

# WEST VIRGINIA MEDICAL CANNABIS PROGRAM

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## *Frequently Asked Questions: Growers and Processors*

### **What are the requirements to become an approved grower/processor of medical cannabis in West Virginia?**

The Bureau for Public Health is allowed to issue permits initially for no more than 10 growers and 10 processors. The Bureau may not issue more than one individual grower or processor permit to one person. A grower or a processor may not be a dispensary.

The application process requires an applicant – at a minimum – to:

- Apply for a permit with the Bureau before growing/processing cannabis.
- Provide information in the permit application, including, but not limited to:
  - Verification of all principals, operators, financial backers or employees of a medical cannabis grower/processor or dispensary.
  - A description of responsibilities as a principal, operator, financial backer or employee.
  - Any release necessary to obtain information from governmental agencies, employers and other organizations.
  - A criminal history record check.
  - Details relating to a similar license, permit or other authorization obtained in another jurisdiction, including any suspensions, revocations or discipline in that jurisdiction.
  - A description of the business activities in which it intends to engage as a medical cannabis organization.
  - A statement that the applicant:
    - Is of good moral character.
    - Possesses the ability to obtain in an expeditious manner the right to use sufficient land, buildings and other premises and equipment to properly carry on the activity described in the application and any proposed location for a facility.
    - Is able to maintain effective security and control to prevent diversion, abuse and other illegal conduct relating to medical cannabis.
    - Is able to comply with all applicable State laws and rules relating to the activities in which the applicant intends to engage under this act.
  - The name, residential address and title of each financial backer and principal of the applicant.
  - Any other information the Bureau may require.
- Complete a two-hour training course.

- Submit a permit application with:
  - initial non-refundable fee of \$5,000; and
  - permit fee of \$50,000, which is refundable if the permit is not granted.

As permitted by the Act, the Bureau may provide for other requirements through temporary rules that will be issued before the application process begins. The Bureau is expecting to release the application for growers/processors during the first quarter of 2018.