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## OVERVIEW



The adult-use processor license authorizes the acquisition, possession, extraction, blending, infusion, packaging, and labeling of cannabis products based on the activities authorized for the processor. Licensed processors produce adult-use cannabis products for sale to licensed distributors. Processing must occur in accordance with good manufacturing practices as appropriate for the product being made, and each lot of products must be tested by an independent third-party laboratory that is permitted by the Cannabis Control Board to ensure products meet the required laboratory testing standards.

**Note:** License holders must meet and comply with all laws, regulations, and guidance related to the adult-use processor license. Failure to comply with any current or future laws, rules, or regulations issued by the Cannabis Control Board may result in disciplinary action, including, but not limited to, revocation of the license.

### Businesses that have an adult-use processor license are authorized to:

- Extract, blend, infuse, package, label, brand or otherwise manufacture concentrated cannabis or cannabis products, based on their licensing authorizations;
- Obtain cannabis from adult-use cultivators, microbusinesses, ROD, ROND, or other licensed processors;
- Sell cannabis products to adult-use distributors.
- Processing does not include the cultivation of cannabis.

**Ownership Restrictions:** While a licensed adult-use processor entity cannot have an interest in another adult-use processor, this restriction does not extend to a processor’s True Parties of Interest. An adult-use processor license may also apply for, and obtain, one distributor’s license. Under no circumstances, can a processor or its true parties of interest have any direct or indirect interest in a retail dispensary, delivery, or on-site consumption license. No person may submit applications for more licenses or license types than they would be permitted to hold.

## APPLICATION & LICENSE FEES

**Processors are licensed by activity type, outlined below.** Licensing fees vary depending on the processing activities type applied for and approved by the NYS Cannabis Control Board.

Type	Amount
Adult-Use Application Fee, per application	\$1,000
Extracting, Infusing and Blending, and Packaging, Labeling and Branding	\$7,000 per processing premises
Infusing and Blending, Packaging, Labeling and Branding	\$4,000 per processing premises
Packaging, Labeling and Branding Including for the Exclusive-Performance of White Labeling Agreements	\$2,000 per processing premises, provided, however, if applying as a Tier 1 or Tier 2 of any cultivation type, the processor license fee shall be \$500 per premises. Licenses exclusively entering white labeling agreements pay one licensing fee.

## FEE REDUCTION

Application and license fees are reduced by 50% for all Social and Economic Equity (SEE) applicants. There is also a license fee reduction for processors who obtain a distributor license.

## IMPORTANT DATES

**Adult-Use Applications Open:** Wednesday, October 4, 2023

**Adult-Use Applications Close:** Monday, December 18, 2023, at 5:00 PM EST

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### Eligibility Requirements:

- All licensees must be at least 21 years of age and not be otherwise prohibited from holding a license under Cannabis Law or regulations, based on prior non-cannabis convictions as stated in Section 137 of New York State cannabis adult-use regulations or True Parties of Interest (TPI) prohibitions.

### Find a compliant location.

- Processors must submit proof of control over their proposed processing premises and a certificate of occupancy or its equivalent before commencing licensed operations. **Note:** All premises where licensed activities are taking place must be disclosed to the NYS Office of Cannabis Management.

- **Build a Brand.** If you are looking to enter New York's market as a cannabis brand, you will need a processor license. All brands must be affiliated with a licensed processor. Processors can be authorized for the full scope of cannabis product manufacturing activities or more limited activities. All processing of cannabis products must be conducted by the licensee and their employees. Contractors may not be used to conduct processing activities.

- **Assess Product Standards.** Processors are held to strict product safety, compliance, and reporting requirements. For instance, cannabis products must clearly delineate its servings, and all orally ingested products, like edibles, cannot have more than 10 mg total THC per serving. Symbols or warnings on each individual edible within a package are not required, however cannabis products are prohibited from being produced, shaped, packaged, or labeled in ways that appeal to individuals under twenty-one (21).

- **Applicants must apply for the license as the business that will conduct the authorized activities, and this business must be formally established before starting the application.**

- **Compile all information and business-related documents.**

- **Review New York Cannabis Rules and Regulations.** Read the approved [adult-use regulations](#) and [guidance](#).

- **Attend an OCM Road Map to General Licensing Application** event to learn more in-person.

## MORE RESOURCES

All applicants are strongly encouraged to review the [Adult-Use Cannabis Regulations](#) and all [application resources](#) to learn more about how to obtain and operate an adult-use cannabis license in New York State. Please note that this is only the first application window for general adult-use cannabis licensing. Future application windows for licenses such as nursery, delivery, cooperative or collective, and on-site consumption are anticipated. Please email [info@ocm.ny.gov](mailto:info@ocm.ny.gov) if you have any further questions.

