

# NEVADA DISPENSARY LICENSING GUIDE 2025

Everything Entrepreneurs Need to Know About Opening a Legal Cannabis Retail Store in Nevada.



## Legal Status Overview

- Medical Marijuana Legalized: 2000 (Question 9)
- Recreational Marijuana Legalized: 2016 (Question 2)
- Retail Sales Began: July 1, 2017
- Regulatory Authority: Nevada Cannabis Compliance Board (CCB)
- Total Licensed Dispensaries (2024): 101 statewide
- Mandatory Tracking System: Metrc

## License Types in Nevada

### 1. Licenses are issued for different roles in the cannabis supply chain

- **Dispensary License:** Retail sales to adults 21+
- **Cultivation License:** Commercial growing and packaging
- **Production License:** Manufacturing cannabis products
- **Distribution License:** Transportation between facilities
- **Testing Laboratory License:** Product safety and potency testing

## How to Get a Dispensary License in 2025

### 1. Step 1: Research and Business Planning

- Conduct market analysis of Nevada's cannabis industry
- Create a comprehensive business plan (marketing, operations, finances)

### 2. Step 2: Legal Formation & Funding

- Form a legal business entity (LLC, Corp)
- Secure sufficient liquid capital to prove financial stability

### 3. Step 3: Choose a Compliant Location

- 1,000+ feet from schools
- 300+ feet from parks or libraries
- Acquire a lease or property agreement

### 4. Step 4: Submit Your Application to CCB

- Complete and file the CCB application
- Business plan
- Financial documentation
- Property/zoning info
- Background checks for all stakeholders

### 5. Step 5: Pay Application Fees

- Non-refundable Fee: \$5,000

### 6. Step 6: Inspections and Review

- CCB will conduct a site inspection
- Review compliance documentation and financials

### 7. Step 7: License Approval & Operational Readiness

- Complete buildout
- Hire and train staff
- Ensure all employees get CCB-issued work permits

## Key Compliance Requirements

- 24/7 surveillance
- Alarm systems
- Secured storage areas
- Footage must be retained for 90+ days

## Employee Permits

- Be 21+
- Pass background checks
- Complete training
- Hold valid CCB work card

**Zoning Restrictions**

- 1,000 ft. minimum from schools
- 300 ft. minimum from parks/community centers

**Inventory Tracking**

- Use of Metrc required for seed-to-sale traceability
- Inventory control
- Reporting
- Regulatory compliance

**Packaging and Labeling**

- Must follow standards from the Nevada Dept. of Taxation and Division of Public and Behavioral Health

**Requirements**

- Tamper-evident, child-resistant packaging
- Clear THC/CBD content labeling
- Health warnings included
- No cartoon characters or child-appealing imagery

**Advertising Rules**

- No ads targeting minors
- All ads must be truthful and approved by the CCB
- Health warning required on all promotional materials
- No imagery likely to appeal to children

**Nevada Cannabis Market Snapshot**

- Annual Cannabis Sales (2023): ~\$1.1 Billion
- Cannabis supports thousands of jobs across cultivation, retail, and logistics
- Growing sector for cannabis tourism in Las Vegas
- Strong crossover impact on real estate, construction, and hospitality

**Navigating Nevada’s Licensing Landscape**

- Start with a solid business plan
- Secure funding and a compliant location
- Understand CCB licensing rules
- Stay compliant with Metrc and packaging laws
- Engage with experienced legal and compliance professionals

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