



POST-APPROVAL INSTRUCTIONS FOR MARIJUANA RETAIL STORES

The following steps are to be taken after your application for a marijuana retail store license has been approved by the board. You may not operate your business until the following requirements have been met.

1. When all other approvals (Local Government, Fire Marshal, DEC, etc.) have been met, you will be contacted by this office to notify you that your license status has been changed to "active-pending inspection" in our database. This doesn't mean you can open your doors or start operating your business. The status change is a necessary step so that you may be credentialed into METRC.
2. You, the licensee, must have your marijuana handler permit. All licensees, affiliates, agents, and employees (see 3 AAC 306.700(a)) must have their handler permit at the time of inspection.
3. You, the licensee, must take a METRC training class and pass the test.
<https://www.metrc.com/alaska>
4. Once you have passed the METRC test, place a request to the METRC Support Team to be credentialed into METRC.
5. Set up your facility in METRC and order labels. The labels should take 4-5 days to arrive.
6. When you have access to METRC, contact AMCO investigators at AMCO.enforcement@alaska.gov to schedule your initial "empty shelf" inspection. Don't schedule an initial inspection unless you are within two weeks from being 100% ready to operate your business. Review the pre-inspection checklist and be sure that you will have completed all items by the time of your inspection. Do not bring any marijuana into the facility before your initial inspection. AMCO staff will place your account in METRC on an administrative hold until the inspection. Depending on your location, it may be two weeks before an inspection can be performed due to state travel restrictions.
7. On the day of your inspection, the investigator will bring your license. If your facility matches what you've submitted to the board and all requirements are in place, you will receive your license, the administrative hold will be removed from METRC, and an "effective date" will be added in our database.
8. After the hold in METRC is removed, you may begin ordering and transporting marijuana and marijuana products from licensed cultivation and product manufacturing facilities. AMCO investigators will visit again to take a look at your store with marijuana and marijuana products in place.
9. Congratulations, you are now operating a marijuana retail store license in the State of Alaska!