

Steps to obtaining a marijuana establishment (non-medical) license in Massachusetts¹

1	Applicant (now) identifies proposed site of operation; ² develops host agreement with municipality; ³ establishes local zoning compliance; ⁴ and conducts “community outreach hearing.” ⁵
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2	On or after April 1, 2018, Applicant submits to CCC: Application of Intent; Background Check; Management and Operations Profile; and Copy of Community Host Agreement. ⁶
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(No minimum time)

3	CCC determines applicant is complete, and sends a copy of the application to the municipality, requesting response within 60 days that the proposed establishment is in compliance with local law. ⁷
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Within 90 days after determination of completeness⁸

4	CCC notifies applicant of approval or denial. If approved, applicant pays license fee, obtains a Provisional License ; ⁹ and submits architectural/construction plans to CCC for review ¹⁰
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(No minimum time)

5	CCC approves (or not) architectural/construction plans, notifies applicant. Applicant commences construction/buildout.
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(No minimum time)

6	CCC inspects, if OK issues Final License . ¹¹
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¹ This chart is based on and references the draft regulations released by the CCC on December 15, 2017. The final regulations are expected March 15, 2017.

² 935 CMR 500.101 (A)(1)(e)

³ 935 CMR 500.101 (A)(1)(f)

⁴ 935 CMR 500.101 (A)(1)(h)

⁵ 935 CMR 500.101 (A)(1)(g)

⁶ 935 CMR 500.101 (A)(1)(f)

⁷ 935 CMR 500.102 (A)(4); 101(A)(1)(h)(i)

⁸ 935 CMR 500.102 (B)(3)

⁹ 935 CMR 500.103(A)(1)

¹⁰ 935 CMR 500/103(A)(1)(a)(i)

¹¹ 935 CMR 500.103(B)