Oregon Psilocybin Services

How to become a licensed psilocybin service center in Oregon

In November 2020, Oregonians passed Measure 109 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: “What is the Oregon Psilocybin Services Act?” and “What are Psilocybin Services?” to learn more.

Under ORS 475A, psilocybin may only be consumed by a client at a licensed service center. Licensed service centers may be of any size, as long as they meet all requirements set in statute and administrative rules. Under OAR 333-333, service centers may have multiple administration areas, including outdoor administration areas, if they have clearly defined boundaries and are free from hazards. Service centers must have at least one primary restroom available in the licensed premises. For a full list of requirements please refer to the administrative rules.

General Service Center License Requirements:

1) Must be 21 years of age or older.

2) 50 percent of partnership/ownership interests must be held by one or more individuals who have been residents of Oregon for two or more years. Note this requirement ends in 2025.

3) Must acquire a Land Use Compatibly Statement (LUCS) form, signed by local city or county, which demonstrates that the proposed use of the property is consistent with local land use and zoning codes.

4) The service center must be located at least 1000 feet from a school.

5) Must pass a criminal background check.

6) Must pass a site inspection as part of the license application process.
Steps to Become a Licensed Service Center

1. You must review and understand statutory (ORS 475A) and administrative rule (OAR, Chapter 333-333) requirements related to a service center license.

2. Before submitting an application, you will need to work with your local city or county jurisdiction to complete an OPS Land Use Compatibility Statement (LUCS) form, which demonstrates that the proposed property is in compliance with local land use and zoning requirements. Your local jurisdiction will need to review and approve the LUCS. Once you make the request, your local jurisdiction is required to respond within 21 days.

3. As part of the license application process, you will need to submit a map or sketch of the proposed licensed premises with a scaled floor plan identifying all limited access areas and client administration areas, among other details described in administrative rules.

4. You will need to verify that your proposed location is at least 1,000 feet from a school, unless your proposed location is within 500 feet of a school and there is a physical barrier (such as a highway) or geographic barrier (such as a river) that would prevent children from traversing between the school and the licensed premises. The Psilocybin School Exclusion Map was developed by OPS to support applicants with the process of determining whether a proposed location is within 1,000 feet of a school to comply with ORS 475A.310. The mapping tool is being updated regularly but may contain inaccuracies. Please do not rely solely on this tool for determining school proximity. To learn more about the barrier exception process, please refer to the School Exclusion Exception Request process and School Exclusion Exception Request Form.

5. You will need to provide proof of being 21 years of age or older, proof of a high school diploma or equivalent, and proof of Oregon residency for the past two years (please note the residency requirement expires in 2025).

6. You will need to submit a Social Equity Plan (refer to the OPS Social Equity Plan Resources for resources that can support applicants in meeting this requirement) and a Service Center Emergency Plan.
7. Once you have met all the requirements listed above and have gathered your application materials, you may begin your license application process with OPS. A link to the online application portal will be available on the OPS Service Center Operator License webpage. You will be required to pay a $500 application fee.

8. Once you have initiated a license application with OPS, you will be sent more information about how to complete the required background check. To prepare, please see this handout on the OPS Background Check Process.

9. The OPS team will review your application as quickly as possible. You will want to monitor your email inbox for messages about next steps. OPS staff will need to visit your proposed location and perform a site inspection to ensure your premises is compliant with statute and rule requirements.

10. If you are approved for licensure, you will be required to pay an annual licensure fee of $10,000. 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 $5,000. More information can be found in administrative rules.
How People Access Psilocybin Services in Oregon?

**PREPARATION:** A preparation session includes a client intake process, informed consent, a review of a client bill of rights, safety and support planning, transportation planning, and a discussion with a licensed facilitator.

**ADMINISTRATION:** This is the only time a client may purchase and consume a psilocybin product. Psilocybin products are cultivated and processed by a licensed manufacturer, tested by a licensed laboratory, and provided to a client by a licensed service center. Clients are not allowed to take the psilocybin off-site. Psilocybin products must be consumed in an administration area in a licensed service center.

**INTEGRATION:** Clients may also participate in optional integration sessions, which are opportunities for the client to integrate their experience and be referred to community resources and peer-support networks.
How do psilocybin products get to a service center?

1) Psilocybin products are cultivated, produced and/or processed by a licensed manufacturer and tracked in a product tracking system.

2) Psilocybin products are tested by a licensed laboratory that is accredited by the Oregon Environmental Laboratory Accreditation Program (ORELAP). Test results are entered into the product tracking system.

3) Psilocybin products are sold or transferred from a licensed manufacturer to a licensed service center and tracked in the product tracking system.

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

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