

Cannabis Office Bulletin 2026-3

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National Criminal Records Check Requirements for Hemp Applicants

This bulletin is issued by the Rhode Island Cannabis Control Commission (“CCC”), through the Cannabis Office to provide notice that pursuant to 560-RICR-10-20-1 *Rhode Island Industrial Hemp Program* (the “Hemp Regulations”), National Criminal Records Checks, which includes fingerprints pursuant to R.I. Gen. Laws § 2-26-5(c)(7) will only be required prior to the issuance of an initial license. Once the license is issued, the licensee has a continuing duty to update/notify the Commission of any disqualifying conviction(s).

This bulletin is issued in accordance with Rhode Island General Laws § 2-26-1 *et seq.*, and the Rules and Regulations Related to the Rhode Island Industrial Hemp Program administered by the CCC 560-RICR-10-20-1. **This document is intended to provide information and should not replace a thorough reading of the regulations found here:**

<https://rules.sos.ri.gov/Regulations/Part/560-RICR-10-20-1>

All questions should be submitted in writing with the subject line NCIC Question to CCC.HempCompliance@ccc.ri.gov.