



Washington State Liquor Control Board

Marijuana Retail Application Issues April 2, 2014

Retail Lottery FAQ

When will the lottery be held?

The lottery will be held the week of April 21.

When will you announce the applicants who were selected?

The results will be posted to the WSLCB website on May 2.

Will WSLCB staff be conducting the lottery?

No. The lottery will be conducted by an independent auditor in conjunction with Washington State University.

Will I be able to view the lottery?

No. The lottery will not be available for public viewing. The process is a double-blind system which means that neither WSU nor the auditor will know which names are associated with the numbers until the end of the process.

Who will be eligible for the lottery?

All retail marijuana license applicants who successfully completed the pre-screening process.

What did applicants have to provide for the prescreening process?

All retail applicants had to provide the following to be considered for the retail license lottery:

- Personal/Criminal History Statement
- Verification that the applicant is 21 years of age
- Verification of residency
- Verification that business entity was formed in Washington
- Verification of location address and right to the property

How will applicants be notified of the results of the lottery?

After the lottery, all pre-screened applicants will be notified of their rank. We will send out a hard copy letter on the same day.

Will you only select 334 applications to fill the retail store requirements?

All eligible applicants will be drawn in the lottery and assigned a rank order.

What happens if one of the applicants selected in the lottery is ineligible?

After selection by lottery, each applicant will then complete the application process. If a selected applicant is found to be ineligible, we will move on to the next applicant from the lottery list. Any applicant found to be ineligible will be granted the right to appeal that decision through an administrative hearing.

What if two applicants with the same address are selected in the lottery?

If two or more applicants with the same location address are selected in the lottery whoever secures the lease will have the location, the other(s) will have to find a new location within the same jurisdiction and we will grant a specific time to find a location.

Will you issue licenses in jurisdictions that presently have bans/moratoria?

Yes, however we will process applications for jurisdictions that don't have bans/moratoria first.

How will license applications be processed?

Applications will be processed with geographic distribution and population density in mind.

When will you issue retail licenses?

We expect to begin issuing retail licenses no later than the first week in July .

Will licenses be issued as they are completed?

The initial retail licenses will issued in batches (10-20) in the most populous areas.