company):**  
.....

**Registration Number:**  
.....

**Physical Address:**  
.....

**Approved Research Site(s):**  
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**Authorised Principal Investigator/Project Lead:**

Name: .....  
Qualifications: .....

C. SCOPE OF AUTHORISATION:

This licence authorises the licensee to:

- Cultivate, possess, and use **medicinal cannabis** exclusively for approved **research, clinical trials, and pharmaceutical development.**
- Conduct pharmacological studies, clinical trials, formulation, and dosage research.
- Retain harvested material solely for analysis, testing, or supervised destruction.

This licence *does not authorise:*

- Commercial production, sale, or distribution to the public.
- Industrial hemp research or non-medicinal use.
- Import or export of cannabis without separate written authorisation.
- Activities outside the approved research proposal.

**C.64**

**D. THC/CBD COMPLIANCE:**

The licensee shall ensure that all cannabis cultivated or used under this licence complies with the prescribed **THC/CBD limits** as determined by the relevant regulatory authorities. Non-compliant material must be **reported and destroyed under supervision**.

**E. LICENCE CONDITIONS:**

1. Research activities must adhere strictly to the approved project proposal.
2. Cultivation and use are limited to approved sites and quantities.
3. No harvested material shall be sold, transferred, or used commercially.
4. Security measures must prevent theft or diversion.
5. Accurate records of planting, growth stages, testing results, harvest, and disposal shall be maintained.
6. Authorised officers of NCCA, MoH, BOMRA, and other competent authorities may inspect the site at any reasonable time.
7. Any loss, theft, or abnormal THC/CBD result shall be reported immediately.
8. Waste and surplus material shall be destroyed under supervision and documented.
9. Non-compliance may result in suspension or revocation of the licence and further legal action.

**F. VALIDITY AND LIMITATIONS:**

- This licence is non-transferable and valid only for the approved research sites.
- Activities are limited to the quantities and duration in the approved research proposal.
- The licence remains the property of the Government of Botswana and must be surrendered upon expiry, suspension, or revocation.

**OFFICIAL ENDORSEMENT:**

Issued at ..... on this ..... day of ....., 20.....\

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**Name and Signature of Authorising Officer**

**IMPORTANT NOTICE**

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FORM 22  
APPLICATION FOR RENEWAL OF CANNABIS RESEARCH LICENCE  
(Cannabis Act, Act No. 20 of 2025)  
(reg. 32)

**Issued by:** National Cannabis Control Authority

PART A: LICENCE DETAILS:

**A1. Current Licence Number:**

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**A2. Type of Research Licence:**

Industrial Cannabis Research Licence  Medicinal Cannabis Research Licence

**A3. Original Date of Issue:**

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**A4. Date of Expiry:**

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PART B: APPLICANT DETAILS:

**B1. Name of Licensee (Institution/Company):**

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**B2. Registration Number:**

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**B3. Physical Address:**

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**B4. Contact Person/Principal Investigator:**

Name: .....

Qualifications: .....

Contact Details: .....

PART C: RESEARCH SUMMARY SINCE LAST LICENCE:

**C1. Title of Research Project:**

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**C2. Summary of Research Activities Completed:**

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**C3. Results/Findings (attach reports if available):**

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**C4. Compliance Report:**

Licence conditions complied with fully  Partial compliance (explain)  Non-compliance (explain)

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**PART D: RENEWAL REQUEST DETAILS:**

**D1. Proposed Renewal Period:**

From: ..... To: .....

**D2. Changes to Research Project (if any):**

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**D3. Additional Resources/Sites Required:**

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**D4. Reason for Renewal:**

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**PART E: COMPLIANCE, SECURITY, AND RISK MANAGEMENT UPDATE:**

**E1. Update on Security Measures:**

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**E2. Update on Diversion Prevention Measures:**

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**E3. THC/CBD Testing and Monitoring:**

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**E4. Waste Management and Disposal Report:**

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**PART F: DECLARATION AND UNDERTAKING:**

I, the undersigned, declare that the information provided in this application is true and correct. I undertake to continue to conduct research strictly in accordance with the licence conditions and applicable laws, including THC/CBD thresholds, security, and reporting requirements. I understand that non-compliance may result in suspension or revocation of the licence and legal action may be taken against you in accordance with relevant legislation.

**Name of Applicant/Authorised Representative:**

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**Signature:**

..... **Date:** .....

