
Bulletin – Marijuana Research Facility License Applications

To: License Applicants
From: Shawn Collins, Executive Director
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Subject: Update on Marijuana Research Facility License Applications

This bulletin addresses the current status of Marijuana Research Facility (“Research”) licenses and application requirements in light of proposed regulatory changes. Research license applications were previously made available to applicants in the Massachusetts Cannabis Industry Portal (“MassCIP”). As of today, the Cannabis Control Commission (Commission) has received five (5) fully submitted applications and an additional 53 applications that remain incomplete.

On July 24, 2020, the Commission released proposed changes to its [adult-use cannabis regulations](#). These proposed changes seek to address the unique factors that create challenges to conducting state-legal research on cannabis. Proposed changes include the addition of necessary terms and definitions, application requirements, permitting requirements, and operational requirements for conducting research as outlined in a new section, 935 CMR 500.146: *Operational Requirements for Marijuana Research Facility Licensees and Research Permits*. These regulations may be codified following a public comment period, additional policy discussions by the Commission, and required legal filings. All currently submitted Research license applications will be held in abeyance until the adoption and promulgation of these regulations.

Following the promulgation of the new regulations, Commission staff will notify affected applicants about the changes and next steps towards obtaining a Research license. The Commission appreciates the patience of applicants and interested parties as we strive to institute a regulatory structure that reflects the high caliber of research we hope these regulations will promote.

Questions regarding this bulletin may be directed to Licensing@CCCMass.Com. For updates on the regulatory process, please visit the Cannabis Control Commission’s website at MassCannabisControl.Com.

