

# Medical Marijuana Laws and Regulations for Dispensaries: Delaware, New Jersey, Washington, DC and Illinois



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	<b>Delaware</b>	<b>New Jersey</b>	<b>Washington, DC</b>	<b>Illinois<sup>i</sup></b>
	Del. Code Ann. tit. 16, §§ 4901A to 4926A; 16 Del. Admin. Code 4470 to 4470.10.0	N.J. Stat. Ann. §§ 24:6I-1 to 24:6I-16; N.J. Admin. Code tit. 8, §§ 64-1.1 to 64-13.11; tit. 3 §§ 35-7A.1 to 35-7A.6; tit. 13 §§ 45A-33.1 to 45A-33.6	DC Code Ann. § 3-1202.03; §§ 7-1671.01 to 7-1671.13; DC Mun. Regs. tit. 22-C §§ 100 to 9900	Ill. Rev. Stat. ch. 410, §§ 130/1 to 130/999; ch. 625, § 5/2-118.1; ch. 625, §§ 5/6-206.1, 5/6-208.1, 5/6-514; ch. 625, §§ 5/11-501, 5/11-501.1, 5/11-502.1
Minimum Number Required to be Licensed By The State		6, with at least 2 each in the northern, central and southern regions of the state		
Maximum Number Required to be Licensed By the State	1 for each county with an application and 3 additional 30 months after enactment, or if the state deems it fit to license more		5 dispensaries (and allows the mayor to increase the number to 8) provided that no more than 2 are within an election Ward; and 10 cultivation centers	Up to 60 dispensaries (and up to 22 cultivation centers, but not more than 1 per each state police district boundary and not less than 22 cultivation centers as long as there are that many qualified applicants)
Requires Individuals to Designate A Compassion Center They Will Use	X	X	X	
State Required to Develop Educational Material			X (must also develop program for physicians)	
<b>Required Information for Application</b>			<b>See note<sup>7</sup></b>	
Payment of Fee	X	X	X	X
Proposed Legal Name and Proposed Articles of Incorporation	X	X	X	X

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<b>Required Information for Application (continued)</b>				
Address	X (and other address where the marijuana will be cultivated, harvested, packaged and labeled)	X	X	X (and description of property)
Date of Proposed Opening			X	
Copies of Necessary Business Licenses			X	
Copies of Tax Registration			X	
Description of Facility That Would Be Used To Cultivate Marijuana	X (if precise address is not established)		X	X
Name, Address and DOB of Each Principal Officer and Board Member	X	X	X (must also submit name and address of building owner)	X (must be at least 21 years old)
Name, Address and DOB of Each Dispensary Agent or Employee		X		
Evidence of Compliance With Local Zoning Laws	X	X	X (cannot occupy residentially zoned area)	X
Must Obtain Certificate of Occupancy			X	
Evidence That Applicant Has Entered Into a Bona-Fide Agreement With a Property Owner For Lease, Purchase or Rental			X (Copy of lease or deed)	
A Copy of By-Laws	X	X		
Business Plan and a Description of How the Dispensary Will Operate on a Not-for-Profit Basis	X			
Acknowledgement of Adherence to Plant Growth Limitations				

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<b>Required Information for Application (continued)</b>				
Proposed Security and Safety Measures	X		X (Specific requirements can be found in DC Mun. Regs. tit. 22-C § 5405)	X
Proposed Procedures to Ensure Accurate Record Keeping	X		X	
Description of How Business Will Operate On a Non-Profit Basis	X			
A Draft of Operations Manual	X			
Evidence That The Corporation is in Good Standing With The State		X		
Necessary Approvals from Law Enforcement and Business Licensing Administration			X	
List of All Persons or Business Entities Having Direct or Indirect Authority Over the Management or Policies	X	X		
List of All Persons or Business Entities Having 5% or More Ownership in the Compassion Center, Whether Direct or Indirect and Whether the Interest is in Profits, Land or Building, Including Owners of Any Business Entity Which Owns all or Part of the Land or Building	X (plus any investor contributing greater than \$5,000)	X	X (1% or more ownership)	X (any direct or indirect pecuniary interest)
Identity of All Creditors Holding Security Interest in the Premises		X	X (must disclose source of funds used to acquire or develop the business)	

