

# ISDA Hemp Program Update

**September 27, 2021**

The ISDA submitted its State Hemp Plan to the U.S. Department of Agriculture on **August 31, 2021**. The plan was approved for submission by the Governor and was created in consultation with industry stakeholders and law enforcement.

## **What happens next?**

ISDA is awaiting USDA approval of the Idaho State Plan. ISDA is prepared to begin licensing shortly after receiving USDA's approval. We are hoping the application process will be open by mid- to late-October.

## **Can I grow hemp now?**

No. Hemp legally cannot be produced in Idaho until we have State Plan approved by USDA and an operation is licensed by ISDA.

## **What will I need for my application**

ISDA will provide an online format for applications. Applicants will need to have information on hand to complete an application:

- Contact information
- Recent background check for primary person and all key participants
- Maps
- GPS coordinates from every site where hemp will be grown or handled
- Hemp variety
- Acreage or square footage

Once the application is completed, customers will pay a flat \$100 application fee and submit the information. ISDA staff will then review the application. If the application is approved, an applicant will be notified and can proceed with paying a licensing fee. After that, a licensee will be able to print his or her own license. Licensees also will be able to log in to their accounts during the year to print their license or to request changes or amendments to information.

## **What are the regulations?**

ISDA's State Plan includes [Rules Governing Hemp](#). Please remember the State Plan has not yet been approved.

According to Idaho law, Idaho's requirements will match those in the **2018 Farm Bill** and subsequent Final Hemp Rule.

### **How soon will I be able to apply?**

ISDA is ready to move quickly to open applications once the State Plan is approved by USDA. We do not have a timeline for when USDA will approve the State Plan, but we understand they are working quickly as well.

### **Is there a waitlist?**

No, there is no waitlist. Please watch this site for updates.

### **Can I get an experimental license to grow or handle hemp?**

No, but anyone eligible for a license may apply once ISDA has an approved State Plan.

### **What are the regulations surrounding transportation?**

Under H.B. 126, oversight of hemp transportation falls to the Idaho State Police.

### **Staffing**

The agency will post any hemp program job postings to the [Idaho DHR website](#).

### **Vendors**

The agency does not have any hemp-related vendor solicitations at this time. If the ISDA needs to open a procurement solicitation, these requests would be available [online](#) as well.