



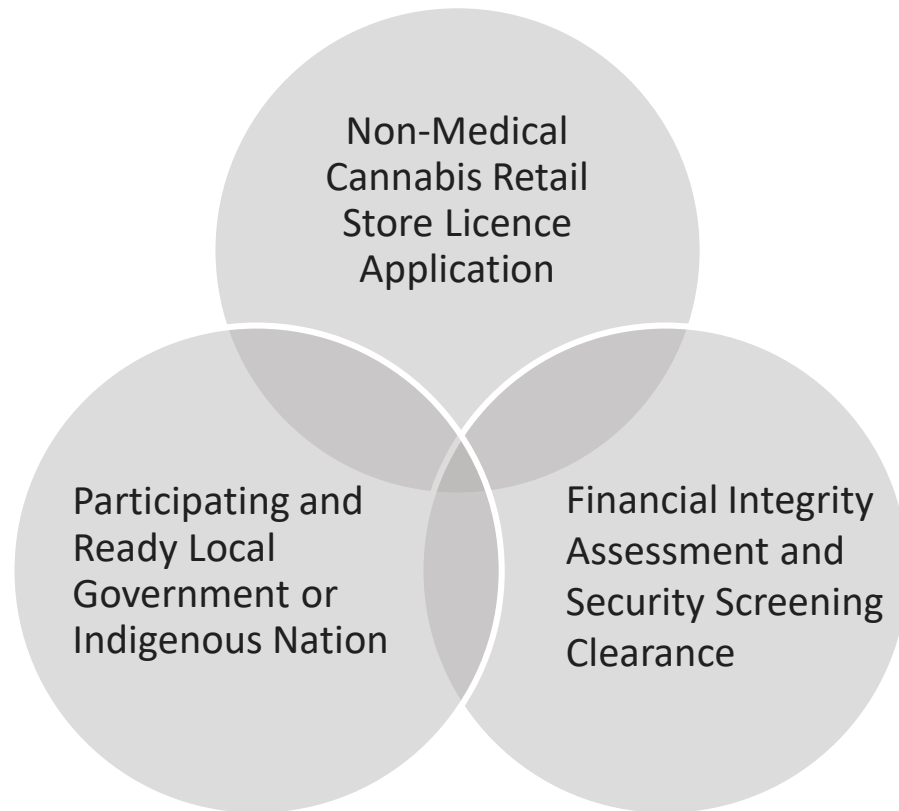
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NON-MEDICAL CANNABIS PRIVATE RETAIL STORE LICENSING UPDATE

