

# Eligibility criteria to apply for RUCO Aggregator

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- Be an Indian citizen and be a resident of India.
  - Have passed minimum graduation examination or equivalent from a recognized University. The criterion of educational qualification is not applicable for Female applicant or belonging to Freedom Fighter (FF) category.
  - Be not less than 21 years and not more than 60 years in age as on the date of Application.
  - There is no age restriction for applicants applying for locations reserved for Female applicant or under FF category.
  - Not be a signatory to distributorship/dealerships agreement, terminated on account of proven cases of malpractices/adulteration with any organization in the country.
  - The State Aggregator must have minimum net worth of Five Crores and ready to finance the working capital requirements of the RUCO collection. The payments to the FBO will immediately at the time of collection as per the quality and quantity of discharge. The state aggregator must have firm offtake commitment from the Biodiesel plants for purchase of UCO.
  - The Sub-Aggregator must have minimum net worth of fifty lacs and ready to finance the working capital requirements of the RUCO collection. The RUCO-collector must have minimum net worth of five lacs.
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## • Basic facilities required for operation of RUCO State Aggregator/Sub-aggregator or Collector

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### **Storage and Collection infrastructure of UCO**

- RUCO Aggregator would require a Covered Storage facility for storage of barrels/containers and UCO storage tanks duly registered by any one of the local authorities like State FDA/ Municipality/Local Bodies/ State Pollution Control Board for storage of
- 100,000 kg UCO in Tanks (State Aggregators),
- 25,000 kg UCO in Containers/barrels/Tanks (Sub-aggregators)
- 5000 kg UCO in Containers/barrels/tanks (RUCO-Collector).
- The UCO storage area should be plain, free from live overhead power transmission. Canals / Drainage / Nallahs should not be passing through the plot.

- The Aggregator must ensure that an all-weather motorable approach road (public or private road connecting to the public road) of minimum 2.5 metre width is made available to provide access of UCO vehicle to the for UCO Godown. In case of private road connecting to the Public Road, the same should be either owned/registered lease or having a right of way from the owner(s) of the land.
2. **RUCO State Aggregator office**
- The State Aggregator should have an office with IT infrastructure to support the RUCO application and Data management.
3. **Infrastructure For collection UCO** - In addition to the Godown for storage of UCO, Collection Vehicles will be required for effecting collecting UCO from the FBO's in the authorized area of operation.
- 10 RUCO vehicles mounted with required hardware for testing and weighing of collected UCO (State Aggregators),
  - 3 RUCO vehicles mounted with required hardware for testing and weighing of collected UCO (Sub-aggregators)
  - 1 RUCO vehicles mounted with required hardware for testing and weighing of collected UCO (RUCO-Collector).

## Application process

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- Individual who fulfills the eligibility criteria for State- Aggregators, Sub-Aggregator and Collectors are required to submit complete application form to BDAI office as per the due date given below.
- Individual who fulfills the eligibility criteria and already registered with BDAI before 31<sup>st</sup> December 2018 should complete all formalities and submit the completed application by 10<sup>th</sup> January 2019. The date of interviews will be communicated to eligible bidders who have submitted complete application by 11<sup>th</sup> January 2019.
- New applications will be accepted for all vacant locations as shown in the column “**to be appointed**” from 31<sup>st</sup> January 2019 to 15<sup>th</sup> February 2019. The date of interviews will be communicated to eligible bidders who have submitted complete application by 20<sup>th</sup> February 2019.
- A candidate can apply for more than one State/location. However, in such cases, he/she will have to submit separate application for each location. Each application should be accompanied with the requisite application fee.

- Applicants should submit only one application for one location. In case more than one application is received from an individual, all the applications would be clubbed together and treated as one application. In such cases, application fees received against all other applications would be forfeited.

## Mode of selection

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Selection is done by inviting applications from general public through advertisements published on BDAI website <https://bdai.org.in>. Selection of RUCO Aggregator/sub-aggregator/Collector for given location is done by interview from all the eligible applicants for that location.

## Tenure of distributorship

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The tenure of the Aggregatorship shall be for an initial period of 10 years and renewable for every 5 years thereafter, subject to the examination of the performance of the distributorship by the respective BDAI and decision thereon.

## About RUCO

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1. India is one of the fastest growing economies in the world. The total vegetable oil consumption is about 22.5 Million MT per year. It has been discovered that adulteration of vegetable oils with used cooking oil (UCO) is a major health hazard. During frying, oil undergoes degradation due to their exposure to elevated temperatures - physico-chemical, nutritional and sensory properties of the oil (Total Polar compounds). The toxicity of TPC is associated with several diseases such as hypertension, atherosclerosis, Alzheimer's disease, liver diseases, high levels of bad cholesterol etc.
2. The National Biofuel's Policy 2018 focuses on laying down stringent norms for avoiding the entry of UCO in food stream and developing a suitable collection mechanism for conversion into Biodiesel.
3. Food Safety and Standards Authority of India (FSSAI) has notified the Food Safety and Standards (Licensing and Registration of Food Businesses) First Amendment Regulation, 2017 w.r.t quality of vegetable oil for repeated frying in the official gazette of India, stating that vegetable oil having developed TPC more 25% shall not be used.
4. The FSSAI under the Ministry of Health & Family welfare, Government of India has launched RUCO, which stands for Re purpose Used Cooking oil for conversion to Biodiesel.

**Disclaimer:** - Each participant will conduct his own Techno-economic evaluation before participation in the RUCO value chain being conducted by BDAI.

All investments, including renewable energy, is speculative in nature and involves substantial risk of loss. We very strictly advise and encourage prospective applicants for Aggregator/sub-aggregator/collectors to invest carefully. We also encourage applicants for Aggregator/sub-aggregator/collectors to get personal advice from your professional advisor and to make independent investigations before considering participation in the RUCO collection system.

Much of our information is derived directly from information published by companies or submitted to governmental agencies on which we believe are reliable but are without our independent verification. Therefore, we cannot assure you that the information is accurate or complete. We do not in any way warrant or guarantee the success of your business for Aggregator/sub-aggregator/collectors.

UCO aggregation is a new business and there is no Past performance record available for projecting future results. All investments carry risk and all investment decisions of an individual remain the responsibility of that individual. There is no guarantee that systems, indicators, or signals will result in profits or that they will not result in losses. All investors are advised to fully understand all risks associated with any kind of investing they choose to do.

Hypothetical or simulated performance is not indicative of future results. Don't enter any investment without fully understanding the worst-case scenarios of that investment.