

Pathway to Licensure

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.