



MEMORANDUM

Date: April 18, 2024

Subject: Notice of initial cannabis business license application availability

Required by: 915 KAR 1:010E, Section 3 (1)

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The Kentucky Medical Cannabis Program

Pursuant to 915 KAR 1:010E, Section 3 (1), the Kentucky Medical Cannabis Program shall publish notice of initial cannabis business license application availability on the website for the Kentucky Medical Cannabis Program, <https://kymedcan.ky.gov>, including the time frame during which initial license applications shall be accepted. This notice shall also state the category and number of cannabis business licenses available for issuance following the close of the application period.

Accordingly, the Kentucky Medical Cannabis Program provides the following notice:

1. **Application Availability**. The Kentucky Medical Cannabis Program will accept initial applications for cannabis business licenses beginning on July 1, 2024 through August 31, 2024.
2. Applicants shall use the electronic initial license application form prescribed by the Kentucky Medical Cannabis Program and made available through its website, <https://kymedcan.ky.gov>.
3. Submitted applications will be reviewed by the Kentucky Medical Cannabis Program. Written notice will be provided via email to applicants who submitted incomplete or deficient applications stating that the applicant has ten (10) calendar days from the date of the deficiency notification to cure the identified deficiencies and provide any missing information or documentation to the program in the manner prescribed by the program. If an applicant fails to cure any identified deficiency within ten (10) calendar days from the date of the deficiency notification, the program shall reject the application as incomplete.
4. Applicants for initial cannabis business licenses who comply with all application requirements contained in KRS Chapter 218B and 915 KAR 1:010E, and whose applications are deemed complete by the program, shall be eligible to receive the license requested. Written notice will be provided via email to applicants who submitted timely

complete applications with information regarding use of the lottery, if needed, and issuance of licenses.

5. The categories and number of cannabis business licenses available for issuance following the close of the application period, subject to the requirements of 915 KAR 1:010E and 915 KAR 1:020E, are as follows:

Tier I Cultivator	10
Tier II Cultivator	4
Tier III Cultivator	2
Processor	10
Dispensary	48
Safety Compliance Facility	No initial limitation

Please note that the Kentucky Medical Cannabis Program will not be issuing licenses for the Tier IV Cultivator category or the Producer category at this time.

Please also note that issuance of Dispensary licenses is subject to the geographic restrictions contained in 915 KAR 1:020E, Section 3 (2) and (3), including that dispensary licenses shall be issued within designated medicinal cannabis regions. Specifically, “[t]he cabinet shall issue at least four (4) dispensary licenses per medicinal cannabis region. For regions containing an urban-county government or a consolidated local government, the cabinet shall issue at least six (6) dispensary licenses, two (2) of which shall be issued to eligible cannabis businesses that physically locate their dispensary in the counties with an urban-county government or a consolidated local government. For all counties without an urban-county government or a consolidated local government, there shall be no more than one (1) dispensary per county.” 915 KAR 1:020E, Section 3 (3).

Below is the initial Dispensary license availability by medicinal cannabis dispensary region:

Region 1 (Bluegrass): Six (6) Dispensary licenses, two (2) of which shall be issued in Fayette County.

Region 2 (Kentuckiana): Six (6) Dispensary licenses, two (2) of which shall be issued in Jefferson County.

Region 3 (Northeast): Four (4) Dispensary licenses.

Region 4 (South Central): Four (4) Dispensary licenses.

Region 5 (Cumberland): Four (4) Dispensary licenses.

Region 6 (Mountain): Four (4) Dispensary licenses.

Region 7 (Pennyrile): Four (4) Dispensary licenses.

Region 8 (West Kentucky): Four (4) Dispensary licenses.

Region 9 (Lincoln Trail): Four (4) Dispensary licenses.

Region 10 (Northern Kentucky): Four (4) Dispensary licenses.

Region 11 (Green River): Four (4) Dispensary licenses.

For additional information regarding designated medicinal cannabis regions, including a map of the regions, visit <https://kymedcan.ky.gov>. For additional information regarding the initial cannabis business license application process and licensing generally, please review 915 KAR 1:010E and 915 KAR 1:020E and visit <https://kymedcan.ky.gov>.

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