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*BMCLA announces launch of medicinal cannabis crash course*

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**Bridgetown, Barbados September 16, 2022** – The Barbados Medicinal Cannabis Licensing Authority (BMCLA) will be launching its first term of its three term Cannabis Crash Course on September 26, 2022. Registration for the BMCLA Cannabis Crash Course is currently open but will close by 5 p.m. on September 25, 2022.

Communications and Public Education Specialist, Tracy Moore said, “The courses will be available for all persons who are interested in understanding the medicinal cannabis industry and its needs. This will be the first of three terms with each term being two (2) weeks long. With the recently approved nine (9) licenses, we wanted to ensure that there was continued educational opportunities to assist the licensees as well as those interested in getting into the industry.”

The first term will showcase eight (8) subjects:

1. Cultivating in the Industry – Cultivator License
2. Introduction to Fertilizers
3. Introduction to Pesticides
4. Redefining Retail – Retail Distributor License
5. Securing Your Cannabis Company – Security Needs for the Industry
6. Informing the Import Process – Import License
7. Who Can I do Business With? – The Closed-Loop System within the Medicinal Cannabis Industry
8. Cost of the Cannabis Industry


The BMCLA announced the approval of nine (9) licenses in July:

1. Best Buds – Cultivator – Tier 1
2. Best Buds – Import
3. Cleland Organics Inc. – Cultivator – Tier 2
4. Cleland Organics Inc. – Processor – Tier 1
5. Cleland Organics Inc. – Transport
6. Cleland Organics Inc. – Research & Development
7. Cleland Organics Inc. – Retail Distributor
8. Cleland Organics Inc. – Import
9. Cleland Organics Inc. – Export



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This BMCLA Cannabis Crash Course is a continued educational campaign that follows the BMCLA Facebook Live that took place on August 18, 2022. The Facebook Live spoke about the security needs for the industry, the cost of the industry and the need for an operational plan to run a business in the medicinal cannabis regime.

“We are excited to share as much information as we can to move the industry forward. We continuously put information and education out on all our platforms and its all shared with the Barbados Government Information Service so we encourage persons who say they don’t know what is happening in the industry, like this Cannabis Crash Course, to come to the source at the BMCLA,” she said. “Our website has everything you need to know about the industry including where you can register for the upcoming BMCLA Cannabis Crash Course. We’re on most of the social media platforms like Facebook – where you can still view the Facebook Live that took place last month. We’re also on Instagram, Twitter, LinkedIn and YouTube. We have a concierge desk that you can call directly to speak to our customer liaison officer to get the information you need. It is important to us that as one of Barbados’ newest industry, with our first set of licenses, that we create, share and utilize the information to assist the success of this industry.”

The BMCLA Crash Course will be a 10-15 minute webinar-setting on each subject, and hosted on [www.bmcla.bb](http://www.bmcla.bb) via our YouTube platform. Persons will be able to watch at their own convenience during the two weeks and will be free of charge. Persons must complete all subjects in all three terms to receive a certificate of completion.

For more information or to register for the BMCLA Cannabis Crash Course, visit [www.bmcla.bb](http://www.bmcla.bb)

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**About the Barbados Medicinal Cannabis Licensing Authority:**

The BMCLA, which was established via the *Barbados Medicinal Cannabis Industry Act, 2019*, regulates the handling of the medicinal cannabis industry. The BMCLA is responsible for developing policies, procedures and guidelines to establish the medicinal cannabis industry and to ensure the medicinal cannabis is available to patients in a safe and efficient manner.

The BMCLA is responsible for the issuance of licenses for cultivation, processing, distribution, sale, transportation, import and export, laboratory as well as the research and development of cannabis for medical, scientific, and therapeutic purposes.

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