



Criteria of Merit

To determine whether to issue a cannabis establishment license, the Board shall consider a criteria of merit score to evaluate an applicant's eligibility to qualify for a license.

Each criterion is assigned a point value, which is set forth in [NCCR 5.039](#). Below you will find a list of acceptable documents that will be submitted with your application to help the Board and its agents assess your score. You can access additional resource by clicking the QR code at the top of this document.

Required documents are dependent on point selection made during the application process unless otherwise noted.

You can find more resources on ccb.nv.gov

If you have questions about this information, email CCBLicenseApp@ccb.nv.gov

Evidence that the applicant has control of a minimum \$200,000 in liquid assets

This criterion determines if the applicant has sufficient funds to cover the initial expenses of opening the proposed medical cannabis establishment. Points will be assigned on a scale of 0 to 2 as set forth in [NCCR 5.039\(1\)\(a\)](#).

Required documents, regardless of point selection, include at least one of the following:

- Bank Statement(s)
- Letter from Financial Institution
- Brokerage or Investment Account Statement

Previous business or nonprofit organization experience within the past 10 years for all proposed owners, officers, and board members

This criterion demonstrates the experience of the proposed owners, officers, and board members in operating a successful business or nonprofit. Points will be assigned on a scale of 0 to 2 as set forth in [NCCR 5.039\(1\)\(b\)](#).

To receive points, applicants must upload the following documents:

- Resume or Curriculum Vitae (CV)
- Biographical Summary explaining experience of owners, officers, and board members (100-750 words)



Educational and life experience of owners, officers, or board members

This criterion provides the educational background of proposed owners, officers, or board members. If a proposed owner, officer, or board member does not hold a post-secondary education, they may submit a resume or curriculum vitae (CV) outlining their work experience. Points will be assigned on a scale of 0 to 2 as set forth in [NCCR 5.039\(1\)\(c\)](#).

To receive points, applicants must upload the following documents:

- Copy of degree(s), transcripts, letter of degree conferment. If no degree, upload a Resume/CV
- Biographical narrative summarizing educational and life experience of owners, officers, and board members (100-750 words)

Proposed owners, officers, or board members demonstration of knowledge or expertise with respect to compassionate use of cannabis to treat medical conditions

This criterion assesses the applicant's knowledge and ability to cultivate or produce cannabis with respect to patients' conditions and rights. Points will be assigned on a scale of 0 to 1 based on whether applicants can demonstrate their knowledge and/or experience as set forth in [NCCR 5.039\(1\)\(d\)](#).

To receive points, applicants must upload the following documents:

- Biographical narrative summarizing compassionate care use of cannabis to treat medical cannabis and/or any formal research or education completed by proposed owners, officers, or board members related to the medical use of cannabis.

If you are in possession of the following documents, you shall include them as supplemental materials:

- Medical Registry Identification Card
- Valid Letter of Approval for Limited Exemption from State Prosecution

The likely impact of the proposed medical cannabis establishment on the community in which it is proposed to be located

This criterion demonstrates that the impact of the proposed cannabis establishment has been evaluated by the local community. Zero points will be assigned for this criterion if a letter from the Board of County Commissioners is not included with the application. Applicants including a valid letter will be assigned 5 points as set forth in [5.039\(1\)\(e\)](#).

To receive points, applicants must upload the following document:

- Letter of Approval issued to applicant by Board of County Commissioners



Adequacy of size of the proposed medical cannabis establishment to serve the needs of the persons who are authorized to engage in the medical use cannabis

This criterion establishes the proposed size of the applicant’s production or cultivation facility. Points are assigned on a scale of 0 to 3 based on the estimated annual cultivation or production yield as set forth in [5.039\(1\)\(f\)](#).

To receive points, applicants must identify the estimated size of their cannabis establishment.

A Diversity Plan that fully complies with [NCCR 5.045\(2\)\(a\)\(10\)](#)

This criterion establishes the demographic information of the proposed owners, officers, and board members and outlines the establishments plan to promote diversity in the Nevada cannabis industry. Zero points will be assigned if a diversity plan is not included with the application. Applicants including a diversity plan that satisfies all criteria outlined below will be assigned 5 points. [NCCR 5.039\(1\)\(g\)](#).

- The demographic information of each owner, office, board member, employee, and independent contractor as currently known by the applicant.
- Strategies for obtaining a diverse group of owners, officers, board members, employees, including executive position, management, and independent contractors.
- Employee hiring and retention diversity goals adopted by applicant.
- A plan for diversity-related outreach or events the applicant will conduct to support its diversity goals in ownership, investment, management, employment, and contracting.
- Any materials from the applicant on its mentoring, training, or professional development programs for diverse groups.
- Proposed timelines and benchmarks for achieving the diversity goals outlined in the Diversity Plan, or in the alternative, a narrative describing the applicant’s ability to record and report on the components of the Diversity Plan
- Any other information that demonstrates the applicant’s commitment to diversity in ownership, investment, management, employment, and contracting; any other information or documentation required by the Board; and any other information or documentation the applicant wishes to provide in support of its proposed Diversity Plan.

Additional guidance on Diversity Plans, including a Diversity Plan Worksheet and instructional video can be found by clicking the QR code at the top of this document.

Violation or adjudication to have violated a Category I Violation in [NCCR 4.035](#) or a Category II Violation in [NCCR 4.040](#)

The applicant must report whether the applicant or persons proposed to be owners, officers or board members is/was a cannabis license holder that has admitted to or been adjudicated to have committed a Category I or Category II violation.

The Board and its agents will also investigate an applicant or the persons who are proposed owners, officers or board members of the proposed cannabis establishment or has had an ownership interest of 5% or more or a board or officer position in a cannabis establishment that has admitted to a violation or been adjudicated to have violated a Category I Violation in [NCCR 4.035](#) or a Category II Violation in [NCCR 4.040](#). Points will be reduced depending on the number and type of violations that are reported as outlined in [NCCR 5.039\(1\)\(h\)](#).