

# Frequently Asked Questions for Patients and Caregivers



**1. How long does it take for a patient or caregiver to be licensed?**

On average, it takes five to 10 days.

**2. Can I apply online?**

Only patients can apply online. Patients who want to apply online should go to [www.health.ri.gov/forms/registration/MedicalMarijuanaNewApplication.pdf](http://www.health.ri.gov/forms/registration/MedicalMarijuanaNewApplication.pdf).

**3. How much is the application fee?**

The patient fee is **\$50**. The caregiver fee is **\$100**. The authorized purchaser fee is **\$50**. If a patient or caregiver receives one of these benefits and can provide proof, the fee is **\$25**: Social Security Disability Insurance (SSDI), Supplemental Security Income (SSI), Medicaid, veterans' disability, or federal railroad disability.

**4. Do I have to pay by check?**

No. You can pay by check or money order.

**5. Who do I make my check or money order payable to?**

Make the check payable to the Rhode Island General Treasurer.

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

No. You can ask for a renewal form by emailing [doh.mmp@health.ri.gov](mailto:doh.mmp@health.ri.gov).

**7. What should I do if I am renewing my license and have a new doctor, but another doctor is listed?**

To update your doctor's name, you can use a practitioner form from the initial application at [www.health.ri.gov/forms/registration/MedicalMarijuanaNewApplication.pdf](http://www.health.ri.gov/forms/registration/MedicalMarijuanaNewApplication.pdf). You must be a Rhode Island resident and have one of the qualifying medical conditions listed. A licensed MD, DO, PA, or APRN in Rhode Island or a licensed MD or DO in Connecticut or Massachusetts must sign the practitioner form if they believe you could benefit from the program based on medical conditions.



**8. Can I renew my license online?**

No. You can ask for a renewal form by emailing [doh.mmp@health.ri.gov](mailto:doh.mmp@health.ri.gov).

**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 have to renew on time. Compassion center employee licenses are the only licenses valid for a full year from the issue date.

**10. I lost my medical marijuana license. How do I replace it?**

Go to the Medical Marijuana Program (MMP) office at the Rhode Island Department of Health (RIDOH), Room 105A, between 1:00 and 3:00 p.m. You will need a \$10 check or money order and a current Rhode Island driver's license or Rhode Island state ID.

**11. How do I change my address?**

Submit a \$10 check or money order, proof of your address, and the RIDOH change form. For instructions and the form, go to [www.health.ri.gov/forms/request/MedicalMarijuanaPatientInformationChange.pdf](http://www.health.ri.gov/forms/request/MedicalMarijuanaPatientInformationChange.pdf).

**12. How do I add a caregiver or purchaser?**

You can ask for an add form by calling RIDOH at **401-222-3752**. Or email us at [doh.mmp@health.ri.gov](mailto:doh.mmp@health.ri.gov). The form will be mailed to the patient only.

**13. What is the difference between a caregiver and an authorized purchaser?**

A caregiver can grow their own marijuana or buy marijuana from a compassion center, and may have up to five patients. An authorized purchaser can only buy marijuana at a compassion center and may only have one patient.

**14. Where do I buy tags for marijuana plants?**

Marijuana plant tags are no longer issued. Grow certificates are now required. See details on the the Department of Business Regulation website at [www.dbr.ri.gov/divisions/medicalmarijuana](http://www.dbr.ri.gov/divisions/medicalmarijuana).

**15. Can you refer me to a medical marijuana doctor?**

No. RIDOH does not make doctor referrals. To find a doctor in your area to ask if they are taking new patients, use our online tool at [www.health.ri.gov/find/providers](http://www.health.ri.gov/find/providers).

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

To learn more, go to [www.health.ri.gov/healthcare/medicalmarijuana](http://www.health.ri.gov/healthcare/medicalmarijuana).

