



Dispensary Licensee Newsletter - February 2019

Editor's Note: This month we bring you a reminder about receiving your certificate of operation, and guidance regarding sample jars.

- Board of Pharmacy's MMCP Staff

IMPORTANT UPDATES

Definition of Operational

In an effort to minimize delays, please remember that to be "operational" a dispensary must be, "capable of operating in accordance with the dispensary applicant's approved application, as deemed appropriate by the state board of pharmacy, and passes final inspection by the state board of pharmacy in accordance with rule 3796:6-2-06 of the Administrative Code." No other deviations from the responses provided in your application for a dispensary license have been deemed appropriate by the Board at this time.

LICENSING

Reminder: Certificates of Operation

A dispensary does not have an active Certificate of Operation until notified in writing by the State of Ohio Board of Pharmacy's Licensing Department.

Even if payment has been submitted, and the license tile shows "Active" when logged into your eLicense.ohio.gov account, that does NOT mean that the Certificate of Operation is active. When the Certificate of Operation is issued, the Primary Contact and Designated Representative will be notified by email, with the Certificate of Operation attached.

TECHNOLOGY & SYSTEMS

Updated Licensee Resource Documents

An update version of the [Data Submitter Guide](#) and a new [Dispensary Point-of-Sale FAQ](#) have been published to the Licensee resource web page. These address a number of the issues that were identified and resolved in relation to dispensaries being able to successfully submit dispensation data to the PMP Clearinghouse / OARRS. A new OARRS Reporting Checklist section has been added to the FAQ summarizing the required format for key fields for submission.

Please remember that we are consistently updating the documents on the Licensee Resources page as new information is identified.

COMPLIANCE

Sample Jar Guidance

The following information has been provided by the Department of Commerce:

This communication is to assist licensees by providing guidance on sample jars. The Ohio Department of Commerce is not requiring licensees to submit the sample jars for approval. However, licensees should ensure that the sample jars meet the following requirements to avoid issues at dispensaries:

- The free sample must be in a sample jar protected by a plastic or metal mesh screen.
- The sample must not include more than three grams of plant material.
- The sample jar must include a label with the following information:
 1. Name of cultivator
 2. Name of product
 3. Product ID
 4. Cannabinoid content from corresponding laboratory analysis
- Transportation of a sample jar that contains sampled product must still adhere to all pertinent transportation rules.
- Before the sample jar can be returned to a cultivator, the sample must be destroyed by the dispensary. It is recommended that the sample jar be sanitized by the cultivator before reuse.

DISPENSARY OPERATIONS

Product ID Field Update

Beginning on Monday (2/18), Tier 1 and Tier 2 Plant Material submitted for Product ID assignment will require the "Unit Weight" field in METRC to be populated with the weight of the product in grams. This will allow dispensaries to easily confirm the correct number of days' supply for a product.

It is recommended that dispensaries work with their point-of-sale vendor to pre-populate the "Quantity Dispensed" field — required for PMP reporting — with the "Unit Weight" field from METRC. When doing so, bear in mind that all products assigned a Product ID before 2/18 will not have a "Unit Weight" associated with it.