



MEMORANDUM

TO: CANNABIS REGULATORY COMMISSION BOARD
FROM: CHRISTOPHER RIGGS, ACTING EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR
SUBJECT: ANNUAL LICENSE RENEWALS FOR APRIL 2025 THROUGH JUNE 2025
DATE: APRIL 3, 2025

BACKGROUND: Adult Use cannabis business licenses are effective for a period of one year from the date of license issuance and are required to be renewed annually. This applies to licenses issued through the normal adult-use licensing process, such as conversions and/or annual licenses, as well as licenses that have been issued to Alternative Treatment Centers to allow for the expansion of those businesses into the Adult Use market.

The annual renewal application consists of submission of the Adult Use Cannabis License Renewal Certification as well as the requisite fee (the fee is dependent on the number and class of licenses up for renewal by each entity – *see below*).

Notably, if the renewal is submitted by an expanded Alternative Treatment Center renewing after its first year of Adult Use operations, the following documents must be submitted:

- Certification as to the continued material accuracy of the expanded ATC’s previously approved ATC license application and its compliance with the provisions of the Act regarding its operations concerning cannabis and cannabis items.
- Updated written approval from the municipalities in which the expanded ATC is located, approving the continued operations as a cannabis business.

If the renewal is submitted by an expanded Alternative Treatment Center renewing after its second year of operations or thereafter, the license renewal process pursuant to N.J.A.C. 17:30–7.16 shall be followed.

If the renewal is submitted by an adult-use cannabis business licensee, the license renewal process pursuant to N.J.A.C. 17:30–7.16 shall be followed.

It is the obligation of each business to notify the New Jersey Cannabis Regulatory Commission throughout the year of any material changes to their business, including but not limited to the addition/subtraction of owners, onboarding of new employees, and execution of additional contracts. Any changes occurring toward the end of the license year may be submitted with the renewal documentation.

AUTHORITY:

N.J. Admin. Code § 17:30-9.4 (*for Expanded ATCs*)



...(m) An expanded ATC issued cannabis business licenses pursuant to N.J.A.C. 17:30–7.1 shall be authorized to use the premises for all activities under the Act and the Jake Honig Compassionate Use Medical Cannabis Act, P.L. 2009, c. 307 (N.J.S.A. 24:6I–1 et seq.), without being required to establish or maintain any physical barriers or separations between operations related to the medical use of cannabis and operations related to personal use of cannabis items...

...3. Not fewer than 90 days prior to the date on which the expanded ATC's cannabis business license is set to expire after its first year of operations, in order to renew its cannabis business license pursuant to N.J.A.C. 17:30–7.16, an expanded ATC shall:

- i. Certify to the Commission as to the continued material accuracy of the expanded ATC's previously approved ATC license application and its compliance with the provisions of the Act regarding its operations concerning cannabis or cannabis items; and
- ii. Submit a new written approval from the municipality in which the expanded ATC is located, approving the continued operations as a cannabis business.

4. After the end of the second year of expanded ATC's licensure, the license renewal process pursuant to N.J.A.C. 17:30–7.16 shall be followed.

N.J. Admin. Code § 17:30-7.16 (*for Expanded ATCs in their second year of operations and Adult Use cannabis business licenses*)

(a) A license holder holding an annual license, including an annual license converted from a conditional license, shall renew such annual license annually.

(b) The Commission may renew a license subject to conditions set forth in this chapter.

(c) A license holder shall submit a renewal application and the annual licensing fee pursuant to N.J.A.C. 17:30–7.17 no later than 90 days prior to the expiration of the current cannabis business license. Submission within 90 days of expiration of the current cannabis business license may result in a lapse in the cannabis business's licensure and subject the cannabis business to enforcement action.

(d) Pursuant to (c) above, the following may be grounds for denial of a license renewal application:

1. Failure to provide truthful, correct, and current information;
2. Failure to maintain compliance with the Act or this chapter;
3. Failure to maintain its diversely owned business, impact zone business, social equity business, or microbusiness status;



4. The inclusion of a person or entity not deemed qualified to hold a license; or
5. The commission of three or more major violations within the preceding 12 months.

(e) Renewal materials submitted to the Commission pursuant to N.J.S.A. 24:6I-7.2 or this section shall not be considered a public record pursuant to N.J.S.A. 47:1A-1 et seq., or the common law concerning access to government records.

N.J. Admin. Code § 17:30-7.17

- ... 6. Annual microbusiness cannabis cultivator initial or renewal licensing fee

\$1,000

7. Annual standard cannabis cultivator initial or renewal licensing fee

- i. Tier I

\$5,000

- ii. Tier II

\$10,000

- iii. Tier III

\$20,000

- iv. Tier IV

\$30,000

- v. Tier V

\$40,000

- vi. Tier VI

\$50,000

8. Annual microbusiness cannabis manufacturer initial or renewal licensing fee

\$1,000

9. Annual standard cannabis manufacturer initial or renewal licensing fee:

- i. With premises up to 10,000 square feet

\$20,000

- ii. With premises greater than 10,000 square feet



\$30,000

10. Annual microbusiness cannabis retailer initial or renewal licensing fee

\$1,000

11. Annual standard cannabis retailer initial or renewal licensing fee

\$10,000

12. Annual microbusiness cannabis wholesaler initial or renewal licensing fee

\$1,000

13. Annual standard cannabis wholesaler initial or renewal licensing fee

\$10,000

14. Annual microbusiness cannabis distributor initial or renewal licensing fee

\$1,000

15. Annual standard cannabis distributor initial or renewal licensing fee

\$3,000

16. Annual microbusiness cannabis delivery service initial or renewal licensing fee

\$1,000

17. Annual standard cannabis delivery service initial or renewal licensing fee

\$3,000...

