



Washington State Liquor Control Board

Tentative I-502 Implementation Timeline

January 9, 2013

Over the coming year the Washington State Liquor Control Board will address the challenges and tasks associated with transforming Initiative 502 from a ballot measure into a reality. In order to keep the public updated and involved in the process we are releasing this tentative timeline of significant milestones.

It is important to remember that this timeline is tentative due to a variety of external factors outside the WSLCB's control that may influence deadlines. Instead, this is intended to provide ballpark expectations for various implementation milestones. If and/or when timeframes change we will communicate those changes via the [WSLCB Listserv](#) and our agency [Twitter](#).

Date	Milestone
Early-December	Rulemaking process begins with the filing of the CR101 for the Producer License .
Early-January	Request for Proposals (RFP) for technical consultation issued. A RFP is a competitive process in which experts may bid their services to the WSLCB.
Mid-January	Request for Proposals for Marijuana Consultant Issued* (see separate timeline for RFP timing).
Late-January	The WSLCB begins holding forums in regions around Washington to allow public comment on aspects of the law.
Early-March	CR101 filed for both the Processor and Retailer licenses allowing the public to give input on how the requirements/language for those licenses should look.
Mid-April	CR102 filed for the Producer License. The CR102 allows the WSLCB to seek public comment on its initial draft rule language.
Late-May	Public hearing on rules for the Producer License.
Early-June	CR103 filed for Producers License. The CR103 is when the Board officially adopts the proposed rules. They will become effective 31 days later.
Early-June	Begin accepting Producer License applications. CR102 filed for both the Processor and Retailer licenses. This allows the WSLCB to seek public comment on draft rule language developed with input from the public during the initial comment period.
Late-July	Public hearings for Processor and Retailer licenses draft rule language, CR103 filed for Processor and Retailer licenses. The CR103 is when the Board officially adopts the rules. They will become effective 31 days later.
Early-August	Rules relating to the Producer and Retailer licenses completed.
Mid-August	WSLCB begins issuing producer licenses to qualified applicants.

Early-September	WSLCB begins accepting Processor License applications.
Mid-September	WSLCB begins accepting Retailer License applications.
Early- November	WSLCB begins issuing Processor Licenses to qualified applicants.
Mid-November	WSLCB begins issuing Retailer Licenses to qualified applicants with an effective date of Dec. 1, 2013.
December 1, 2013	Retailer licenses become effective.

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