

How To Guide for Kentucky Medical Cannabis Card Applications

How to Apply for a Medical Cannabis Card (Registry ID Card)

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Visit a medical cannabis practitioner in-person for a written certification

Search for a practitioner using the **Authorized Practitioner Directory** on the Office of Medical Cannabis website at kymedcan.ky.gov.



During the exam, the practitioner will determine or confirm that you have at least **one (1) qualifying medical condition:**

- ▶ Any type or form of cancer
- ▶ Chronic or severe pain
- ▶ Epilepsy or seizure disorder
- ▶ Multiple sclerosis, muscle spasms, or spasticity
- ▶ Chronic nausea or cyclical vomiting syndrome
- ▶ Post-traumatic stress disorder

If the practitioner believes you may benefit from medical cannabis, they will **issue a written certification through the online portal within 24 hours** of your exam.

Note: You must apply for a registry ID card within sixty (60) days of the written certification issuance date.

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Submit an application for a registry ID card

Register for an account and access the **Patient and Caregiver Registration Portal** at <https://ky-chfs-public.nls.egov.com/login>



From the portal dashboard, select **+Create New Application** and **Patient** from the drop-down menu to open a **New Patient Registration**. If you are a caregiver, select **Caregiver** and **New Caregiver Registration**.

Note: You will need to **verify your email address** before you can log into the portal.



Application Guidance

In-state patients select “View Available Certifications” on the “Practitioner Written Certification Information” tab **to retrieve your written certification**.

Upload a digital copy of your **signed and notarized signature page** on the Documents tab. Signature pages can be downloaded from “Forms” at kymedcan.ky.gov.

Caregivers submit a registration application once their patient(s) are approved.

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Receive a digital registry ID card

Approved cardholders will be **issued a digital registry ID card within thirty (30) days**.



Access your digital registry ID card through the portal from the **Licenses** tab.



Download, save, and print a PDF copy by selecting **Print Digital Card**.

Resources

- ▶ For more information, visit the Kentucky Medical Cannabis Program website at: <https://kymedcan.ky.gov/>, including Patient and Caregiver FAQs, the Qualified Patient and Designated Caregiver Guide, and Quick Reference Guides for Designated Caregiver, Visiting Qualified Patient, and In-state Minor Qualified Patient applicants.