



ATTESTATION SOCIAL EQUITY BUSINESS APPLICANT

State of _____:

SS:

County of _____:

NOTE: One attestation is required from the cannabis business primary contact person, as listed on the application, however documentation and evidence from all owners needed to qualify as a Social Equity Business must be submitted to the Commission to obtain priority application review.

I, _____ (name of cannabis business applicant the primary contact person, as listed on the application), am applying for a cannabis business license pursuant to N.J.S.A. 24:6I and N.J.A.C. 17:30-7. I have requested priority review as a Social Equity Business because the business owners satisfy the criteria set forth in N.J.A.C. 17:30-6.6.

Specifically, my business is a “social equity business” deserving of priority review due to our ownership meeting the following criteria (check at least one):

More than 50% of the ownership interest of the license applicant or license holder is held by one or more persons that demonstrate one of the following criteria:

At the time the initial application is submitted, have lived in an economically disadvantaged area for five of the preceding 10 years; **and**

Are, at the time the initial application is submitted and based on the preceding year’s income, a member of a household that has a household income that is 80 percent or less of the average median household income in the State, as determined annually by the U.S. Census Bureau.

(Please provide proof of residency, in accordance with N.J.A.C. 17:30-1.2; Refer to Exhibit A for examples of documentation that may qualify as sufficient evidence to meet this criteria)

(Please provide preceding year’s applicable tax return)



More than 50% of the ownership interest of the license applicant or license holder is held by one or more persons who have been adjudicated delinquent for or convicted of, whether expunged or not, in this State, another state, or the Federal Government:

- At least two marijuana- or hashish-related disorderly persons offenses; or
- At least one marijuana- or hashish-related indictable offense.

(Please provide any necessary documentation establishing rehabilitation; Refer to Exhibit A for examples of documentation that may qualify as sufficient proof)

I have read this attestation and have reviewed the referenced statute and implementing regulations. I hereby attest that for the reasons identified above I satisfy the criteria set forth in N.J.A.C. 17:30-6.6 establishing that my application for a cannabis business license should receive priority review as being an application submitted by a “Social Equity Business.” Being duly sworn according to law, on my oath, under penalties of perjury, depose and state that I make this statement on behalf of the cannabis business applicant, and that the statements contained in this attestation are true and correct to the best of my knowledge and belief, and that this statement is executed with the knowledge that any misrepresentation or failure to reveal information may be deemed sufficient cause for the refusal to grant priority review of the cannabis business application.

Name of Cannabis Business Applicant

Name of Primary Contact Making Attestation

Signature of Owner Making Attestation

Subscribed and sworn to
Before me this _____ day
of _____, 20____.

Signature of Notary Public

Printed Name of Notary Public



EXHIBIT A

DISCLAIMER: This is not an exhaustive list of what the Commission would consider as sufficient evidence to qualify for the Social Equity Business (SEB) status. The list should only be used as a guide, and an applicant should submit any documentation that may be used to establish the criteria contained in N.J.A.C. 17:30-6.6. The Cannabis Regulatory Commission may request additional information to help verify the statements submitted.

Category (a) SEB, economically disadvantaged area

Documents should be submitted to evidence residency in an economically disadvantaged area for five of the preceding 10 years. One document may provide sufficient evidence of this five-year requirement, but multiple documents may be needed to provide sufficient evidence of this five-year requirement.

1. Utility bill- water, sewer or energy that includes name of owner applicant, address, and year(s).
2. Correspondence from the Internal Revenue Service or New Jersey Division of Taxation, which includes but is not limited to a 1099 Statement, Form 1098, W-2, etc. Documents shall include the name of the owner applicant, address, and year(s).
3. Federal, State, or local government correspondence issued to the owner applicant which includes but is not limited to Social Security Administration documents, court issued notices, and property tax bills. Documents shall include the name of the owner applicant, address, and year(s).
4. Signed lease agreement that includes name of the owner applicant, address, and year(s).
5. Mortgage or property deed of property that is or was owner-occupied that includes name of the owner applicant, address, and year(s).
6. Paycheck Stubs that include name of the owner applicant, address, and year(s).
7. State or Federal issued identification card that includes name of the owner applicant, address, and year(s).

Category (b) SEB, marijuana- or hashish-related criminal offenses

1. Local, State or Federal Court records, Probation documents, Department of Corrections or Federal Bureau of Prisons documents. All documents must contain the name and date of birth of the owner applicant, date of the marijuana related offense and the date of conviction or offense. Unless otherwise stipulated, documents need not be certified copies of a record or otherwise authenticated by a court unless; plain photocopies are acceptable.
2. Superior Court of New Jersey Official Expungement Certificate that contains the name of the owner applicant, date of the marijuana related offense and the date of conviction or offense.