



TO: Approved DIA Cultivator Applicants
FROM: Connecticut Consumer Protection, Drug Control Division
DATE: July 1, 2024
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 eligible social equity applicants who applied for a cultivator license pursuant to [Section 21a-420o](#) of the general statutes to withdraw their cultivator application 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 ("SEA"), to be reviewed and verified by the Social Equity Council ("SEC");
- Written statement disclosing whether any change occurred in the ownership or control of the SEA after the SEC verified that the applicant met the SEA criteria pursuant to Section 21a-420o of the general statutes; and
- \$500,000 application fee.

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.

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, SEAs 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 micro-cultivator 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.