

Industrial Hemp Regulations Fact Sheet

What are the Industrial Hemp Regulations?

Tasmania has rules to manage how industrial hemp is grown. These rules come from two main documents:

- The [Industrial Hemp Act 2015](#) which sets up the licensing system; and
- The [Industrial Hemp Regulations 2016](#) which give more detail on the criteria for certified hemp seed, THC testing, and special research licences.

Weren't the Regulations updated recently?

Yes. In November 2024, the Act and Regulations were updated following the [review of the Industrial Hemp Act](#) after consultation with farmers and industry groups including the Tasmanian Hemp Association. Updates to the Regulations included:

- Clearer rules for applying for a special research licence; and
- Removing a regulation that was already covered in the Act.

Why are the Regulations being “remade”?

Regulations automatically expire after 10 years. These 2016 Regulations are being remade before they expire in March 2026. This involves some updates to wording and style but doesn't change how things work.

Are there any actual changes to the Regulations?

No major changes. The rules still work the same. The updates are just to make the wording clearer and match modern legal writing standards.

Summary of Updates

| Regulation | What Changed | Why It Changed |
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| All | Added references to the Act | For clarity and to meet modern legal writing style |
| 4 | Reworded for clarity | Avoids confusion about what gets tested (plants, not seeds) |
| 5 | Removed repeated information | The deleted information is already in the Act |
| 6 | Minor wording tweaks | Matches wording in the Act and meets modern legal writing style |
| 7 | Clarified when testing happens | Now clearly says “before the hemp is harvested” |
| 8 | Small edits | Keeps wording short and consistent |

What happens next?

Because the Regulations were updated recently and nothing major is changing, there won't be another big consultation. The updated Regulations will go through the usual government approval steps and be remade before they expire in March 2026.

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