OREGON DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

Vendor Site License FAQs

Q: Who needs / does not need a Vendor License?

<u>A:</u> Beginning July 1, 2024, per OAR <u>603-048-0175</u>, a vendor <u>must</u> have a license with the Department under these rules for each vendor site prior to storing, transferring, or selling industrial hemp or hemp items <u>except</u>:

- If the person only facilitates the sale or transfer by connecting buyers and sellers and the person does not store the industrial hemp or hemp items at any time.
- A licensed grower, handler, or agricultural hemp seed producer is not required to be
 licensed with the Department as a vendor site to store, transfer, or sell industrial hemp
 or hemp items the licensee produced or processed <u>if the licensee first notifies the
 Department</u> of the location where the industrial hemp or hemp items are stored,
 transferred, or sold on the license application or on another form provided by the
 Department.
- A license is not required for a <u>vendor site licensed by OLCC</u> under ORS 475C.065, 475C.085, 475C.093, or 475C.097.
- A vendor license is not required for a person who <u>only transports industrial hemp</u> or hemp items and <u>does not store</u> the industrial hemp or hemp items at any time other than as necessary for transportation or delivery.

Q: When must I obtain a Vendor License?

<u>A:</u> July 1, 2024, or prior to engaging in storing, transferring, or selling industrial hemp or hemp items in a manner which requires this license.

Q: How soon will I obtain my Vendor License?

<u>A:</u> You will receive notification that your license has been issued after your application is found to contain all required information. A vendor site license is effective the day the Department issues the license.

Q: When must a Vendor License be renewed?

<u>A:</u> A vendor license expires annually on June 30. The licensing cycle is in-line with ODA's Food Safety and Weights and Measures Programs.

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A: Fees are not prorated.

Q: Do I have to obtain a vendor license for each of my business locations?

<u>A:</u> Yes. A vendor site license applies only to the vendor site identified on the license. A vendor must obtain a separate license for each vendor site.

Q: Do both in-state and out-of-state wholesalers & retailers require a license?

A: Yes.

Q: Does this apply to online vendors?

A: Yes - any which sell into or out of Oregon.

Q: Where can the full text of Vendor Licensing rules be found?

<u>A:</u> Hemp Vendor Site Rules: <u>603-048-0175</u>

(https://secure.sos.state.or.us/oard/displayDivisionRules.action?selectedDivision=2726)

Q: Did the ODA have any outside engagement on the development of the Hemp Vendor fee?

<u>A:</u> Yes. The Hemp Program engaged in outreach regarding the Hemp Vendor fee. The following is a summary of the outcomes from stakeholder feedback:

When working with wholesalers and some smaller scale retailers there was concern that the establishment of this fee would reduce profits for these groups. The Hemp Commission indicated this fee would support a successfully regulated Hemp industry. When this administrative fee request was initially submitted the vendor fee was proposed at \$200 per year for entities requiring a license. The ODA now plans to implement a \$100 per year vendor license.

Questions? hemp@oda.oregon.gov

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