**PART G: CHECKLIST OF ATTACHMENTS:**

- Research Progress Report/Results
- Updated Security Plan
- Updated Site Map/Coordinates
- Compliance Reports
- Ethics/Environmental Approvals (if required)

**PART H: FOR OFFICIAL USE ONLY:**

Application Reference No.: .....

Date Received: .....

Assessment Committee: .....

Decision:  Approved  Deferred  Rejected

Renewed Licence Number: .....

Validity Period: .....

Remarks:

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**SCHEDULE 2**  
**LICENCE FEES**  
(regs. 3 (2), 9(2), 10(2), 12 (2), 14 (3), 17(2), 18(2),  
21(2), 25(2), 26(2), 29(2) and 32(2))

No.	Licence Type	Fees (Citizens)	Fees (Joint Ventures)	Fees (Non-Citizens)
1.	Cultivation Licence	P3 325 per ha	P6 981 per ha	P8 310 per ha
2.	Processing and Manufacturing Licence	P150 000 per annum	P257 300 per annum	P400 000 per annum
3.	Cannabis Medical Products (Retail/Dispensary)	P60 000 per outlet/ per annum	102 000 per outlet/ per annum	P110 000 per outlet/per annum
4.	Export Licence	P16 000 per annum	P25 440 per annum	P26 400 per annum
5.	Import Licence	P16 000 per annum	P25 440 per annum	P26 400 per annum
6.	Transportation Licence	P13 000 per annum	P41 400 per annum	P56 000 per annum
7.	Distribution Licence	P65 000 per out/per annum	P109 200 per outlet/ per annum	P117 000 per outlet/per annum

**TAXATION FEES FOR CANNABIS AND CANNABIS PRODUCTS**

<b>Tax</b>	<b>Description</b>	<b>Rate</b>	<b>Lowest</b>	<b>Highest</b>
Excise	Applied per gram or per percentage of sales	10%	15%	15%
Value Added Tax (VAT)	Standard VAT on product sales	14%	15%	20%
Corporate Tax	Tax on profits from cannabis business	10% with gradual increase to 22% in line with prevailing corporate tax rate	10%	28%

Export Duty	Tax on exported cannabis products	12.5% of declared export value	10%	15%
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MADE this 8th day of January, 2026.

DR. EDWIN DIKOLOTI,  
*Acting Minister of Lands and Agriculture.*

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*Statutory Instrument No. 4 of 2026*

**COMMUNITY BASED NATURAL RESOURCES MANAGEMENT ACT**  
(Act No. 17 of 2025)

**COMMUNITY BASED NATURAL RESOURCES MANAGEMENT ACT**  
**(DATE OF COMMENCEMENT) ORDER, 2026**  
(Published on 12th January, 2026)

ARRANGEMENT OF PARAGRAPHS

PARAGRAPH

1. Citation
2. Commencement of Act No. 17 of 2025

IN EXERCISE of powers conferred on the Minister of Environment and Tourism by section 1 of the Community Based Resources Management Act, the following Order is hereby made —

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| Citation                           | <b>1.</b> This Order may be cited as the Community Based Natural Resources Management Act (Date of Commencement) Order, 2026. |
| Commencement of Act No. 17 of 2025 | <b>2.</b> The Community Based Natural Resources Management Act shall come into operation on 12th January, 2026.               |

MADE this 8th day of January, 2026.

WYNTER MMOLOTSI,  
*Minister of Environment and Tourism.*

*Statutory Instrument No. 5 of 2026*

FOREST AND RANGE RESOURCES ACT  
(Act No. 25 of 2025)

**FOREST AND RANGE RESOURCES ACT  
(DATE OF COMMENCEMENT) ORDER, 2026**  
*(Published on 12th January, 2026)*

ARRANGEMENT OF PARAGRAPHS

PARAGRAPH

1. Citation
2. Commencement of Act No. 25 of 2025

IN EXERCISE of powers conferred on the Minister of Environment and Tourism by section 1 of the Forest and Range Resources Act, the following Order is hereby made —

1. This Order may be cited as the Forest and Range Resources Act (Date of Commencement) Order, 2026. Citation
2. The Forest and Range Resources Act shall come into operation on 12th January, 2026. Commencement of Act No. 25 of 2025

MADE this 8th day of January, 2026.

WYNTER MMOLOTSI,  
*Minister of Environment and Tourism.*

