

# Oregon Psilocybin Services

## How to become a licensed psilocybin facilitator in Oregon

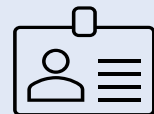
In November 2020, Oregonians passed The Oregon Psilocybin Services Act (M109), which is now codified into Oregon law in [ORS 475A](#). This statute establishes a licensing and regulatory framework for psilocybin services in Oregon. Before taking steps to become licensed, please go to the: “[Training Video on ORS 475A: What is the Oregon Psilocybin Services Act?](#)” and “[What are Psilocybin Services?](#)” to learn more.

ORS 475A requires a non-directive approach to psilocybin services, meaning that facilitators will support clients through psilocybin services without directing the client experience. Licensed facilitators are required to be present with clients during the three components of psilocybin services, which include preparation, administration, and integration sessions.

In Oregon, although licensed facilitators may hold other professional licenses but may not practice on other professional licenses while providing preparation, administration, or integration sessions to clients. If you currently hold a professional license in Oregon and are interested in becoming a licensed facilitator, work with your professional licensing board for further guidance regarding risks associated with being licensed under ORS 475A.

### Facilitator Applicant Requirements:

- 1) **Must be 21 years of age or older.**
- 2) **Must have a high school diploma or equivalent.**
- 3) **Must be an Oregon resident** (This requirement expires in 2025).
- 4) **Must pass a criminal background check.**
- 5) **Must complete a psilocybin training program that has had curriculum approved by Oregon Psilocybin Services prior to applying for licensure.**
- 6) **Must pass an exam administered by Oregon Psilocybin Services.**



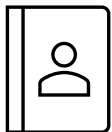
## Steps to Become a Licensed Facilitator

- 1) **Enroll in a psilocybin facilitator training program** that has had curriculum approval by Oregon Psilocybin Services. The training program must also be licensed by the Higher Education Coordinating Commission (HECC) or receive a determination from HECC that a license is not required. If you plan to apply for a facilitator license, it is important to confirm that your training program meets both of these requirements. For more information, please go to the [OPS Student Information](#) webpage. Each training program determines their application process, cost, and duration of their program. Please contact training programs directly for more information.
- 2) **Complete the psilocybin facilitator training program.** This includes completion of core training, practicum, and a comprehensive exam administered by the training program you enroll with.
- 3) **Prepare materials for the application process.** You will need to provide:
  - Proof of being 21 years of age or older
  - Proof of a high school diploma or equivalent
  - Proof of Oregon residency for the past two years (this requirement expires in 2025)
  - A social equity plan (refer to [OPS Social Equity Plan Resources](#) for more information).
- 4) **Begin your license application process with OPS.** Follow the [OPS Facilitator License Application Guide for ONLINE APPLICATIONS](#). If you are unable to complete the application online, you may print and follow the [Facilitator License Application Guide for MAILED APPLICATIONS](#) and submit it by mail.
- 5) **Take the OPS Facilitator Exam.** A score of 75 percent or above is a passing score, and an applicant may retake the exam until they pass. The exam is designed to help facilitator applicants become familiar with referencing administrative rule requirements that they will be responsible for complying with once licensed.

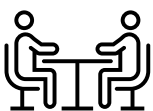
- 6) **Complete the criminal background check process.** Once you have submitted a facilitator license application to OPS, you will be sent more information about how to complete the required background check. Please review [OPS Background Check Process](#) for more information.
- 7) **Pay a \$150 application fee.** OPS will review application as quickly as possible after the payment has cleared. If you are approved for licensure, the license will last for one year from the date issued and you will be required to renew your license annually and pay an annual licensure fee of \$2,000. Applicants who are veterans, receiving social security income, receiving food stamp benefits, or are enrolled in the Oregon Health Plan may qualify for a reduced annual licensure fee of \$1,000.

## How People Access Psilocybin Services in Oregon

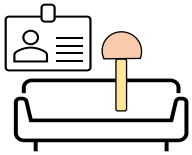
Individuals are able to access psilocybin services for any reason. A prescription or referral from a medical or clinical provider is not required. Clients must be 21 years of age or older and participate in at least one preparation session with a licensed facilitator before they consume psilocybin during an administration session at a licensed service center.



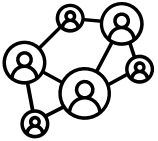
- 1) **Schedule a Session:** A person interested in accessing psilocybin services will contact licensed service centers for information about psilocybin services. Once they find a service center that fits their needs, the potential client will schedule a preparation session with a licensed facilitator associated with the licensed service center they choose to work with. The [OPS Licensee Directory](#) includes contact information for service centers that have consented to being listed. Potential clients may also verify if a service center has a valid license by using the [Search for License or Permit Status tool](#).



- 2) **Preparation Session:** The client meets with a [licensed facilitator](#) for a preparation session and completes [required forms](#) (including: client information, bill of rights, informed consent, safety and support plan, transportation plan, and accessibility). A licensed facilitator determines whether they can provide services to the client, and the client determines whether they want to move forward with an administration session.



- 3) **Administration Session:** The administration session takes place at a [licensed service center](#). The client buys psilocybin products from a licensed service center and consumes psilocybin at the beginning of their administration session. The client remains at the service center with the licensed facilitator until they are ready to be released from the session. For group administration sessions, a minimal client-facilitator ratio is required. Within 72 hours after the session, the licensed facilitator contacts the client to check on them. An optional integration session is offered.



- 4) **Integration Session:** If the client chooses to take part in an optional integration session, they may review their safety and support plan or request referrals for community resources, peer support networks, and other resources at that time.

## Client Safety and Compliance

While our administrative rules provide an important framework for client safety, the facilitator-client relationship and service center operating guidelines will ultimately be the most important factor in ensuring safe and effective psilocybin experiences. Trained and licensed facilitators work within their scope of practice and level of expertise to identify potential safety risks and support the client through psilocybin services. Licensed facilitators may decline services to clients for any reason, but may also refer clients to other licensed facilitators that may have more experience serving specific needs. Our section will investigate complaints, incidents, or concerns related to safety issues or statute and rule violations that occur on licensed premises and during the provision of psilocybin services. Administrative sanctions depend on the severity of violation and may include restriction of a license, civil penalties, or suspension or revocation of a license.

The Oregon Psilocybin Services Team is committed to providing education and technical assistance to our regulated community. If you have any questions about the licensing process, please contact: [Licensing.Psilocybin@oha.oregon.gov](mailto:Licensing.Psilocybin@oha.oregon.gov)

For other inquiries about Oregon Psilocybin Services, please contact:

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