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<b>Required Information for Application (continued)</b>				
Applicant Consent to Criminal Background Check	X (all principle officers)	X (includes employees)	X	X (must submit verification from state police that all background checks have been completed)
The ID Card Number for Each Patient for Whom the Center Will Grow Marijuana				
Copy of Proposed Policies and Procedures				
Copy of Insurance Liability Policy				
Narrative Describing How Applicant Will Meet All Criteria				
Proof that the Facility is Within Legal Distance of School, Church or Day Care Center		X	X (must submit certified surveyor's report)	
Proof That the Board has At Least One Physician, Nurse or Other Provider				
Procedures for Preventing Unregistered Individuals from Purchasing			X	
Other Information Required By Rule		X		
Application is Considered To Be Approved If State Does Not Approve Or Deny Application Within A Specified Period of Time				
<b>Factors Required To Be Considered Before Granting Certificates</b>	<b>DE uses a numerically scored competitive bidding process</b>	<b>See note<sup>4</sup></b>	<b>See note<sup>8</sup></b>	
Applicant's Knowledge of State and Federal Marijuana Laws			X	
Convenience to Patients Throughout The State				

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<b>Factors Required To Be Considered Before Granting Certificates (continued)</b>				
Applicants' Ability to Provide A Steady Supply to The Registered Qualifying Patients In The State		X	X (cultivation plan and inventory plan)	
Applicants Skill and Knowledge of Organic Growing Methods	X (either marijuana cultivation or medical experience)			X (experience with agricultural cultivation and industry standards)
Applicants' Experience Running A Non-profit or Business	X			
Submission of Mandatory Material		X	X	
Documented Involvement of an Acute-Care General Hospital		X		
Wishes of Qualifying Patients Regarding Which Applicant Be Granted A Registration Certificate				
Suitability of Proposed Facility	X (includes consideration of zoning requirements)		X	
Staffing Plan of the Organization	Overall plans for operation		X	
A Review of the Applicant's Product Safety and Labeling Plan			X	

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<b>Factors Required To Be Considered Before Granting Certificates (continued)</b>				
Wishes of the City or Town Where the Dispensary Would Be Located		X	X (must give great weight to the input provided by the Advisory Neighborhood Commission (ANC) regarding the proposed location of a dispensary or cultivation center; and the ANC can deny renewal in the third year of operation)	
Applicants Plans to Ensure Purity and Consistency of Dose			X (product safety and labeling plan)	
Sufficiency of Applicants Plans for Record Keeping and Security of Health Records Considered Confidential Health Information	X			
Sufficiency of Applicants Plans for Safety and Security	X		X (including floor plan, alarm system and training for personnel)	
Applicant's Character and General Fitness for Responsibility and Registration			X	
Business and Marketing Plan			X	
Plans to Make Marijuana Available On an Affordable Basis to Medicaid or SSI Patients	X		X	
Ability to Provide Appropriate Research Data		X		
Comments of Patients and Caregivers				

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<b>Required Information to Be Submitted After An Application Is Approved But Before Operations Begin</b>				
A Fee Paid to The State	X			
Legal Name and Articles of Incorporation	X (and by-laws)			
The Physical Address	X (and address of cultivation)			
Name, Address and DOB of Each Principal Officer and Board Member				
Name, Address and DOB of Any Person Who Will Be an Agent or Employee				
Documentation to Demonstrate Compliance With the Fire Safety Code	X (and zoning codes)			
<b>Requirements for Application for Registration ID Cards</b>	<b>See note below<sup>2</sup></b>			
Fee	X		X	
Name, Address and DOB of Applicant	X			
Criminal Background Check	X		X	
Copy of State Issued ID	X (photo)			
Copy of Training Certificate				
Written Statement That Applicant Meets All Criteria			X	
Notarized Written Statement that the Act has Been Read and the Applicant Has Knowledge of State and Federal Law Relating to Marijuana			Managers only	
<b>Information Required to Be On Registry ID Cards</b>				
Names, Addresses and DOBs of the Cardholder	X	X (name only)	X	X (name only)
Legal Name of the Dispensary		X	X	
Category of the Person's Affiliation				
Unique Random Identification Number			X	X
Date of Issuance/Expiration Date of the Registry ID Card		X	X	X



