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Cannabis Checklist—Commercial Tenants (Dispensaries and Producers)

Check off each item as they are completed	Done
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? 	