Pathway to Licensure

MCA MARYLAND CANNABIS ADMINISTRATION

Phase One

Supplemental Application & Corporate Documents

Licensee submits Supplemental Application. Corporate review begins. MCA will look at adequate capitalization, ownership and control disclosures, management agreements, transfers, and amendments as well as other corporate documents*

* MCA will require all outstanding items regarding ownership or control, finances, criminal history to be resolved prior to scheduling the pre-licensing inspection. If you're unsure whether additional items are outstanding, your investigator can provide you with an up-to-date list of these items.

Guidance:

i. Adequate Capitalization
ii. Financing Options Guidance
iii. Transfer of Ownership Guidance
iv. Guidance on Transfers During Pre-Approval or Conditional Licensure
v. Request for Approval of or Material Change to a Management Agreement

Phase Two

Location Review

Licensee submits proof of zoning approval and the proposed location. Before moving to the next step of facility review, the licensee must present a deed, lease or proof of possession for the location.

Guidance:

i. Zoning Update
ii. For standard dispensaries only: Zoning Attestation Form
iii. Co-location guidance

Phase Three

Facility Review

Licensee begins construction in the facility and schedules periodic walk-through inspections with MCA to prevent costly errors. When the facility is ready, the licensee will schedule a final pre-licensing inspection to confirm operational readiness. Any corrections to the facility should be made as quickly as possible.

Guidance:

i. What to Expect when We're Inspecting

Phase Four

Pre-Operational Readiness

After corrections to the facility are confirmed, MCA will issue a pending license. This pending license allows the licensee to register badged agents who will staff your facility and begin Metrc training for Maryland's seed-to-sale tracking system.

Guidance:

i. Guidance on Cannabis Agent Registration and Criminal History Checks
ii. METRC Training

Phase Five

Final Activation

Within 30 days of passing facility review, a licensee will receive the activation notice to legally begin operations. Cannabis may only be received, transferred, sold, or produced after activation is issued.

Please consult all FAQs and guidance, including guidance specific to your license type. For more information, visit MCA's law and regulations page.