



Recreational Marijuana Program

Information Bulletin on License Application Processing Pause

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On May 30, 2018 the Oregon Liquor Control Commission announced it would temporarily pause the processing of recreational marijuana license applications. The OLCC will accept and process license applications received by Friday, June 15, 2018. The OLCC will continue to accept, but will not immediately process license applications received beginning June 16, 2018.

This action is a temporary reprioritization of the agency's work load. Below are some frequently asked questions the OLCC has received related to the license application announcement.

Read the press release about the license application processing pause [here](#).

Does my application need to include an approved Land Use Compatibility Statement (LUCS) in order to be considered "submitted" prior to June 15, 2018? The OLCC will consider as "received" an application submitted through the OLCC online license application system by June 15, 2018 even if it does not include an approved LUCS. However, OLCC will contact and request an approved LUCS from applicants who do not submit a LUCS with their application; applications without a LUCS will not move into the assignment queue until it is received. Further, by policy the OLCC may consider an application incomplete if an approved LUCS is not submitted within 60 days of the OLCC request, unless the applicant asks for, and is provided a longer extension. Typically the OLCC does not provide application extensions longer than six months, and if the OLCC does not receive a LUCS within the extension timeframe the application may be deemed incomplete and inactivated.

Does my application need to be "complete" in order to meet the June 15, 2018 submission deadline? OLCC will continue to process applications received through the online system by June 15, 2018 in the same manner as it currently does. Applications will be screened for required documents and completeness, and the OLCC will request missing or incomplete items from the applicant. If an applicant does not respond to requests to submit required information in a timely manner the OLCC may deem the application incomplete and inactivate it. OLCC recommends an applicant review the list of [required forms and information](#) on its [website](#), and complete as much work on application as possible before submitting it in order to avoid the possibility of having the application inactivated.

Will OLCC still process changes of ownership, changes of financial interest, and premises changes? Yes, the OLCC will still process all change requests submitted by existing licensees. Licensees should expect as long as three months for the OLCC to process these requests, given the existing amount of change requests received and the agency's prioritized focus on renewing existing licenses.

How long will it be before my application is processed if I submit an application prior to June 15, 2018? At this time the OLCC has a nine month backlog of applications waiting to be assigned for investigation. However this timeframe could change depending on how quickly OLCC can catch up on renewals and change requests submitted by current licensees.

What happens to license applications submitted starting June 16, 2018? The OLCC will continue to accept license applications after June 15, 2018, but these applications will not be screened or assigned until the agency catches up on its existing inventory of submitted applications.

Are Marijuana Worker Permits affected by this deadline? No, the Marijuana Worker Permit program is not impacted by the June 15, 2018 deadline. The OLCC is current in its processing of Marijuana Worker Permits.