



Microbusiness Lottery Drawing FAQ (09/06/23)

1. When was the random lottery drawing held?

The drawing for microbusiness licenses was held on August 28, 2023.

2. Who conducted the random drawing?

The Missouri Lottery conducted the random drawing and the results were provided to the Department of Health and Senior Services.

3. Where are the results of the drawing?

The results are listed on the Department's [home page](#). The results include a list of the drawing order for each congressional district and license type, including: the application ID, applicant entity name, and address of the proposed facility location for each microbusiness dispensary and microbusiness wholesale applicant.

4. How many microbusiness licenses are being issued this round?

Six microbusiness licenses are being issued in each of the eight congressional districts, as drawn and effective December 6, 2018. Of the six in each district, two are microbusiness dispensaries and four are microbusiness wholesale licenses.

5. If my application was among the first drawn applications in a congressional district, does that mean I am guaranteed a license?

No. The Department will not be able to announce which applicants will be awarded a microbusiness license until each application has been reviewed to determine if the applicant has satisfied all application criteria to receive a license. The drawing list for each congressional district is the order that applications will be reviewed. An application that was one of the first drawn applications may not be awarded a microbusiness license for a number of reasons, such as:

- The proposed facility location is too close to an existing school, church, or daycare.
- The application does not demonstrate the applicant is majority owned by eligible individuals.
- An individual or applicant appears on more than one microbusiness application.
- The application is in violation of a rule or Article XIV.

This is not a complete list of reasons why a drawn application may not be awarded a license.

Department staff cannot provide advice or information as to whether a specific application is under review, or the status of the review of a specific application during this process. If your application is under review, the Department may contact you for more information. See FAQ #7.

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6. What happens if one of the first drawn applications selected in the drawing is determined to not meet the application requirements necessary to receive a microbusiness license?

If a drawn application is found to not meet application requirements, the next application from the drawing list will be reviewed. A denial notice containing the reasons for the denial will be issued to applicants determined to not meet application requirements. Any denied applicant may seek review of the denial through the Administrative Hearing Commission or may request a refund of the application fee.

7. I forgot to submit some documents in my application. Can I submit them now during the review process?

Generally no. Applicants are responsible for submitting a complete and accurate application. However, the department may request an applicant provide additional information or documents during the application review period by sending the request to the email address of the designated contact associated with the application. If requested, the applicant will have three (3) business days to provide the requested information or documents.

8. When will I know if I receive a license?

The applications will be reviewed as quickly as possible. Per Article XIV, the Department must issue licenses no later than October 4, 2023.

9. Why can't the Department announce the winners now?

Please see FAQ #5. The Department is required to determine whether the first drawn applicants in the lottery meet application requirements prior to issuing a microbusiness license.

10. My application is not near the top of the drawing list. Can I request a refund?

Yes- microbusiness applicants may request a refund after applications are denied. The Department will post a refund form and additional instructions at that time on the website.