

YOUR STATE-BY-STATE GUIDE TO MARIJUANA APPLICATION AND LICENSING FEES

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Finding out what any particular state is charging wannabe marijuana dispensaries and cultivators can be daunting at times. Some states make their fees easy to find and easy to digest. Others can take some time digging through page after page on various websites. Here's an overview of what each of the 26 states and Guam—with legalized medical marijuana programs—are charging for application and licensing fees (and a number of other fees), and what the states that have legalized recreational marijuana are charging as well. Also included are the 11 states with CBD-oil-only medical programs. (In all, 36 states now have some type of legalized medical and/or recreational marijuana, or CBD oil program in place.)

Washington currently has the lowest fees, with a \$250 application fee for retailers or wholesalers/processors, a \$1,000 annual fee (initial and renewal), and the same fees applying to manufacturers, for up to 30,000 square feet of dedicated plant canopy.

Illinois currently has the highest fees, charging cultivators a \$25,000 application fee (nonrefundable), a \$200,000 licensing fee, and a \$100,000 annual renewal fee. For dispensaries, the fees are slightly lower, but still among the highest charged: a \$5,000 application fee (nonrefundable), a \$30,000 licensing fee, and a \$25,000 annual renewal fee. (Maryland's proposed fees would follow Illinois in its high rates for licenses: The state is proposing application fees of \$6,000 for growers and \$5,000 for dispensaries, with proposed licensing fees of \$125,000 for a grower license and \$40,000 for a retailer license.)

Here's the breakdown:

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ALABAMA

CBD-specific

CBD oil legal only in context of a four-year University of Alabama-Birmingham study for patients with debilitating epileptic conditions. No state-licensed dispensaries.

ALASKA

Medical / retail / recreational marijuana

- No state-certified dispensaries yet

ARIZONA



Medical marijuana

- The AZ Department of Health Services will accept **Dispensary Registration Certificate applications in late 2015. The department anticipates approving 126 dispensaries.**
- Dispensary registration application: \$5,000 [\$1,000 refundable]
- \$200 for initial or renewal registry identification card for a designated caregiver
- \$500 for an initial or renewal registry identification card for a dispensary agent
- \$5,000 for an initial dispensary registration certificate
- \$1,000 for a renewal dispensary registration certificate
- \$2,500 to change the location of a dispensary or cultivation facility
- \$10 to amend, change, or replace a registry identification card

CALIFORNIA

Medical marijuana

- No state-regulated dispensaries. Some cities regulate dispensaries.



COLORADO

Medical / retail / recreational marijuana

New Medical Marijuana Establishments:

Application fees:

- Center type 1 (1-300 patients) (\$6,000) + optional premises cultivation [OPC] (\$1,000) = \$7,000
- Center type 2 (301-500 patients) (\$10,000) + optional premises cultivation [OPC] (\$1,000) = \$11,000
- Center type 3 (501 or more patients) (\$14,000) + optional premises cultivation [OPC]

(\$1,000) = \$15,000

- Infused product manager = \$1,000
- Vendor registration = \$300

Initial license fees:

- Center type 1 (\$3,000) + OPC (\$2,200) = \$5,200
- Center type 2 (\$7,000) + OPC (\$2,200) = \$9,200
- Center type 3 (\$11,000) + OPC (\$2,200) = \$13,200
- Infused product manufacturer = \$2,200

NOTE: A new retail marijuana establishment must pay the application fee plus the initial license fee at the time of application

Renewal license fees:

- Center type 1 (\$3,000) + OPC (\$2,200) + renewal fee x 2 (\$600) = \$5,800
- Center type 2 (\$7,000) + OPC (\$2,200) + renewal fee x 2 (\$600) = \$9,800
- Center type 3 (\$11,000) + OPC (\$2,200) + renewal fee x 2 (\$600) = \$13,800
- Infused product manufacturer (\$2,200) + renewal fee (\$300) = \$2,500
- Infused product manufacturer (\$2,200) + OPC (\$2,200) + renewal fee x 2 (\$600) = \$5,000

Medical Marijuana Business Converting to/Adding Retail Marijuana Establishment:

- \$500 application fee for stores, cultivation facilities or manufacturers

Licensing fees range from:

- \$2,200 for an infused product manufacturer; to
- \$5,200 for a store and cultivation facility with a plant count up to 3,600;
- \$9,200 for a store and cultivation facility with a plant count up to 6,000;
- \$13,200 for a store and cultivation facility with a plant count of up to 10,200
- Renewal licenses run about the same as the original licenses

New Retail Marijuana Establishments

Application fees:

- Retail marijuana store: \$5,000
- Retail marijuana cultivation facility: \$5,000
- Retail marijuana products manufacturer: \$5,000
- Retail marijuana testing facility: \$1,000

NOTE: A new retail marijuana establishment must pay the application fee plus the initial license fee at the time of application.

