

Bulletin Number: MD_IB_0128	Distribution Date: 08/28/2026	Effective Date: 09/14/2026
Contact Point: Metrc Support	Subject: Five New Item Categories and Optional Strain Reporting	
Reason: New item categories available in Maryland Metrc for Infused Buds (Bulk), Infused Buds (Each), Raw Prerolls, Infused Joints, and Sublingual Pouches. Optional strain reporting for certain item categories.		

Greetings,

Metrc in conjunction with Maryland Cannabis Administration are pleased to provide information about new item categories that will now be available in Maryland Metrc.

New Item Categories effective 09/14/2026:

- Infused Buds (Bulk)
- Infused Buds (Each)
- Raw Prerolls
- Infused Joints
- Sublingual Pouches

Additionally, licensees will be able to optionally record strain when creating items in all item categories in Maryland effective 09/14/2026.

Please read on for further information.

New Item Categories

Infused Buds (Bulk)

- Available to Standard Processor Business and Micro Processor Business facility types.
- Weight based, intended to be used for intermediate step or work-in-progress infused buds. Use the Infused Buds (Each) item category for final packaged goods to be sold at dispensaries.
- Does not require state pre-approval before using items created in this category.
- Required Fields:
 - Unit CBD Content
 - Unit THC Content
- Compliance Lab Test Batches Available:
 - Solvent Based Concentrate
 - Non-Solvent Based Concentrate

Infused Buds (Each)

- Available to Standard Processor Business and Micro Processor Business facility types.
- Count based, unit weight must be specified when creating items. Intended to be used for final packaged goods to be sold at dispensaries.
- Does not require state pre-approval before using items created in this category.
- Required Fields:
 - Unit CBD Content
 - Unit THC Content
 - Unit Weight
- Compliance Lab Test Batches Available:
 - Solvent Based Concentrate
 - Non-Solvent Based Concentrate

Infused Joints

- Available to Standard Processor Business and Micro Processor Business facility types.
- Count based item category, unit weight must be specified when creating items.
- Does not require state pre-approval before using items created in this category.
- Required Fields:
 - Unit CBD Content
 - Unit THC Content
 - Unit Weight
- Compliance Lab Test Batches Available:

- Solvent Based Concentrate
- Non-Solvent Based Concentrate

Raw Prerolls

- Available to Standard Processor Business, Micro Processor Business, Standard Grower Business, and Micro Grower Business facility types.
- Count based item category, unit weight must be specified when creating items.
- Does not require state pre-approval before using items created in this category.
- Required Fields:
 - Strain
 - Unit Weight
- Compliance Lab Test Batch Available:
 - Raw Plant Material

Sublingual Pouches

- Available to Standard Processor Business and Micro Processor Business facility types.
- Count based item category
- Requires state pre-approval before using items created in this category.
- Required Fields:
 - Unit CBD Content
 - Unit CBD Content Dose
 - Unit THC Content
 - Unit THC Content Dose
 - Unit Weight
 - Serving Size
 - Number of Doses
 - Public Ingredients
 - Description
 - Product Photo & Description
 - Label Photo & Description
 - Packaging Photo & Description
- Compliance Lab Test Batch Available:
 - Sublingual Pouch

Creating a New Item in New Item Categories

To use the new item categories, a new Item will need to be created. For guidance on how to create a new item, please reference the knowledge base in Metrc Expert.

- To access Metrc Expert, log in to Metrc and look for the white circle with the green shield icon in the bottom right corner, then click the icon. – **see Figure 1.**
- Then click Explore Guides & Resources > Understanding Metrc Functionality > Admin > Items or Items (Item Approvals)

