

WAC 16-171-120 Hemp extract facility certification—New application and renewals—Inspection criteria. To qualify for a new hemp extract certification issued under chapter 69.07 RCW, the Washington Food Processing Act, a hemp processor must first make an application to the department. After the department receives a complete application, the department will inspect the facility. The facility must be in compliance with the following requirements prior to issuance of a certification:

(1) The applicant must submit an application that includes:

(a) The full name of the applicant and the location of the hemp extraction facility where the applicant intends to operate, and if the applicant is an entity, the full name of each officer, managing member, or other responsible individuals;

(b) The principal business address of the applicant in the state and elsewhere and the name of a person domiciled in this state authorized to receive and accept service of summons of legal notices of all kinds for the applicant; and

(c) The type of hemp extracts to be processed, the method of manufacturing, and any other necessary information to make an evaluation.

(2) A hemp processor holding a hemp extract certification must apply for renewal of the certification annually.

(3) The appropriate fee must accompany the application submitted to the department, as follows:

(a) For new applications, the fee is \$1,400.

(b) For a new certification inspection, the fee is \$3,000.

(c) For renewal applications, the fee is \$1,500.

(4) The hemp extract facility must be in substantial compliance with inspection criteria as described in WAC 16-171-150(2). Refer to WAC 16-171-140 for the inspection and certification criteria and WAC 16-171-130 for definitions of certain inspection criteria. For the purposes of certification, a hemp extract facility may incur a one-point debit of a licensing criteria that has sliding scale.

(5) To renew a certification, a hemp extract manufacturer must submit a renewal application and fees before the manufacturer's current certification expires. If the department has received receipt of a submitted renewal application and fees before the certification expiration date, the time period of the prior certification extends until the department either issues the renewed certification or denies the renewal application. If a manufacturer does not timely submit a renewal application or fees, the prior certification expires upon the expiration date.

(6) Upon the approval of the application by the director the applicant shall be issued a new or renewal certification.

[Statutory Authority: RCW 69.07.020 and 69.07.220. WSR 22-13-038, § 16-171-120, filed 6/7/22, effective 7/8/22.]