Licensing fees:

- Retail marijuana store: \$3,000
- Retail marijuana cultivation facility: \$2,200
- Extended plant count fee 1 (3,601-6,000 plants): \$4,000
- Extended plant count fee 2 (6,001-10,200 plants): \$8,000
- Retail marijuana products manufacturer: \$2,200
- Retail marijuana testing facility: \$2,200

Renewal fees:

- Retail marijuana store license fee (\$3,000) + renewal fee (\$300) = \$3,300
- Retail marijuana cultivation facility license fee (\$2,200) + renewal fee (\$300) = \$2,500
- Retail marijuana cultivation facility license fee (\$2,200) + extended plant count fee 1 (\$4,000) + renewal fee x 2 (\$600) = \$6,800
- Retail marijuana cultivation facility license fee (\$2,200) + extended plant count fee 2 (\$8,000) + renewal fee x 2 (\$600) = \$10,800
- Retail marijuana products manufacturer license fee (\$2,200) + renewal fee (\$300) = \$2,500
- Retail marijuana testing facility license fee (\$2,200) + renewal fee (\$300) = \$2,500

Administrative fees:

- Transfer of ownership – new owners = \$2,000
- Transfer of ownership – reallocation of ownership = \$1,000
- Change of corporation to LLC = \$800/person
- Change of trade name = \$40
- Change of location – same local jurisdiction = \$500
- Modification of license premises = \$120
- Duplicate business license = \$40
- Indirect financial interest background investigations = \$150
- Off-premise storage permit = \$2,200
- Subpoena fee = \$200



CONNECTICUT

Medical marijuana

Currently closed to applications

Dispensaries:

- Initial application fee: \$1,000 [nonrefundable]
- Registration fee: \$5,000 [nonrefundable]
- Renewal fee: \$5,000 [nonrefundable]
- License and renewal fees: \$100 each
- Dispensary technician and dispensary personnel registration / renewal: \$50
- Dispensary facility backer registration / renewal: \$100
- Dispensary name change application: \$100
- Change of dispensary facility manager: \$50
- Location change or expansion application: \$1,000 [plus \$1,500 if approved]
- Physical, non-cosmetic facility alteration [other than expansion] application: \$500

While the CT government outlines the fees above, it also notes on its MMJ facility license page: "Applications and supporting material must be hand-delivered in accordance with the instructions in the Request for Applications, together with a \$25,000 application fee."

Producers:

- \$25,000 application fee (non-refundable)
- \$75,000 licensing fee
- \$75,000 renewal fee (per location)
- \$25,000 application fee (non-refundable) to open an additional facility.
- Production facility personnel registration fee and renewal fee: \$100
- Producer backer registration fee and renewal fee: \$100
- Application to expand or change the location of a production facility: \$3,500 [plus \$1,500 once approved]
- Producer or production facility name change application: \$100
- Physical, non-cosmetic alteration to facility [other than expansion]: \$500

- Marijuana brand name registration: \$1,000 per brand name
- \$2,000,000 escrow account required

DELAWARE

Medical marijuana

- Compassion center application fee: \$5,000 [nonrefundable] • Certification fee: \$40,000

DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA

Medical / retail / recreational marijuana

Has legalized possession and home cultivation, and specified that there will be no more than 5-8 medical dispensaries in the District, but has not issued regulations on sale or dispensaries.

FLORIDA

CBD-specific medical marijuana

- Up to 5 facilities to dispense high-CBD strains to state-qualified patients
- No dispensaries operational yet. State still needs to issue final rules [due by 1/1/15].



GUAM

Medical marijuana

Program not yet operational. Department of Public Health and Social Services has until August 2015 to issue regulations.

HAWAII

Medical marijuana

No state-certified dispensaries.



ILLINOIS

Medical marijuana

Cultivators:

- \$25,000 application fee [nonrefundable]
- \$200,000 licensing fee
- \$100,000 annual renewal fee

Dispensaries:

- \$5,000 application fee [nonrefundable]
- \$30,000 licensing fee
- \$25,000 annual renewal fee

IOWA

CBD-specific medical marijuana

CBD oil legal only for patients with intractable epilepsy. No state-licensed dispensaries.

KENTUCKY

CBD-specific medical marijuana

CBD oil legal only for patients with intractable epilepsy. No state-licensed dispensaries.

MAINE

Medical marijuana

No more than 8 dispensaries allowed in the state, and 8 already operational.

Cultivators:

- Application fee \$300 per patient serviced
- Annual renewal \$300 per patient serviced
- Up to 5 patients per cultivator

Dispensaries:

- Registration application \$15,000
- Annual renewal \$15,000
- Employee identification card \$25
- Employee annual renewal \$25
- Change of location fee: \$5,000

MARYLAND

Medical marijuana

State medical marijuana commission is currently finalizing regulations [as of 11/13/14].

