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RHODE ISLAND MEDICAL CARD CHECKLIST.

State fees, who qualifies, documents, timeline and renewal, in one place.

Everything you need to get, and keep, a Rhode Island medical cannabis card. Adults 21 and over can buy adult-use cannabis, but a medical card cuts your tax from about 20% to 7% and lets you buy up to 2.5 oz every 15 days.

STATE FEE	CARD VALIDITY	TIME TO CARD	APPLY
$0	**1 year**	**5 to 10 days**	**Online**
No application fee for patients	Renew online each year	Typical; state allows up to 35	RI Cannabis Licensing Portal

01 Do you qualify?

You can apply if every statement below is true.

- ☐ You are a **Rhode Island resident** with a Rhode Island driver's license or state ID.
- ☐ You have a **qualifying condition**, such as cancer, glaucoma, HIV/AIDS, hepatitis C, autism spectrum disorder, PTSD, Alzheimer's agitation, or a chronic condition that causes wasting, severe chronic pain, severe nausea, seizures or severe muscle spasms.
- ☐ A **licensed practitioner** certifies that the benefits outweigh the risks for you. Your first certification needs an in-person exam.
- ☐ **Under 18?** Apply with the state Minor Form; a parent or guardian serves as your caregiver or purchaser.

02 What it costs

Rhode Island does not charge a state fee for patient cards. Veriheal is building a waitlist for Rhode Island; join it and we will confirm the consultation fee when appointments open.

Practitioner certification Required from a licensed provider. Join the Veriheal waitlist at veriheal.com/rhode-island.	**Waitlist**
State patient card Rhode Island Department of Health. No application fee; $10 to replace a lost card.	**$0**
TOTAL STATE FEES Consultation fee confirmed when Rhode Island appointments open	**$0**

03 Documents to have ready

- ☐ **Rhode Island driver's license or state ID**, plus a second proof of address if your ID address is out of date.
- ☐ **A photo for your card**, uploaded with your application.
- ☐ **Practitioner certification** confirming your qualifying condition.
- ☐ **Patient application** completed on the RI Cannabis Licensing Portal.
- ☐ **Caregiver or authorized purchaser details**, only if someone will grow or buy for you.

04 Timeline

Most Rhode Island cards are issued within 5 to 10 days of a complete application.

STEP 1	**Join the Veriheal waitlist.** We will contact you as soon as Rhode Island consultations open.
STEP 2	**Practitioner certification.** A licensed provider examines you and confirms the benefits outweigh the risks.
STEP 3	**Apply online.** Submit the patient form, photo, certification and proof of residency on the RI Cannabis Licensing Portal.
5 TO 10 DAYS	**Card issued.** Buy up to 2.5 oz every 15 days at a compassion center, paying 7% sales tax instead of about 20%.

Good to know: caregivers (21 or older, background check) can grow and buy for you; authorized purchasers (21 or older) can only buy. Patients can also grow at home with a free certificate from the Cannabis Control Commission.

05 Renewal reminders

Cards are renewed online each year, and the state emails a reminder 60 days before your card expires.

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DAYS BEFORE EXPIRY

- ☐ Book your renewal certification visit
- ☐ Check your Rhode Island ID has not expired

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DAYS BEFORE

- ☐ Gather proof of residency
- ☐ Confirm caregiver or purchaser details

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DAYS BEFORE

- ☐ Submit the renewal on the RI Cannabis Licensing Portal
- ☐ Upload your new certification

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DAYS BEFORE

- ☐ Confirm the new card has been issued
- ☐ A lapsed card means adult-use limits and about 20% tax

06 Resources

RI Cannabis Licensing Portal	cannabislicensing.ri.gov
RI Department of Health	health.ri.gov
Caregivers and home grow	ccc.ri.gov
Veriheal Rhode Island waitlist	veriheal.com/rhode-island
Questions	855-452-6224 or info@veriheal.com

Join the Rhode Island waitlist and be first to book. **VERIHEAL.COM/RHODE-ISLAND**

Medical cannabis is available to qualifying patients under applicable state law and requires a consultation with a licensed provider. This checklist is a general guide, not medical or legal advice; your provider will walk you through the details for your state at your consultation. Fees, timelines and requirements are set by the state and can change; figures were checked against state program guidance in October 2026. Cannabis has not been evaluated by the FDA and remains a controlled substance under federal law. © 2026 Veriheal Inc. · 855-452-6224 · info@veriheal.com