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County Cannabis FAQs

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1) Has there been any consideration in the regulations given to attempts to fold marijuana sales in with other industries? For example, food facilities that are licensed under the Retail Food Code that want to start selling food containing marijuana?

Both MCRSA and AUMA expressly prohibit a cannabis licensee from also being a licensed retailer of alcoholic beverages. As to other types of industries, at this time the Bureau is focused on developing the necessary regulations to implement MCRSA and AUMA prior to January 1, 2018 and is not considering additional license types.

2) If not everyone will be licensed on day one, is there a priority/phasing scheme for issuing certain types of licenses?

MCRSA and AUMA both have provisions for priority review of applications (medical: [BPC 19321](#), adult use: [BPC 26054.2](#)). MCRSA requires that priority be given to applicants that were in good standing with the local jurisdiction and in operation by January 1, 2016. AUMA requires priority be given to applicants that were in compliance with the Compassionate Use Act and its implementing laws before September 1, 2016. Other than those laws, applications will be processed as they are received.

3) How will the Bureau know what local requirements are? Is there going to be a process to submit local ordinances?

Currently Bureau staff regularly look up local requirements for research purposes. As regulations are developed, the bureau is considering this issue and options for efficiently obtaining the local ordinances. Of course, we welcome any ideas you have on this process.

4) Are draft CEQA strategies currently available for distribution?

The bureau has begun an Initial Study pursuant to CEQ; however, nothing is currently available for distribution. CDFA is conducting a CEQA study as well and more information regarding their study is available on their website.

5) Will the track-and-trace tagging be separate with medical vs. adult? It seems the only difference between systems is the end sale (sales tax vs. no sales tax, age requirements at sale).

The state intends to use the same system for both. It is likely the numbering system will be used to designate medical vs. adult use.