

Frequently Asked Questions for Medical Marijuana Laboratory Applicants



1. What are the regulations and requirements for medical marijuana laboratories licensed by the Rhode Island Department of Health (RIDOH)?

Download the Rules and Regulations for Licensing Analytical Laboratories for Sampling and Testing Medical Marijuana (216-RICR-60-05-6)
<https://rules.sos.ri.gov/regulations/part/216-60-05-6>.

2. How to apply for licensing?

There are several steps involved in the application process. Download the preliminary license application and follow the instructions on Page 2: <https://health.ri.gov/applications/MMTestingLabPreliminary.pdf>. Once the preliminary approval is granted, you will be mailed the final application which must be completed. The license will be issued after the final application and laboratory assessment has been approved by RIDOH.

3. Can I apply online?

No. Online application is not available for this license.

4. How much is the application fee?

The preliminary application fee is **\$5,000**. An additional fee is not required with the final application.

5. How may I pay?

You may pay by check or money order, payable to the Rhode Island General Treasurer.

6. Do I have to reapply if my license expires?

You will be mailed a renewal form each year.



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Licenses expire one year from the month it was approved. The RIDOH Licensing Unit will mail you a renewal form prior to the license expiration date.

8. Can I renew my license online?

No. The RIDOH Licensing Unit will mail you a renewal form prior to the license expiration date.

9. I renewed my license late. Will it be active for one year from my renewal date?

No. For the license to be active for the full year, you must renew on time.

10. Will I have to apply for a new license if my laboratory is going to change location?

Yes. A new preliminary application is required when a laboratory moves or opens a facility in a new location.

11. What does RIDOH license medical marijuana laboratories for?

- Laboratories are licensed to collect samples of medical marijuana from cultivators and producers of medical marijuana products;
- Laboratories are licensed to analyze the potency of THC, THCa, CBD and CBDa in cannabis flower-based products, pressed products, extracted products and infused products;
- Laboratories may be licensed to analyze product contaminants including microbiological, water activity, pesticides, metals, residual solvents.

12. Where can I learn more about the Medical Marijuana Program?

To learn more, visit www.health.ri.gov/licensing/laboratories/for/medicalmarijuana.