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<b>Information Required to Be On Registry ID Cards (continued)</b>				
Cardholders Must Notify State of Change of Name or Address	X			
Designation if the person is a principal officer, board member or employee	X		X	
Photograph	X	X	X	X
Must Notify State of Change of Name, Address or Employees		X		
Length of Time an ID Card is Valid			Manager's registration is valid for 1 year	
Requires All Cardholders to Be Citizens of the State				
Requires Treatment Center to Notify State of Any Change In Information	X	Within 10 days	Within 15 days	X
Center is Permitted to Receive Payment	X	X		
Maximum Number of Patients a Center May Assist				
<b>Reasons an Application May Be Denied</b>				
Drug Conviction	X (or any felony offense within 5 years of submission)	X (allows for federal conviction relating to possession or sale of marijuana that is protected under state law) <sup>5</sup>	X (also prohibits individuals convicted of drug-related misdemeanors or any felony offenses)	X (any excluded offense)
Failure to Comply With Any Provision of Medical Marijuana Act			X	
Failure of Applicant to Pay Child Support				
Failure to Submit Required Material	X			X
Non-Compliance With Zoning Requirements	X			X
Not All Requirements Were Met	X		X	

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<b>Reasons an Application May Be Denied (continued)</b>				
An Officer or Board Member Served for Another Dispensary That Had Its Registration Revoked	X		X (applicant also may not have been revoked as caregiver or patient)	X
An Officer or Board Member is Under 21 Years of Age	X		X	X
Failure to Consent to Background Check		X	X	
Applicant is Licensed Physician Making Recommendations			X	
Gas Stations and Properties Holding Vehicle Sales and Repair Licenses are Prohibited			X	
Establishments That Sell Alcoholic Beverages are Prohibited			X	
Operation of Any Other Type of Business is Prohibited			X	
<b>Statutory Protections for Permit Holders and Employees</b>				
From Arrest, Prosecution or Penalty	X	X		X
Civil Penalty	X	X		X
Discipline from A Professional Licensing Board	X	X		X
Prohibits Forfeiture of Property Used In Connection With Medical Marijuana	X			X
Prohibits Search and Seizure of Center		Possession of, or application for, ID card is not probable cause		X (except by certain departments (e.g., Dept. of Health or Agriculture) under Section 130)

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<b>Possession Limits</b>				
Ounce limit	1,500 ounces of useable marijuana	2 ounces per patient, and adequate supply to meet demand for new patients		
Plant Limit	150 marijuana plants, irrespective of strains of growth		95 living plants	
Maximum Amount Allowed to Be Dispensed	3 ounces per patient in a 14-day period	2 ounces per 30 days	2 ounces in a 30-day period (allows the Mayor to increase to 4 ounces)	
Must Adhere to Labeling Requirements to Ensure Compliance With Limitation	X	X	X (details can be found in DC Mun. Regs. tit. 22-C § 5407)	X
<b>Reasons a Permit May Be Revoked</b>				
Any Failure to Adhere to Law or Regulations		X	X (also failure to adhere to filing requirements and knowingly making a false statement in an application)	X
Posing an Immediate and Serious Risk of Harm to the Qualifying Patients, Primary Residents or Employees and Failing to Correct for Such Actions		X	X (renewal can be denied if dispensary has been operated in a way that adversely affects public health and well-being)	

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<b>Reasons a Permit May Be Revoked (continued)</b>				
Exhibiting a Pattern and Practice of Violating Permit Requirements Posing a Serious Risk of Harm to the Qualifying Patients, Primary Residents or Employees		X		
Failure to Correct Violations That Led to a Suspension of a Permit		X		
Failure to Notify State of the Conviction of a Manager for any Crime Other Than Traffic Crime			X	
Conviction of an Employee for Violating Medical Marijuana Act or Regulations			X	
Diversions of Marijuana			X	
Conviction of a Felony or Misdemeanor Drug Offense			X	
Allowing the Establishment to Be Used for Unlawful or Disorderly Purpose			X	
Failure to Supervise or Hire a Manager to Supervise			X	
Allowing Consumption of Marijuana on Premises			X	
<b>Reasons a Permit May Be Suspended</b>				
Failure to Comply With Safety Provisions		X	X (failure to follow the security plan - can also result in revocation)	
Failure to Allow Inspection		X	X (can also result in revocation)	
Falsification of Submitted Material		X		
Willful Violation of Medical Marijuana Act			X	
Diversions of Marijuana		X		
Threatening or Harming a Patient, Medical Practitioner or Employee		X	X (includes a law enforcement officer)	