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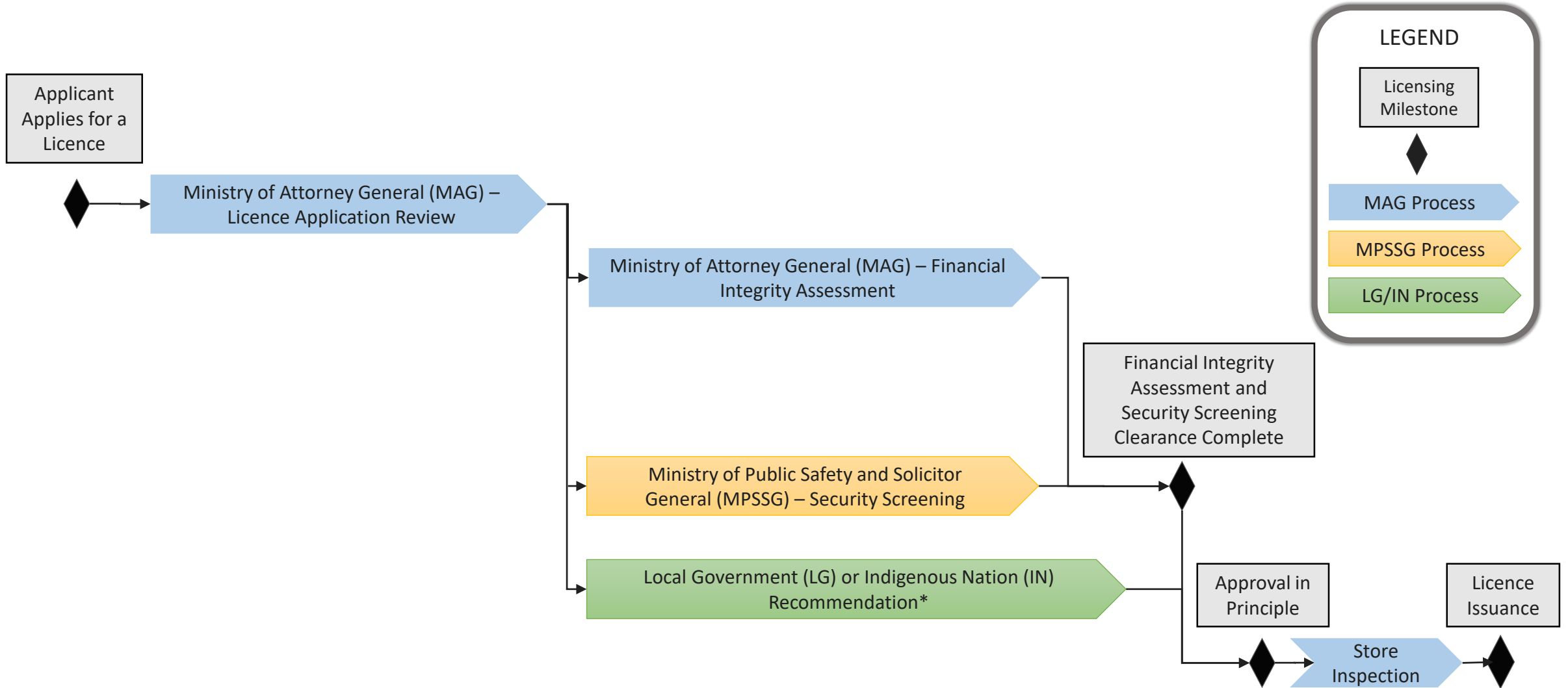
Non-Medical Cannabis Private Retail Store Licence Issuance Factors

A non-medical cannabis retail store licence allows licensees to sell non-medical cannabis and cannabis accessories in British Columbia. Licence issuance is dependent on three factors:



- 1. Non-Medical Cannabis Retail Store Licence Application** – In order to apply for a non-medical cannabis private retail store licence, applicants must submit a completed application form and completed business financial integrity form. Applications cannot be assessed without the completed application forms, fee payment, and supporting business and financial documentation.
- 2. Participating and Ready Local Government or Indigenous Nation** – Not all jurisdictions are considering applications at this time. All applications are referred to the local government or Indigenous nation in the area where the store will be located, and a recommendation must be received before the Province will issue a licence. Applicants may wish to consult with the local government or Indigenous nation of the area where their store will be located prior to submitting an application.
- 3. Financial Integrity Assessment and Security Screening Clearance** – Applicants must submit all required documentation for business financial integrity assessments to proceed with licensing application processing. In accordance with government's goal of keeping organized crime out of the legal cannabis industry, all associates must consent to security checks.

