

# Priority Applications for cannabis business licenses



Priority cannabis business applications are reviewed ahead of all other applications. Among priority applicants, Social Equity business applications are considered first, then Diversely-owned businesses, then Impact Zone businesses. Follow the color-coded guide to see your priority application designation and the required documents to support your application. **Pick the designation that gives you the highest priority.**

## Am I a social Equity Applicant?

### You are if:

- you currently live in, or have you lived in an Economically Disadvantaged Area or
- you have been convicted of a marijuana/hashish-related offense

## Is my business a Diversely-owned Business?

### It is if:

- your business is registered in NJ and
- You have certification from the NJ Department of the Treasury as a minority-owned, woman-owned, disabled veteran-owned business

## Is my business an Impact Zone Business?

### It is if:

- you intend to locate your business in an Impact Zone, or
- you live in an Impact Zone, or
- You intend to hire staff who live in an Impact Zone

## What do I need to show my priority designation?

- A sworn, notarized statement attesting to your social equity status.

### AND

- Documentation proving you live/lived in an Economically Disadvantaged Area for 5 of the 10 preceding years AND
- Proof your income is 80% or less than the state's average median income.

### OR

- Documentation of past marijuana/hashish convictions (e.g., court, probation and expungement documents, criminal background check.)

- Certification(s) from the Department of the Treasury's Division of Revenue and Enterprise Services proving the business has qualified as a minority -owned business, woman-owned business or a disabled veteran-owned business.

- Proof that more than 50% of the business is owned by a resident in an Impact Zone for at least 3 consecutive years.

### OR

- Application with intended business address in an Impact Zone.

### OR

- Present a plan for hiring employees who reside in an Impact Zone.



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