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<b>Reasons a Permit May Be Suspended</b>				
If There is an Immediate Threat to the Health and Welfare of the Public			X (Chief of Police may close for 48 hours)	
If There is a Correlation Between Operation of the Dispensary and an Increase in Crime Within 1,000 ft. of the Dispensary			X (Chief of Police may close for 48 hours)	
<b>Offenses Created</b>				
Fabrication or Misrepresentation to Law Enforcement Official		X		
Falsifying Information on an Application			X	
Failing to Notify State of Changes of Information State Requires for Registration				
Dispensing to Anyone Other Than A Patient or Primary Caregiver Who Has Registered With the Dispensary	X			
Failure to Store Properly	X			
Employing a Person Convicted of Specified Prohibited Offenses	X			
Conviction of Specified Drug Crime				
Consumption of Marijuana on Premises of Dispensary		X	X	
Selling an ID Card		X		
<b>Requirements for Operation</b>	<b>See note<sup>3</sup></b>	<b>See note<sup>6</sup></b>	<b>See note<sup>9</sup></b>	
Must Operate On A Not For Profit Basis	X			
Minimum Age of Employees	21		21	

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<b>Requirements for Operation (continued)</b>				
May Not Be Located Within A Specified Distance of a School	1,000 feet of a pre-existing school		300 ft. (Includes recreational centers)	1,000 feet for a dispensary and 2,500 feet for a cultivation center of a preexisting school, daycare center, daycare home, part-day childcare facility or area zoned for residential use
Required to Notify Agency When A Principal Officer, Board Member, Agent, Volunteer or Employee No Longer Works At The Center		Within 10 days	Within 10 days	
Required to Implement Security Measures To Prevent Unauthorized Entrance Into Areas Containing Marijuana	X (must prevent theft and diversion)	X (requires installation of security system and other, specific procedures)	X (must prevent theft and diversion)	X (must be review by the state police and include a 24-hour surveillance system)
Operating Documents Must Include Procedures of the Dispensary and Procedures To Ensure Accurate Record Keeping	X	X		X
Must Develop An Operations Manual	X	X		
Prohibited From Acquiring, Possessing, Cultivating, Manufacturing, Delivering, Transferring, Transporting, Supplying or Dispensing Marijuana for Any Purpose Except to Assist Registered Qualifying Patients	X		X (must also post sign that reads, marijuana will not be sold without valid registration card issued by the Department; and a valid government issued photo ID displaying proof of age that matches the name on the registration card)	

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<b>Requirements for Operation (continued)</b>				
Must Develop Job Descriptions or Employment Contracts For Employees and Volunteers, Which Includes Duties, Authority, Responsibilities, Qualifications and Supervisions	X	X (plus organizational chart)		X
Must Develop Policies for Training In and Adherence to State Confidentiality Laws			Managers must complete approved education courses	
Requires Business and Administrative Records to be Maintained	X	X	X	
Requires a Record of Each Sale	X (and requires transportation records to be kept)	X (specified information must also be submitted to the state)	X (quantity dispensed and recipient)	
Requires Maintenance of Financial Records and Requires Them to Be Open to Inspection	X	X	X	
Must Provide New Qualifying Patients With FAQ Sheet That Explains The Limitation on the Right to Use Medical Marijuana	X	X (must provide patients and caregivers with informational materials)		
Must Report The Method of Disposal For Marijuana That Was Not Sold			X	X (records must be kept for at least 5 years)
Requires Cultivation of Marijuana to Take Place at an Enclosed Locked Facility That Can Only Be Accessed By Employees	X (must also have a fully operational alarm system that alerts law enforcement and has video surveillance)	X (must also be stored in a locked area)	X (must also be stored in locked area when dispensary is closed)	X (must also be stored in an enclosed, locked facility)
Requires Sliding-Fee Schedule Based on Patient's Ability to Pay			X	

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Must Develop Training for Employees With Respect to Proper Use of Security Measures and How to Respond in An Emergency	X	X (must also develop employee security policies)	X (must be trained in security and theft prevention)	
Employees Must Be Trained in Compliance With State Law Regarding Medical Use			X	
Requires Food Establishment License if Establishment Wishes to Sell Food Products Infused With Marijuana				
Must Maintain Personnel Records for Each Employee	X	X	X (name, address, phone number and DOB)	
Must Develop Training for Employees With Respect to Professional Conduct, Ethics and Patient Confidentiality	X	X	X (managers must complete approved education course)	
Requires The Distribution of Educational Materials		X (must also distribute specified legal information regarding consumption)	X	
Requires All Residents and Board Members to Be Residents of the State				
Requires the Development of a Drug and Alcohol Free Workplace	X	X		
Must Develop Training for Employees With Respect to Developments in the Field of Medical Use of Marijuana	X	X		
Requires Documentation of All Training	X		X (managers must receive certificate upon completion of education course)	