Non-Medical Cannabis Private Retail Store Licence Application Process



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Licensing Milestone

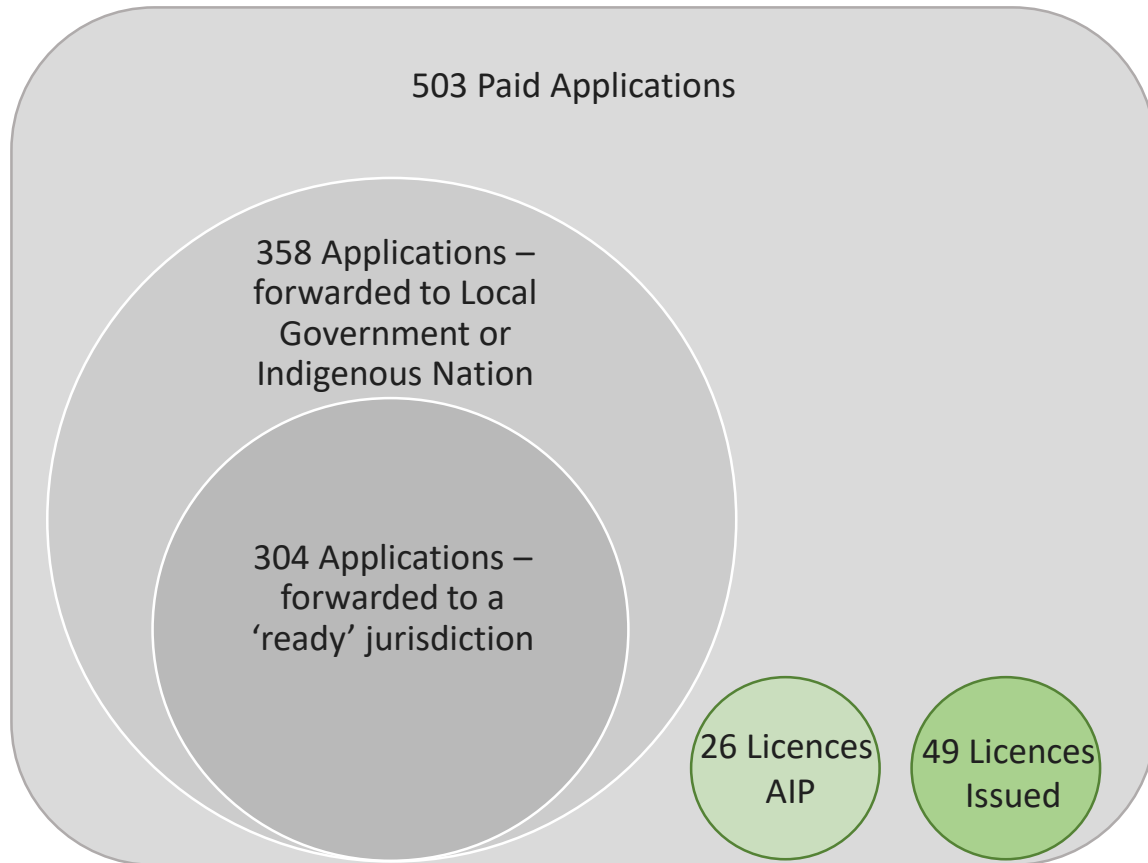
MAG Process

MPSSG Process

LG/IN Process

* Some LG/IN do not process applications concurrent with the financial integrity assessment and security screening processes therefore processing times may be longer.

Status of Non-Medical Cannabis Private Retail Store Licence Applications



- **503 Paid Applications** – Once applicants pay the \$7500 fee, the application and documentation are reviewed for completeness.
- **358 Application Packages Forwarded to Local Governments or Indigenous Nations** – Once an application contains the required documentation and the fee has been paid, the Province forwards the application to the local government or Indigenous nation of the area where the proposed store will be located. 356 applications have been forwarded to local governments, and 2 applications have been forwarded to an Indigenous nation. Note: While a local government or Indigenous nation works on their recommendation, the Province continues to vet the application.
- **304 Applications Forwarded to a 'Ready' Jurisdiction** – This is the number of applications forwarded to local governments which have indicated they are ready to consider non-medical cannabis retail store applications at this time.
- **49 Licences Issued, 26 Approved in Principle (AIP)** – Once an application has passed financial integrity assessment and security screening, the Province issues Approval in Principle. A licence is issued after a successful inspection of the retail location for regulatory compliance.

Application Statistics as of July 29th 2019