

BUREAU OF MEDICAL CANNABIS REGULATION
REGULATIONS PROCESS

In 2015, Governor Brown signed legislation that established California’s first regulatory framework for the medical cannabis industry.

The Medical Cannabis Regulation and Safety Act (Act) provides for licenses to be issued by three licensing authorities: the Bureau of Medical Cannabis Regulation (BMCR), California Department of Food and Agriculture (CDFA), and California Department of Public Health (CDPH).

HOW TO GET INVOLVED: CONTACT INFORMATION

All members of the public are able to participate in the regulatory process and have a voice in the implementation of the Act. Sign up for the licensing authorities’ mailing lists to receive updates on the status of implementation of the Act and information on pre-regulatory meetings and other opportunities for public comment.

Licensing Author	Website	E-mail	Listserv
BMCR	www.bmcr.ca.gov	bmcr@dca.ca.gov	www.dca.ca.gov/webapps/bmcr/subscribe.php
MCCP	www.cdfa.ca.gov/is/mccp	cdfa.mccp@cdfa.ca.gov	www.cdfa.ca.gov/subscriptions/?cdfa_list_isd
OMCS	www.cdph.ca.gov/omcs	omcs@cdph.ca.gov	listserv@maillist.dhs.ca.gov



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The Act provides a basic structure for how the medical cannabis industry will be regulated in the state, leaving the specific rules to be determined by various state entities through the state's regulatory process. For example, the Act requires all businesses to have security protocols in order to obtain a state license; however, the details of the security protocols will be determined through the regulatory process.

The goal for all licensing authorities is to complete the rule-making process by the end of 2017, and begin accepting applications on January 1, 2018. The flowchart below highlights the typical process necessary to adopt a regulation.

