How to Obtain a Controlled Substance Research License and Registration

To conduct research using Controlled Substances you will need both a State of Michigan Controlled Substance Research License and a U.S. Drug Enforcement Administration (DEA) Controlled Substance Researcher Registration.

The State of Michigan Controlled Substance Research License Number is required in order to get final approval from the DEA. Submit the state application first, followed by the federal DEA registration. You do not have to wait until you receive the State of Michigan license number to submit the federal registration.

To obtain a research license follow these steps:

Step 1: Apply for the State of Michigan license

A. State of Michigan Application Form:

Cost of the application is $85 for Schedule I, or II through V controlled substances. Provide a personal or business check, or money order, payable to the State of Michigan.

Note: A separate application is required for Schedule I controlled substances.

Your state license expires on June 30, no matter when in the year you apply. Therefore, we recommend you submit the application near the end of May/beginning of June, just before the new licensing period starts on July 1. Processing takes 6-8 weeks if forms are filled out correctly and all proper documents have been received by the state.

All renewals for CS licenses are good for two years. The Michigan Licensing Division will send you renewal information. The cost for a two year renewal is $150.

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You will need the following supplemental information:

- Credentials to conduct the proposed research
- Protocol of the proposed research
- List of controlled substances & doses to be used
- Procedures for storage & security of drugs
- List of other staff/persons involved

Provide this information along with your application to the state licensing board:

- Approval letter from IACUC for animal protocol
- First page of completed IACUC protocol
- Summary of research in lay terms – use Section V of the IACUC application
- List of CS and doses to be used – copy & paste anesthetic procedures from IACUC application.
- Description on how you will store and secure your CS
- List of lab personnel who will be involved in protocol who may have access to CS

Canadian citizens or foreign nationals: If you do not have a US Social Security Number, leave that section blank on the Controlled Substances (CS) application. Provide a separate attachment with your current home address (if Canadian) or your last home address in your home country.
B. Criminal background check

Live Scan fingerprints will be taken at the WSU Police Department Headquarters, 6050 Cass Avenue. The scans will be electronically transmitted to the Michigan State Police for the required background check. The process takes about 30 minutes. Free parking is available on Cass directly in front of the entrance to the WSUPD.

You must bring the completed Live Scan Fingerprint Request Form from page 3 of the state application form, along with a valid Michigan Driver’s License or state issued ID with your photo and date of birth. No foreign passports will be accepted.

Verify with the WSU Police by phone what you need to bring with you for your appointment.

To schedule an appointment, email Lt. Robert Barron ac4978@wayne.edu. Also copy Capt. Emery Burk ac3793@wayne.edu, and Richard Harrison ak5143@wayne.edu.

Step 2: Obtain a DEA Registration

Start this process once you have submitted your State of Michigan application. You will not receive final approval from the DEA until you have been approved by the State of Michigan, but you can speed the process up by submitting the application.

Drug Enforcement Administration Controlled Substance Registration New Applicant Form: http://www.deadiversion.usdoj.gov/drugreg/reg_apps/index.html

Complete Form 225 for a research license

Cost for a DEA Registration is $244; however, employees of the university qualify for the fee exemption. Your department chair can serve as the “Certifying Official”.

For More Information:

State of Michigan Controlled Substance Research License Application

State of Michigan Criminal Background Check

Drug Enforcement Administration Controlled Substance Registration Application

Federal Regulations: Title 21 Regulations and Codified CSA

Michigan Act 368 of 1978 Public Health Code: Article Seven Controlled Substances

Michigan Board of Pharmacy Administrative Rules: Controlled Substances

Controlled Substance Schedules

U.S. DEA Office of Diversion Control

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