



Ohio Department of Commerce Medical Marijuana Control Program

Testing Laboratory Proficiency Testing

This communication is intended to provide information to testing laboratories, cultivators, and processors licensed under the Ohio Medical Marijuana Control Program regarding the implementation of medical marijuana testing laboratory proficiency testing requirements.

Licensed testing laboratories are subject to proficiency testing as implemented by the Ohio Department of Commerce (Department). See O.A.C. 3796:4-2-02. The Department is implementing a proficiency testing program that may include any of the following:

1. **Voluntary proficiency testing:** Laboratories will agree to undergo proficiency testing on materials obtained from an agreed-upon third party, and will be made aware of the timing and frequency of the tests.
2. **Mandatory proficiency testing:** Laboratories will undergo proficiency testing mandated and administered by the Department, and will be made aware of the timing and frequency of the tests.
3. **Blind proficiency testing:** Laboratories will undergo proficiency testing on previously tested samples and/or known standards, but will not be made aware of when or how frequently.

In each scenario, all laboratories will be subject to the same proficiency tests, which may include any or all of the analyses required by O.A.C. 3796 at any time. Proficiency testing may be conducted on known standards, samples selected by the Department, or samples obtained from a dispensary. Results of proficiency tests will be reported to the Department in accordance with existing protocols. In the event that the results of proficiency tests performed on samples obtained from a dispensary conflict with previously reported results, the batch or batches of medical marijuana products from which the samples are taken may be subject to recall or destruction pursuant to O.A.C. 3796:2-2-02(D)(1), O.A.C. 3796:3-2-02(D)(1), and/or O.A.C. 3796:6-3-08(G).

Please send any questions about this guidance document to your compliance agent or to MMCPcompliance@com.ohio.gov.