Proposed fees:

- \$125,000 grower license
- \$40,000 retailer license
- \$6000 grower application fee
- \$5000 dispensary application fee



MASSACHUSETTS

Medical marijuana

Fifteen of the allowed 35 state-licensed dispensaries approved as of 11/15/14.

- Dispensary agent registration: \$500/year
- Phase 1 application: \$1,500
- Phase 2 application: \$30,000
- Registration: \$50,000/year
- Location change: \$10,000
- Name change: \$100
- Architectural review: \$8.25 per \$1,000 of construction costs, minimum fee \$1,500

MICHIGAN

Medical marijuana

No state-certified dispensaries.

MINNESOTA

Medical marijuana

Only two manufacturers allowed in state, and two already selected.

- \$20,000 non-refundable application fee

Each registered manufacturer can operate no more than 4 distribution facilities in state.

MISSISSIPPI

CBD-specific medical program

CBD oil legal only for patients with intractable epilepsy. No state-licensed dispensaries.



MISSOURI

CBD-specific medical program

Fees unknown. Program not operational yet.

MONTANA

Medical marijuana

No state-certified dispensaries

NEW HAMPSHIRE

Medical marijuana

Fees unknown. Program not operational yet.

NH's Department of Health & Human Services has until January 2015 to issue rules for dispensaries.

NEW JERSEY

Medical marijuana

Fees unknown. Program currently closed to applications.



NEW MEXICO

Medical marijuana

Changes to MJ regulations were proposed 12/1/14, and would be effective on 2/15/15 if accepted.

- Initial application fee: \$10,000 [\$1,000 of which is nonrefundable]
- Non-profit producer license fee: \$30,000 for first 150 plants, \$10,000 for each additional 50 plants, up to a max of 450 total plants

NEW YORK

Medical marijuana

Fees unknown. Program not operational yet.

Will license 5 producers and up to 20 dispensing centers

NEVADA

Medical marijuana

- Medical marijuana establishment registration certificate: \$5,000 [nonrefundable, applies to all of the below in addition to below fees]
- Dispensary registration certificate: \$30,000
- Dispensary certificate renewal: \$5,000
- Cultivation facility registration certificate: \$3,000
- Cultivation facility certificate renewal: \$1,000

- Facility producing edible marijuana or marijuana-infused products – registration certificate: \$3,000
- Edible production facility certificate renewal: \$1,000
- MM establishment agent registration card: \$75
- Agent card renewal: \$75
- Independent testing laboratory registration certificate: \$5,000
- Independent testing laboratory certificate renewal: \$3,000

NORTH CAROLINA

CBD-specific medical marijuana

CBD oil legal only for patients with intractable epilepsy. No state-licensed dispensaries.



OREGON

Medical / recreational marijuana

- Dispensary application fee: \$4,000 [\$500 nonrefundable]
- Growers: “The authority may adopt rules imposing a fee in an amount established by the authority for registration of a marijuana grow site.”
- Recreational – The Oregon Liquor Control Commission will begin accepting license applications for the production and sale of recreational marijuana on January 4, 2016.

RHODE ISLAND

Medical marijuana

- Compassion center application fee: \$250 [nonrefundable]
- Certification fee: \$5,000
- Employee application fee: \$75 [nonrefundable]
- Renewal fee: \$5,000 every two years

No more than 3 compassion centers may hold valid registration certificates at one time.

SOUTH CAROLINA

CBD-specific medical program

CBD oil legal only for patients with Dravet syndrome, Lennox-Gastaut syndrome, and refractory epilepsy. No state-licensed dispensaries.

TENNESSEE

CBD-specific medical program

CBD oil legal only in the context of a four-year study at Vanderbilt University for patients with intractable epilepsy. DEA must approve cultivation before study can begin. No state-licensed dispensaries.

UTAH

CBD-specific medical program

CBD oil legal only for patients with intractable epilepsy. No state-licensed dispensaries.

VERMONT

Medical marijuana

No more than 4 dispensaries to operate at any given time. Not accepting applications.

WASHINGTON

Medical / retail / recreational marijuana

- \$250 application fee for retailers or wholesalers/processors
- \$1,000 annual fee (initial and renewal)
- Same fees apply to manufacturers, for up to 30,000 sq. ft. of dedicated plant canopy.

NOTE: Washington's provisions for its retail marijuana program under Initiative 502 did not include specifications for medical marijuana dispensaries already in existence. Currently, medical dispensaries in Washington state are facing the possibility of being shuttered. Under Washington's new recreational marijuana law, all marijuana businesses must be licensed under I-502; but medical marijuana facilities cannot qualify, as I-502 licenses only recreational dispensaries.

WISCONSIN

CBD-specific medical program

CBD oil legalized for patients with seizure disorders, but legislation requires potential providers to obtain special FDA permits and none have yet to do so. No state-licensed dispensaries.



