



Request for Dispensary Applications (RFA II)

Provisional Dispensary License FAQs

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1. When were the provisional dispensary licenses announced?

The announcement to issue provisional dispensary licenses (PDLs) occurred during a public meeting on May 16, 2022. A list of provisional dispensary licenses issued can be accessed using the following links:

- List of Provisional Dispensary Licenses (PDF): www.pharmacy.ohio.gov/PDL2
- List of Provisional Dispensary Licenses (Excel): www.pharmacy.ohio.gov/PDL2x

The Board also published allocation summary documents that provide details on those provisional dispensary licenses awarded in each district as well as information regarding applicants who may have scored high in the drawing but were disqualified from consideration. Those documents can be accessed using the following links:

- RFA II – PDL Allocation Summary (PDF): www.pharmacy.ohio.gov/PDL2all
- RFA II – PDL Allocation Summary (Excel): www.pharmacy.ohio.gov/PDL2allx

2. How many provisional dispensary licenses were announced?

On April 19, 2021, the Board authorized the issuance of up to 73 provisional dispensary licenses. On May 16, 2022, the Board awarded 70 of the 73 provisional dispensary licenses. An additional three provisional dispensary licenses will be announced at a later date following the completion of the application review process in accordance with RFA II and program regulations.



3. Why did the Board not issue 73 provisional dispensary licenses?

The Board must review applications for compliance with Chapter 3796. of the Revised Code and Medical Marijuana Control Program regulations. The Board is still reviewing applications in districts Northeast-1, Northeast-2, and Southwest-8, and will release the remaining provisional dispensary licenses at a later date.

4. How long do provisional dispensary licensees have to open dispensaries to registered patients and caregivers?

Provisional dispensary licenses are valid for 270 days. Unless the provisional dispensary license holder has requested and received a variance in accordance with rule [3796:6-4-10](#) of the Administrative Code, the provisional dispensary licensee shall commence operations within 270 days after the provisional dispensary license was issued.

5. Where will the dispensaries be located?

For the location of the provisional dispensary licenses issued by the Board, please use the following links:

- List of Provisional Dispensary Licenses (PDF): www.pharmacy.ohio.gov/PDL2
- List of Provisional Dispensary Licenses (Excel): www.pharmacy.ohio.gov/PDL2x

Provisional dispensary licenses are awarded by district as outlined in the Dispensary District Map located in [Appendix I](#) of this document.

6. Are the applications publicly available?

The applications may be accessed here: www.pharmacy.ohio.gov/redactRFA2. Please note that the applications were redacted in accordance with Ohio law.

7. How do I find out about updates related to RFA II?

To sign up for updates, please visit: www.medicalmarijuana.ohio.gov, scroll down to the middle of the homepage (see maroon box), and click the subscribe button.

8. What process did the Board utilize to issue provisional dispensary licenses for RFA II?

The Board utilized a drawing process to issue provisional dispensary licenses for RFA II. The drawings were conducted by the Ohio Lottery Commission. Questions and answers related to the drawing process may be accessed [here](#).

9. What are next steps for the applicants who received a provisional dispensary license?

Provisional licenses authorize a license holder to begin the process of establishing a dispensary in accordance with the representations in their application and the rules adopted by the Board. Per rule, all provisional license holders have a maximum of 270 days to demonstrate compliance with the dispensary operational requirements to obtain a certificate of operation. Such compliance will be determined by an inspection of a Board Medical Marijuana Compliance Agent.

Once a dispensary is awarded a certificate of operation, it can begin to sell medical marijuana to Ohio patients and caregivers in accordance with Ohio laws and rules.

All medical marijuana dispensary provisional license awardees will soon receive information about a provisional licensee meeting to discuss next steps and answer questions related to the provisional license process.

Appendix I – Dispensary District Map

