



Recreational Marijuana Program

Information Bulletin

New License Moratorium

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The Oregon Liquor and Cannabis Commission (OLCC) is providing the following information to licensees and laboratory licensees.

This education bulletin covers the following issue:

- New license moratorium

Background

On April 4, 2022, the Governor signed into law [House Bill 4016](#) (HB 4016) establishing a licensing moratorium on all marijuana license types except laboratories. The HB 4016 moratorium applies only to marijuana licenses and does not affect worker permits, research certificates, or hemp certificates. The moratorium is in effect from January 1, 2022 through March 31, 2024; all applications for new licenses received in that time frame will be inactivated.

Impacts to applicants and licensees

Existing Licensees

The licensing moratorium does not affect current licenses. You are still able to submit requests to the OLCC for changes, such as **change of ownership** or **change of location**. It is very important you keep your license current; *if your license expires you will not be able to submit a new application under the moratorium*.

Applications submitted on or before January 1, 2022

If you applied for a license on or before January 1, 2022 and have not submitted a Land Use Compatibility Statement (LUCS), you have until **April 25, 2022** to submit the LUCS to OLCC. If you do not submit the LUCS to OLCC by **April 25, 2022**, your application will be inactivated. The legislation also prohibits changing the location of your application and does not allow for more than a 51% ownership change until you have been licensed.

OLCC Follow Up

- Email impacted applicants with instructions on how they can provide the LUCS by April 25, 2022.
- Do phone follow ups with impacted applicants, and update applicant files when LUCS forms are received.

- Begin inactivating applications without LUCS starting April 26, 2022 but provide applicants 10 business days following the inactivation to request reconsideration.

Applications submitted on or after January 2, 2022

If you applied for a marijuana producer, processor, wholesaler, or retailer license on or after January 2, 2022, your application will be inactivated. **The OLCC plans to refund the \$250 application fee for these applications**, so it is important that you make sure the mailing address listed on your application is current and valid.

Because the OLCC generally does not refund application fees we must first create an internal process that will enable us to return these funds. Applicants in this category do NOT need to initiate any action to receive the refund.

The OLCC will return fees for applications submitted on or after **January 2, 2022 through April 4, 2022**, when HB 4016 was signed into law. Because a moratorium is now in place anyone who submits a license application will NOT have their application fee automatically returned.

Applications created on or before January 1, 2022

If you have an application in “Draft” status, meaning you started to apply but never paid the application fee, your application is not considered to have been submitted. If you pay the fee to submit your application, it will be considered to have been submitted on the date the application fee is paid, and OLCC will deactivate the application as required by HB 4016. There is no benefit to submitting a new license application until the moratorium created by HB 4016 has ended.

Please contact marijuana@oregon.gov if you have questions or need additional information.