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TO: Approved DIA Cultivator Applicants

FROM: Connecticut Consumer Protection, Drug Control Division

DATE: October 2, 2024 (Reminder)

RE: Option to Withdraw Cultivator Application and Submit Micro-Cultivator Application

OPPORTUNITY TO SUBMIT MICRO-CULTIVATOR APPLICATION

Section 5 of [Public Act 24-76](#) provides an opportunity for social equity applicants who applied for a cultivator license pursuant to [Section 21a-420o](#) of the general statutes, who have been verified as a social equity applicant and who have not submitted a provisional license application for a cultivator to withdraw their application as a cultivator and apply as a micro-cultivator.

Eligible applicants must have:

- Applied for a cultivator license pursuant to Section 21a-420o of the general statutes;
- Been verified as a social equity applicant; and,
- Not submitted a provisional license application for a cultivator.

Micro-cultivators applying under this provision of the law must submit:

- Written statement indicating their wish to withdraw their application under Section 21a-420o of the general statutes;
- Completed micro-cultivator license application;
- Documentation demonstrating the applicant meets the criteria for a Social Equity Applicant (to be reviewed and verified by the Social Equity Council);
- Written statement disclosing whether any change occurred in the ownership or control of the social equity applicant after the Social Equity Council verified that the applicant met the criteria for a social equity applicant pursuant to Section 21a-420o of the general statutes; and,
- \$500,000 application fee.

Under this provision of the law, the micro-cultivator application must be submitted between July 1, 2024 and March 31, 2025. The provisional micro-cultivator license must be awarded by the Department no later than December 31, 2025, is valid for 14 months from the date of issuance and is non-renewable.

Micro-cultivators issued a license under Section 5 of the public act are also eligible to create one equity joint venture. To operate the equity joint venture, the micro-cultivator must:

- Have been issued a final license by the Department;
- Have commenced cultivation operations; and,
- Submit a conversion fee in the amount of \$500,000.



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DEADLINE FOR PROVISIONAL LICENSE APPLICATION FOR DIA CULTIVATORS

Under Section 13(a) of [Public Act 24-76](#), the Department shall not grant an application for a provisional cultivator license under [Section 21a-420o](#) of the general statutes after December 31, 2025. As such, social equity applicants who applied for a cultivator license pursuant to Section 21a-420o of the general statutes, who have been verified as social equity applicants and who have not submitted a provisional license application for a cultivator must apply for a provisional cultivator license no later than December 31, 2025.

TRAINING SESSION FOR ELIGIBLE APPLICANTS

Once the application is available, the Department will be offering an invitation-only training session for cultivator applicants eligible to apply as micro-cultivators. The session will only cover the initial conversion process from a cultivator applicant to a micro-cultivator applicant. Once you have completed the conversion process and paid the \$500,000 application fee for the provisional license, a Drug Control Agent will be assigned to your facility for an inspection. Please be sure to review the statutes and policies and procedures for micro-cultivators as soon as possible to help you be compliant.

Should you have questions, please contact the Department at DCP.Cannabis@ct.gov.