

ADVISORY BULLETIN

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How to Add Social Equity Fee Reductions to Adult-Use After Prequalification or Licensure

On November 13th, 2020, the Cannabis Regulatory Agency (CRA) began accepting social equity applications through its online portal. Along with this change, the CRA introduced [new forms](#) such as the [Adding Social Equity: Existing Applicant or Licensee Form](#) (EAL).

Adding Social Equity: Existing Applicant or Licensee Form (EAL)

The EAL form may be used by applicants or licensees who did not apply for social equity before submitting their adult-use marijuana establishment applications. There are a few important things to note, however:

- Fee reductions may not be applied to fees already paid to the CRA as these are non-refundable.
- Fee reductions may be applied to initial licensure fees or renewal fees as long as the applicant remains eligible for the social equity program.
- Fee reductions must be approved by the social equity program 120 days before an adult-use renewal application is due.
 - Please submit the form far enough in advance so that a determination can be made 120 days before the adult-use renewal.
 - If a determination is made after the 120-day deadline, it may be used for later renewal fee reductions.
- Social equity participants must hold majority ownership (greater than 50%) of an entity for a fee reduction to be approved.
 - If applicable, contact the adult-use licensing section to amend your application before submitting the EAL form.

More information on the CRA can be found at the agency website: www.michigan.gov/CRA.