

HOW TO STAY METRC COMPLIANT IN COLORADO – 2025 GUIDE

This guide outlines licensing obligations, reporting standards, and best practices for maintaining Metrc compliance in Colorado’s regulated cannabis market.



Regulatory Overview

- Metrc stands for Marijuana Enforcement Tracking Reporting Compliance.
- All licensed cannabis operators must use Metrc to track plants and products across the supply chain.
- The Colorado Marijuana Enforcement Division (MED) oversees Metrc compliance and enforces state cannabis laws.

Understanding Metrc

Metrc combines barcoding and RFID technology to track each cannabis plant and product from cultivation through retail sale.

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- Regulators use Metrc to conduct audits, inspections, and investigate compliance issues.
- Operators benefit from real-time inventory data, streamlined workflows, and minimized risk of diversion.

Setting Up Metrc

1. Obtain a MED License

- Businesses must be registered and licensed by the Colorado Marijuana Enforcement Division (MED) before accessing Metrc.

2. Register with Metrc

- Sign up via Metrc’s official portal using your MED license information.
- You’ll receive login credentials upon approval.

3. Complete Mandatory Training

- All users must complete Metrc training before full access is granted.
- Training is available online (webinars) and occasionally in person.

4. Order RFID Tags

- Tags are required to track plants and product packages.
- Must be ordered directly through Metrc once your account is active.

5. System Integration

- Sync Metrc with inventory and POS systems for seamless data flow and real-time compliance.
- Systems like IndicaOnline offer full Metrc integration.

Compliance Requirements

1. Reports must be submitted to Metrc by the 15th of each month, covering:

- Inventory levels
- Plant and package movements
- Sales transactions
- Waste disposal

2. Inventory Tracking

- Use RFID tags for every plant and product.
- All inventory actions — cultivation, transfer, sale, disposal — must be recorded.
- Perform regular internal audits to reconcile physical vs. digital inventory.

3. Handling Discrepancies

- Identify and document inconsistencies immediately.
- Corrections must be submitted in Metrc.
- The MED may inspect your premises if discrepancies are found.

4. Avoiding Pitfalls

- Missed reports or inaccurate submissions can result in fines.
- Maintain strict SOPs and schedule internal compliance reviews.

Training & Support

- Webinars and on-demand training
- Detailed user guides and FAQs
- System walkthroughs for tagging, reporting, and tracking

MED Support

- Webinars and compliance workshops
- Regulation updates and guidance bulletins
- Resources for new and experienced operators

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Best Practices for Staying Compliant

- Complete Metrc training and refresher courses regularly
- Conduct weekly or monthly inventory audits
- Use POS software with Metrc API integration (e.g., IndicaOnline)
- Monitor MED updates and implement SOP changes accordingly
- Assign a compliance officer or dedicated staff role

Key Takeaways

- Metrc compliance is legally required for all licensed operators in Colorado
- Accurate record-keeping and reporting prevent penalties and audit failures
- Training, internal SOPs, and integrated tools ensure long-term success
- Monthly reports are due by the 15th — set reminders and double-check submissions

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