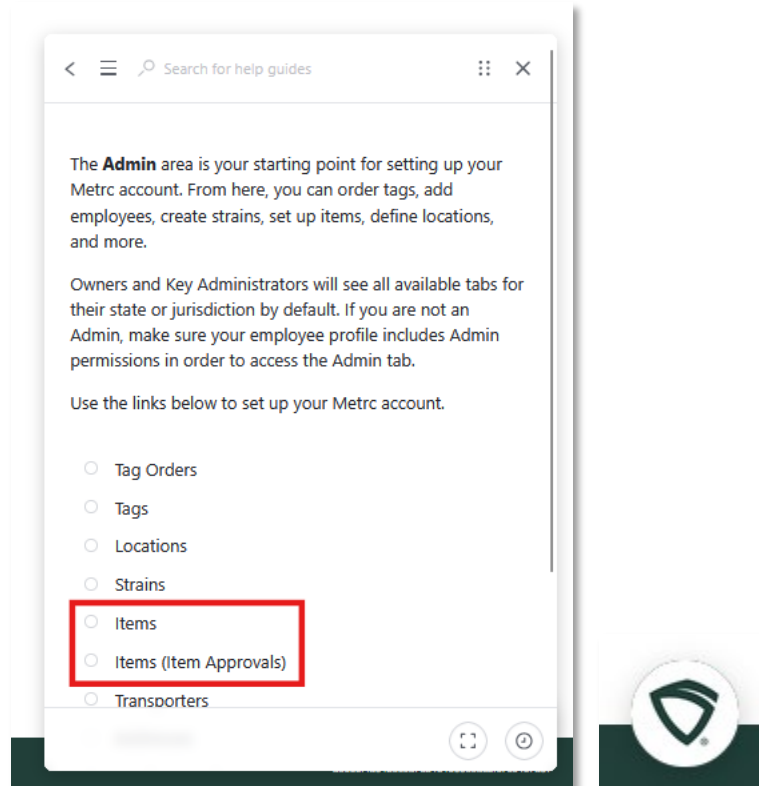
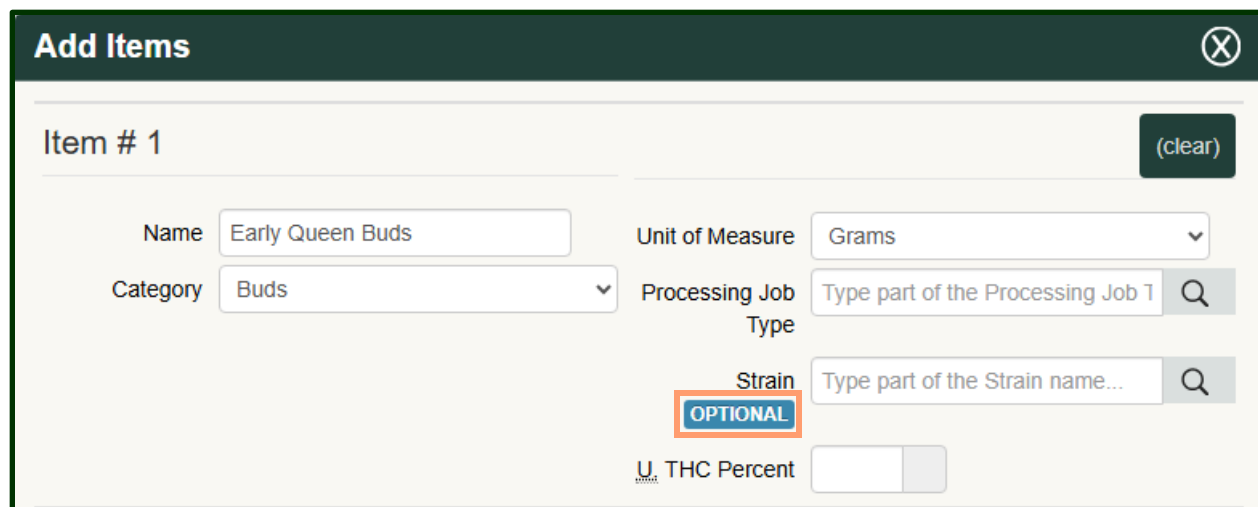


Figure 1: Metrc Expert knowledge base widget in the Metrc System

Optional Strain Reporting

Effective September 14, 2026, the optional strain field will be enabled for all item categories. Existing categories that already require strain reporting remain unchanged. Leaving the optional strain field blank will not impact workflows.



Add Items ✕

Item # 1 (clear)

Name Unit of Measure

Category Processing Job Type

Strain

OPTIONAL

U. THC Percent

Figure 1: The optional indicator appears in a blue box in all caps to be distinctly different than the *required** indicator for the Strain field when creating an Item.

Metrc resources

If you need additional support, the following resources are available:

Metrc Support

You can submit and track a case via the [Support portal](#) or by calling 877-566-6506. Our team is available:

- Monday – Friday, 8 a.m. ET – 10 p.m. ET
- Saturday 10 a.m. – 8 p.m. ET
- Sunday – Voicemail or portal only

Please note: If accessing the portal for the first time, a username (which is established when logging in), the respective state, “Facility license number”, and a valid email to set a password are required.

Metrc Learn

Our on-demand training platform provides users with interactive, educational information on system functionality to expand skillsets and drive workflow efficiencies.

Access [Metrc Learn](#) directly or via the Support drop-down in Metrc. If you have not yet registered for Metrc Learn, that will be your first step.

Metrc Expert

In the Metrc system, click on widget icon in the lower right-hand corner to open the Metrc Expert knowledge base to access step-by-step guides, ask questions, and more.

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Explore your [state’s partner page](#) for training links, FAQs, and more.

Thank you for your continued partnership.