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<b>Requirements for Operation (continued)</b>				
Required to Conduct Inventory	X (monthly and must be bar coded and be able to interface with a computer)	X (monthly)	X (also prohibits marijuana from being visible)	X (weekly)
Prohibits Paraphernalia From Being Visible to Public			X	
Requires Dispensaries to Meet Specified Production Requirements		X (found in N.J. Admin. Code tit. 8, §§ 64-10.7 to 64-10.10)		
Must Submit Transportation Plan and Meet Transportation Requirements	X	X	X (cultivation centers must obtain permits for transportation for each vehicle used, and requires all marijuana to be sealed)	
Requires Development of Patient Pain Rating Scale		X		
Prohibits Home Delivery			X	
Distributing is Prohibited if Patient is Suspected of Abusing or Unlawfully Redistributing		X		
Marketing and Advertising are Regulated		X	X (details can be found DC Mun. Regs. tit. 22-C §§ 5800 and 5801)	
Requires Permit to Be on Display At All Times		X		
Length of Time A Registration Certificate is Valid	2 years	1 year	1 year	1 year
Must Notify Law Enforcement of Any Theft or Loss	X	X	X (within 24 hours)	X (within 24 hours)
Creates Oversight Committee				
Provides That Operational Certificates or Licenses are Non-Transferrable		X		

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<b>Requirements for Operation (continued)</b>				
Requires Notification to State in Case of Emergency Events				
Prohibits Physicians From Having an Office in Cultivation Center, and Prohibits Physicians From Receiving Payment from Cultivation Centers	Also prohibits dispensaries from making referrals, and prohibits physicians from referring patients to a center where the physician holds a financial stake		X	
Creates Inspection Procedures and Allows for Corrective Actions By the State		X	X	
Provides That Applicant Records Maintained By The State Are Confidential	X			
Creates Testing Requirements to Ensure Quality of Marijuana		Must keep records of source and ingredients used to produce, and state may test at any time	X	
Requires Destruction of Marijuana if Permit is Revoked or Not Renewed		X	Must return to police department, or may transport to another dispensary if permission is granted	
Allows Municipalities to Prohibit Establishment of Dispensary or Regulate Dispensing Procedures				

<sup>1</sup>The Compassionate Use of Medical Cannabis Pilot Program Act is repealed four years from its effective date or on January 1, 2018, and the rules and regulations implementing this new program are not yet adopted. The information in the chart is available from the law that went into effect on January 1, 2014.

<sup>2</sup>Delaware prohibits a dispensary from employing a person who: was convicted of an excluded felony offense; is under 21 years of age; has been convicted of a misdemeanor drug offense, within 5 years from the date of the application.

<sup>3</sup>A number of conditions are unique to Delaware including: dispensaries may only purchase usable marijuana or mature marijuana plants from another dispensaries; dispensaries must determine that an individual is a current cardholder in the verification system before distributing marijuana; the state prohibits advertisement.

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<sup>4</sup>New Jersey requires the state's selection committee to evaluate and score each application based on the quality of the applicant's submission, and its conformity to the notice of request for applications published in the New Jersey Register.

It also requires the consideration of several factors other states do not consider, including: any convictions of the applicant under any Federal, state or local laws relating to drug samples, wholesale or retail drug distribution or distribution of a controlled substance; any felony conviction under Federal laws, or the equivalent conviction under state or local laws; the applicant's past experience in the manufacturing or distribution of drugs or controlled substances; the furnishing of false or fraudulent material in any application made in connection with drug or device manufacturing or distribution; suspension or revocation by Federal, state or local government of any registration currently or previously held by the applicant for the manufacture or distribution of any drugs, including controlled substances; compliance with license and/or registration requirements under any previously granted license or registration, if any; compliance with requirements to maintain and/or make available to the Department or Federal or law enforcement officials those records required by this subchapter; every principal officer, owner, director and board member must execute a certification stating that he or she submits to the jurisdiction of the courts of the State of New Jersey and agrees to comply with all the requirements of the laws of the State of New Jersey pertaining to the Medicinal Marijuana Program; and any other factors or qualifications the Department considers relevant to and consistent with ensuring public health and safety.

