

Trade Association and Membership Application

To join CAMCD's Trade Association, dispensaries located in jurisdictions that have enacted cannabis dispensary licensing bylaws, must, at a minimum, be engaging with that licensing process.

The Canadian Association of Medical Cannabis Dispensaries (CAMCD), is an industry initiative created to regulate, promote, and advocate for cannabis dispensaries. CAMCD advocates on their behalf for an inclusive licensing framework.

CAMCD's role is to work with dispensaries to support them to operate to high standards, to be compliant not only with CAMCD guidelines, but also any standards established by various levels of government.

Trade Association is a program of CAMCD and was created to encourage the participation of dispensaries across Canada to network, advocate and collaborate on mutual goals and continue to build the membership base of CAMCD.

In addition, being a CAMCD member should confer some assurances of quality to clients, the public, and to the municipality in which it operates.

CAMCD is proud of its long-standing reputation in our communities. Our reputation means that we can take great pride in having been at the forefront of the ever-shifting landscape in cannabis law and policy in Canada. Our reputation has been our advantage in being recognized as the industry association for cannabis dispensaries in Canada. CAMCD's reputation also means that we can take great pride in the way we conduct our Society, and in our place in Canada's legalized cannabis industry.

Trade Association Eligibility and Requirements

To be eligible as a CAMCD Member, all dispensaries must first join the CAMCD Trade Association. To join, the dispensary must:

- * have a physical location where patients or customers may visit to access cannabis products,
- * name one designate and one alternate to participate in CAMCD internal communications
- * have submitted to CAMCD a Recommended Operation Procedures (ROP) Checklist and declaration
- * have received, read, understand and agree to comply with the CAMCD Code of Conduct

Dispensaries that are not currently in operation may apply to join the Trade Association, but the dispensary must be operational within 3-months of application to the Trade Association. If they are not operational, they will be reclassified as a Preferred Vendor until they are operational.

If a company, individual or society operates more than one dispensary, each individual location is required to submit separate applications to join the Trade Association (i.e. an application to join the Trade Association for one dispensary location does not extend to other dispensaries within that group, and each dispensary must become a member).

Trade Association Streams

On application to join the CAMCD Trade Association, a dispensary can apply under one of two streams:

- * Trade Association - Medical Stream: applies to any dispensary that identifies and operates primarily as a medical cannabis dispensary, one which caters to the needs of clients with medical conditions and symptoms through specialized products and services; or
- * Trade Association – Adult-Use Stream: applies to any dispensary that identifies and operates solely as an Adult-Use dispensary

Dispensaries applying under either the Medical Stream or Adult-Use Stream are required to sign a declaration that the dispensary will, at a minimum, meet the Recommended Operating Procedures.

Application Process & Trade Association Acceptance

Every dispensary (notwithstanding the operation of multiple locations under the same operating name or brand anywhere in Canada) seeking to join the CAMCD Trade Association must submit to CAMCD to following:

- ✱ Trade Association Application
- ✱ \$750 Application Fee (non-refundable, one-time fee per applicant dispensary)

Once the Trade Association Application is accepted, CAMCD will send the Recommended Organizational Practices (ROP) Checklist for the stream indicated by the applicant (Medical or Adult-Use) on the Trade Association Application.

Within 2-weeks of receipt of the ROP Checklist, the dispensary must:

- ✱ return the ROP Checklist and declaration to CAMCD
- ✱ submit payment representing the first three (3) months of fees

Acceptance into the Trade Association

CAMCD staff will review and follow-up with the dispensary to ensure the application is complete and correct. The dispensary will be in good standing with the CAMCD Trade Association (Medical or Adult-Use stream) on acceptance of:

- ✱ the dispensary’s ROP Checklist, and
- ✱ payment of the first (3) months of fees, or discounted annual membership fee as stated in 1.10.

Fee Structure

To remain in good standing with the Trade Association, the dispensary must pay the Trade Association fees as follows:

Yr 1:	Medical Stream:	\$2,000.00 per year paid up-front or \$250.00 per month beginning in month 4
	Adult-Use Stream:	\$2,000.00 per year paid up-front or \$250.00 per month beginning in month 4
Yr 2+:	Medical Stream:	\$2,750.00 per year paid up-front or \$250.00 per month
	Adult-Use Stream:	\$2,750.00 per year paid up-front or \$250.00 per month

Cancellation of Application

If the application is cancelled, or if it remains incomplete within 2-weeks of receipt, the Application Fee will be forfeited.

Trade Association status may be revoked at the discretion of the CAMCD Board of Directors should the dispensary:

- ✱ owe 6 months or more of dues
- ✱ fail to adequately address complaints

Compliance with Applicable Regulatory Laws

Dispensaries interested in joining the CAMCD Trade Association must demonstrate compliance with any applicable regulations within the jurisdiction in which the dispensary is located. This includes engagement in any licensing process.

