

Ohio Medical Marijuana Control Program

Cultivator Applications



Overview



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Application Timeline

- Mid April 2017: Application instruction packet will be released
- Late April 2017: Release a webinar/PowerPoint on application process (recording of webinar will be posted on program website)
 - Followed by two 1-week periods in which applicants can submit questions to the Department
 - Answers will be posted to the program website after each question period
- Early/Mid June 2017: Level II application submission period
- Mid/Late June 2017: Level I application submission period
- July 2017: Application review process begins



Application Submissions

- To account for the uncertainty with the number of applications, the Department will accept applications for Level I and Level II cultivators in separate time periods
 - This will allow staff to evaluate the number of applications and prioritize the review of Level I or Level II based on the number of applications received
- The Department has developed an appointment-based intake process that will ensure consistency and safe handling of the applications



Application Documents

- Cultivator Application Instruction Packet
 - Includes important information about the application process and high-level scoring methodology
 - Provides guidance on preparing and submitting an application
- Cultivator Application: Section 1 – Identifiable information
 - Includes any information in the application that would make it possible for the reviewer to associate the application with a particular applicant
- Cultivator Application: Section 2 - Non-Identifiable information
 - Covers information in the application that is prohibited from revealing the identity of the applicant
 - If identified, the applicant will be removed from consideration



Application Review

Application will be divided into two sections, which will be reviewed by separate panels of reviewers:

- Section 1: Identifiable information – Pass/Fail
- Section 2: Non-identifiable information – numerical score



Application Review

Minimum scores:

- In order for any applicant to be considered for a license, they must meet the minimum score in each category outlined in rule 3796:2-1-02 and minimum overall score, as developed by the Department



Application Review

Section 1 review team (identifiable information, Pass/Fail)

- This team will ensure mandatory requirements in 3796:2-1-03 are met and review other aspects of the application not assigned a score
 - Application must include all required information in Section 1 in order for Section 2 to be reviewed. If any element of Section 1 is missing or incomplete, the application will be disqualified, and will not receive a score for Section 2
 - If applicant meets mandatory requirements, the application moves to the Section 2 review team



Application Review

Section 2 review team (non-identifiable information, numerical score)

- The plans established in rule 3796:2-1-02 will be divided amongst three sub-teams
 - Sub-Team One – Operations & Quality Assurance Plans
 - Sub-Team Two – Financial and Business Plans
 - Sub-Team Three – Security Plan



Important Notices & Disclaimers

Section 2 Non-Identifiable Information

- The application process is designed to be blind and impartial
- Panelists reviewing scored components of the application will not know the identity of the applicant or any individual associated with the applicant
- An applicant that includes identifiable information in Section 2 of the application, such that a member of the review team is able to identify the applicant, will be disqualified from consideration and the applicant will forfeit the application fee



Important Notices & Disclaimers

OAC 3796:2-1-04(D) “No person shall hold or be granted more than one cultivator provisional license or cultivator certificate of operation at any time. No person shall hold a financial interest in or be an owner, partner, officer, director, shareholder, member, or other person who may significantly influence or control the activities of more than one cultivator. No corporation, partnership, limited liability partnership, limited liability company, or other entity or subsidiary thereof shall hold a financial interest in or be an owner, principal officer, partner, shareholder, member, or other person who may significantly influence or control the activities of more than one cultivator.”



Important Notices & Disclaimers

It is the responsibility of the applicant to ensure that any person with a financial interest in the applicant does not or will not hold a financial interest in another applicant, wherein if both applicants were awarded a license, it would result in a violation of paragraph (D) of rule 3796:2-1-04

In the situation described above, both applicants will be disqualified



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Rule 3796:1-1-01 of the Administrative Code defines “Financial interest” to include “any actual or future right to ownership, investment, or compensation arrangement with another person, either directly or indirectly, through business, investment, spouse, parent or child, in a medical marijuana entity.”

Compensation arrangement:

- Does NOT include employer/employee compensation



Questions?