



## Cannabis Business Licensing Update

The Maryland Cannabis Administration (the “MCA”) is providing this notice to update applicants on the cannabis business license application process and next steps. You are receiving this notice because your email address was listed as the primary contact on one or more cannabis business license applications.

Applicants may view their submission(s) by logging in to [Maryland OneStop \(https://onestop.md.gov/\)](https://onestop.md.gov/). In OneStop - applicants may view a submitted application under the “Recent Applications” section of the entity’s dashboard. Applications that are shown as “Completed” and submitted by the December 12, 2023, 5 p.m. deadline should be considered as received by the MCA.

The MCA received a total of 1,708 timely submissions by the deadline on December 12, 2023. A complete breakdown of the number of applications by region/county is available on the MCA website [here](#). The MCA may award up to 179 licenses in this application round:

- 75 Standard Dispensary Licenses
- 8 Micro Dispensary Licenses
- 16 Standard Grower Licenses
- 32 Standard Processor Licenses
- 24 Micro Grower Licenses
- 24 Micro Processor Licenses

### Next Steps

To ensure the integrity of the social equity application round, MCA is working diligently to conduct a comprehensive review of each application. MCA staff are in the process of determining whether each application meets the minimum requirements for licensure, on a pass/fail basis, as required under law. Any application that meets the minimum requirements will be placed into a lottery based on region or county, depending on the type of license. The MCA will offer a records review to any applicant who fails to meet the minimum requirements for licensure. In the records review an applicant will have the opportunity to examine the applicant’s records received by the MCA and verify the basis on which the application was deemed ineligible for the lottery. No applicant may gain access to records submitted by any other applicant through the records review process.

All applicants will be notified of the status of their application upon completion of the review of all applications and prior to the lottery. The MCA anticipates completing this review in the next several weeks. Due to the high volume of applications, and in keeping with our goal to ensure only eligible social equity applicants are entered into the lottery, this review will not be complete by January 1, 2024.

The lottery will be conducted in consultation with the Maryland State Lottery & Gaming Control Agency, and random numbers will be drawn to select the winners in each

application pool. Prior to the lottery, the MCA will disseminate a lottery number to each eligible applicant. The MCA will investigate and confirm material aspects of each application, including claims regarding ownership and control, prior to the award of any conditional licenses.

More information on the date of the lottery and how interested applicants may view the lottery will be shared in the coming weeks.

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