

Cannabis Checklist—Commercial Tenants (Dispensaries and Producers)

Check off each item as they are completed

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Questions to ask clients seeking to open a cannabis dispensary to ensure they are compliant with Alberta Gaming, Liquor & Cannabis (AGLC) requirements for commercial retail space for cannabis stores

- Does your client understand they will need a lease and a commercial development permit before they can apply for a retail cannabis licence?
- Does your client understand that after they enter into a lease and obtain a commercial development permit their retail cannabis licence may be turned down?
- The premise to be leased will require:
 - A dedicated shipping/receiving area
 - Video surveillance
 - Secure storage
 - Secured display areas
 - A point of sale area
- Inform the client that:
 - Applicants will require background checks
 - Associates of the applicants, such as spouses or relatives (if living with the applicant), will require background checks
 - Individuals or corporations with a financial interest in the business or premises will require a background check
 - The AGLC permit application can take two to four months to process

Cannabis-related tenants will likely have unique needs to customize the leased premises

- Does the lease clearly spell-out who is responsible for installing business-specific improvements, who pays for them, and whether or not the tenant is required to remove them at the expiry of the term?