<sup>5</sup>An individual will not be disqualified from serving as an employee if the individual has demonstrated to the Commissioner of the Department of Health and Senior Services clear and convincing evidence of rehabilitation. When making a determination, requires the Commissioner to consider: the nature and responsibility of the position which the convicted individual would hold, has held, or currently holds; the nature and seriousness of the crime or offense; the circumstances under which the crime or offense occurred; the date of the crime or offense; the age of the individual when the crime or offense was committed; whether the crime or offense was an isolated or repeated incident; any social conditions which may have contributed to the commission of the crime or offense; and any evidence of rehabilitation, including good conduct in prison or in the community, counseling or psychiatric treatment received, acquisition of additional academic or vocational schooling, successful participation in correctional work-release programs, or the recommendation of those who have had the individual under their supervision.

<sup>6</sup>New Jersey places several prohibitions on dispensaries that are unique to the state, including prohibiting: consumption of marijuana and/or alcohol on, or public areas in the vicinity of, the premises of the dispensary; consumption of food and/or beverages by qualifying patients and primary caregivers on the premises; sales of food, beverages, alcohol or tobacco on the premises; entry onto the premises by a person who is under the age of 18 is prohibited unless he or she is a registered, qualifying patient accompanied by his or her primary caregiver and both are in possession of a registry identification card; and home delivery.

<sup>7</sup>Washington, DC holds open registration periods during which applications may be submitted. Prior to submitting an application during a registration period, applicants must submit a Letter of Intent to apply which shall include at least the following: the individual's name, or the organization, corporation, company name of the prospective applicant, including the full name and title, with respect to the organization, of the primary contact; the mailing address, which shall not be a post office box number, daytime telephone number and email address of the applicant or primary contact person if not the same person; the type of registration the prospective applicant may apply for; a statement, not to exceed one hundred (100) words, defining the prospective applicant's intent to submit an application for a cultivation center or dispensary; and the dated signature of the prospective applicant.

DC requires the submission of several items that are unique to the District, including: a signed statement attesting that the applicant assumes any and all risk or liability that may result under District of Columbia and federal laws from the operation of a medical marijuana cultivation center or dispensary, and further acknowledge that it understands that the medical marijuana laws and enforcement thereof of the District of Columbia and the Federal government are subject to change at any time and that the District of Columbia shall not be liable as a result of these changes (specific language required to be included in acknowledgement can be found in DC Mun. Regs. tit. 22-C § 5404.6); a notarized affidavit attesting to the fact that the applicant is the true and actual owner of the business for which the registration is sought; the applicant intends to carry on the business for the entity identified in the application and not as the agent of any other individual, partnership, association, or corporation not identified in the application; and the registered establishment will be managed by the applicant in person or by a registered manager approved by the Director; a signed a written statement on a form provided by the Director attesting that the applicant understands and is aware that a cultivation center's or dispensary's registration may be revoked at any time for the convenience of the District pursuant to § 6103 of this subtitle; a written and detailed plan for closure of its cultivation center or dispensary; and a notarized statement certifying that the application is complete and accurate.

<sup>8</sup>Factors considered-Washington, DC requires a six-person panel to score applications on a 250 point scale. A detailed explanation of the scoring process and criteria for consideration and maximum point values assigned to each criterion can be found in DC Mun. Regs. tit. 22-C §§ 5402 and 5403.

<sup>9</sup>Washington, DC has a number of requirements that are unique to the District, including: limiting hours of operation between 9:00am and 7:00pm; a requirement to notify the District a manager has been convicted of a crime other than a traffic violation within seven days of conviction; must notify if it is discovered any director, officer, member, incorporator, agent or employee has at any time prior to or during his or her employment been convicted of a misdemeanor for a drug-related offense or a felony within seven days of discovery; post several signs, the specifics of which can be found in DC Mun. Regs. tit. 22-C § 5616; ensure that at least two employees are always working; a requirement that all employees wear ID cards while in restricted areas; grow and prepare marijuana according to the requirements specified in DC Mun. Regs. tit. 22-C § 5620; prohibits consumption of marijuana on dispensary property.