(g) An expanded ATC shall pay initial or renewal licensing fees in accordance with the license(s) it holds, pursuant to (d) above...

ADULT USE CANNABIS BUSINESS LICENSES:

Business Name	License #	Location	Expiration Date	Renewal Fee
Ascend NJ	C000002	12 and 24 Munsonhurst Rd Franklin NJ 07416	4/17/2025	\$20,000
Ascend NJ	M000001	12 and 24 Munsonhurst Rd Franklin NJ 07416	4/17/2025	\$30,000
Ascend NJ	RE000012	174 Route 17 N Rochelle Park NJ 07662	4/20/2025	\$10,000
Twisted Hat Cannabis	RE000056	515 Shell Road Carneys Point, NJ 08069	5/15/2025	\$10,000



Bleachers Dispensary, LLC	RE000522	1165 Route 27 Somerset NJ 08873	5/22/2025	\$10,000
Union Chill Cannabis Company	RE000636	204 N Union ST #108 Lambertville NJ 08530	5/30/2025	\$10,000
Mountain View Pharmacy	RE000088	74 Oak Ridge Rd Oak Ridge NJ 07438	6/1/2025	\$1,000
Agri-kind NJ LLC	C000021	1810 Baltic Ave Atlantic City NJ 08401	6/3/2025	\$10,000
Nova Farms Woodbury LLC	C000340	169 Russell Mill Rd Swedesboro NJ 08085	6/3/2025	\$50,000
City Leaves LLC	RE000242	2516 Fire Rd Egg Harbor Township NJ 08234	6/3/2025	\$10,000
Scarlet Reserve Room RB	RE000559	5 Hamilton Street Englishtown, NJ 07726	6/4/2025	\$10,000
Emerald Tea Supply Company	RE000241	368 Broad St Bloomfield NJ 07003	6/5/2025	\$10,000
Business Name	License #	Location	Expiration Date	Renewal Fee
Natures Motivation	RE000278	1095 Clinton Ave Irvington NJ 07111	6/6/2025	\$1,000
Boone Town Provisions LLC	RE000197	677 Myrtle Ave Boonton NJ 07005	6/23/2025	\$10,000

COMPLETENESS REVIEW: The Commission requires that each renewal application be submitted on the Adult Use Cannabis License Renewal Certification form. Any material changes or business updates are supplied either via Entity Disclosure Form for the business or submission of contracts, as appropriate. An expanded ATC must submit a new written municipal approval after its first year of operations only. After its second year of operations, the license renewal process pursuant to N.J.A.C. 17:30–7.16 shall be followed. Further, all adult-use cannabis business licensees follow the renewal process under N.J.A.C. 17:30–7.16.

The above expanded ATC in their first year of operations has provided the required documentation to satisfy the statutory and regulatory criteria for the license listed for renewal. Further, all the above adult-use cannabis business licensees are all compliant with the renewal application requirements under N.J.A.C. 17:30-7.16.

Pursuant to the terms of the FADs, each ATC is required to submit quarterly progress reports that include specifics on good faith efforts being made to ensure business’s social equity plan presented in its application or certification to the Commission is being achieved. N.J.A.C. 17:30-9.4(e) A license holder shall make a good faith effort to recruit and employ, or contract with, as vendor-contractors, persons who would otherwise qualify for the provisions at N.J.A.C. 17:30-6.6(a)1 or 2. (Social Equity Business).

A “good faith effort” means that the license applicant or license holder shall demonstrate that it took all necessary and reasonable steps to achieve employee and vendor-contractor participation by the persons who are among the



qualifying groups, which by their scope, quality, quantity, intensity, and appropriateness to the objective, could reasonably be expected to obtain sufficient participation from such persons.

The above expanded ATC has provided the required documentation to satisfy the statutory and regulatory criteria and has made good faith social equity efforts to recruit and employ, or contract with, as vendor-contractors, persons who would otherwise qualify for the provisions at N.J.A.C. 17:30-6.6(a)1 or 2. (Social Equity Business).

RECOMMENDATION: Staff recommend renewal of the above licenses and authorization to continue operations for the next license year. The applicants have submitted all the requisite information and documentation to support their application for renewal, has satisfied the requirements of the Commission and has satisfied the requirements of the applicable regulations. All submitted documentation has been provided to and reviewed by staff of the Office of Licensing and the Office of Compliance and Investigations, as well as the Directors of those Offices.

CRC staff have determined that these license renewal applications are eligible for approval by the CRC. Therefore, CRC staff recommends the CRC Board approve these renewals.