Trade Association dispensaries (Medical Stream and Adult-Use Stream) must comply with the applicable cannabis regulations enacted by the jurisdiction in the which the dispensary is located.

Eligibility for CAMCD Membership

Acceptance into the CAMCD Trade Association does not automatically make a dispensary a member of CAMCD.

CAMCD Membership includes the ability to:

- ✱ vote at the Annual General Meeting;
- ✱ run for a position on the CAMCD board of directors (must be eligible for nomination pursuant to the Criteria for Eligibility as a Board Member)
- ✱ sit on Committees and participate within the CAMCD organization as specified by the board of directors
- ✱ participate within the organization as directed by the board of directors

Dispensaries in good standing in the Trade Association (Medical or Adult-Use Stream) are eligible for CAMCD Membership by completing Schedule A to the Trade Association and Membership Application (see [Appendix '1'](#)). There is no additional fee for CAMCD Membership beyond those outlined above for the Trade Association.

Application Process for CAMCD Membership

One (1) CAMCD Membership is allowed for every group of affiliated dispensaries. Affiliated dispensaries include dispensaries which are:

- * doing business in the same name as another dispensary;
- * directed by a board of directors having three (3) or more members in common with another dispensary; or
- * owned, operated or otherwise directed by the same person or persons as another dispensary.

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The Trade Association and CAMCD Membership Application begins on the next page.

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Trade Association and CAMCD Membership Application

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Name of Dispensary

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Number of locations

Number of staff

Active members (#)

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Street address

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Mailing address (if different)

CAMCD Trade Association Streams

Please indicate the stream under which the dispensary is applying to join the CAMCD Trade Association:

- Medical Stream – any dispensary that identifies and operates primarily as a medical cannabis dispensary
- Adult-Use Stream – any dispensary that identifies and operates solely as Adult-Use dispensary

Contact Person(s)

Contact #1 (please indicate the person responsible to receive Trade Association communications from CAMCD):

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First, Last Name

Job title

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direct phone

email

Contact #2 (please indicate an alternate contact person):

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Alternate First, Last Name

Job title

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direct phone

email

Business Information

Business Structure (*please check*):

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Sole Proprietorship | <input type="checkbox"/> Non-Profit Corporation/Society |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Corporation | <input type="checkbox"/> Collective |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Partnership | <input type="checkbox"/> Other: |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Other: | |

If incorporated:

- Provincial
Province:
Incorporation Number:
Incorporation Date:

- Federal
Incorporation Number:
Incorporation Date:

If registered:

- Provincial
Province:
Incorporation Number:
Incorporation Date:

- Federal
Incorporation Number:
Incorporation Date:

Please attach, as applicable to the business structure:

- List of board of director members (name, position, contact information)
- List of dispensary owner(s) (name, contact information)
- Copy of your organizational registration documents (Certification of Incorporation)

Is the applicant is interested in CAMCD Membership:

- Yes
- No

If yes, please see Schedule A – CAMCD Membership

Submission Information

Please ensure you return to CAMCD the following:

- Completed Trade Association Application
- Additional information, if any, as required
- Application Fee: \$750.00
- Schedule A (CAMCD Membership), if applicable

By signing this Trade Association Application, the undersigned indicates:

- * agreement with CAMCD's mission, vision and values,
- * a desire to join the Trade Association, and
- * that the stated dispensary / organization will, at a minimum, meet CAMCD's Recommended Organizational Practices (ROPs).

Date: _____

Signature*: _____

Name of signatory: _____

Title: _____

- * This Trade Association Application must be signed by the Authorized Signatory of the applicant dispensary (owner, proprietor or a member of the board of directors)

Schedule A

CAMCD Membership Application

Contact Person(s) / Designate

Designate #1 (please indicate the organization's default representative at CAMCD's AGM):

First, Last Name

Job title

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direct phone

email

Designate #2 (please indicate an alternate designate person):

Alternate First, Last Name

Job title

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direct phone

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By signing this Schedule A – CAMCD Membership Application, the applicant:

- * agrees with CAMCD’s purpose as stated in our constitution and bylaws,
- * desires to be a member of the organization,
- * will, at a minimum, meet CAMCD’s Recommended Organizational Practices,
- * has the authority to authorize designates under this application, and
- * agrees to receive written notice of CAMCD meetings via email which will be sent to the email address provided for Designate 1.

Date: _____

Signature*: _____

Name of signatory: _____

Title: _____

* Authorization for designates must be granted by either the owner, a director, or other