



# Massachusetts POST Commission

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## **NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING**

Under the authority of M.G.L. c. 6E, § 3(a)(28) and pursuant to M.G.L. c. 30A, the Massachusetts Peace Officer Standards and Training Commission (the “Commission”) will conduct a public hearing to gather comments, ideas, and information concerning a proposed set of regulations, 555 CMR 9.00: *Initial Certification of Officers; and Initial or Renewed Certification of Independently Applying Officers, Including Constables*.

**Summary of Proposed Regulations:** The proposed regulations would establish requirements and procedures for any individual to be initially certified as a law enforcement officer and for any independently applying individual, including any constable, to be initially certified or recertified as a law enforcement officer. The regulations would also prescribe procedures for applicants to obtain review of adverse decisions and outline the implications of certification decisions. Additionally, the regulations would provide for constables to be supervised in specified ways by qualified individuals, and would address constables’ powers and duties.

**Availability of Proposed Regulations:** The proposed regulations are available on the Commission’s website at: <https://www.mass.gov/orgs/post-commission>. You may obtain a written copy by e-mailing a request to [POSTCPRR@mass.gov](mailto:POSTCPRR@mass.gov) or mailing a request to General Counsel Randall E. Ravitz, Massachusetts Peace Officer Standards and Training Commission, 100 Cambridge Street, 14th Floor, Boston, MA 02114.

**Hearing Details:** The hearing will be held virtually, using the Zoom platform, on Tuesday, June 6, 2023, from 10:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. All persons desiring to be heard on this matter should appear at that time. If you are interested in offering comments, you are encouraged, but not required, to pre-register by sending an email to [POSTC-comments@mass.gov](mailto:POSTC-comments@mass.gov) with a subject line stating, “555 CMR 9.00.” To join via computer, go to: <https://zoom.us/j/94838478152>. You may need to allow extra time to download Zoom. To join via telephone (audio only), dial 646-558-8656 and use the following conference ID: 948 3847 8152. Given the volume of comments anticipated, the Commission may limit a speaker’s time to five minutes.

**Submission of Comments:** The submission of written comments or testimony in advance of the hearing is welcome and may be made by e-mail to [POSTC-comments@mass.gov](mailto:POSTC-comments@mass.gov) with a subject line stating, “555 CMR 9.00” or by mail to General Counsel Randall E. Ravitz at the physical address listed above. Comments received after June 6, 2023 at 5:00 p.m. might not be considered.

## Small Business Impact Statement

(As required by M.G.L. c. 30A §§ 2, 3 & 5)

**CMR No: 550 CMR 9.00**

**Estimate of the Number of Small Businesses Impacted by the Regulation: 0**

**Select Yes or No and Briefly Explain**

Yes <input type="checkbox"/>	No X	Will small businesses have to create, file, or issue additional reports? This regulation does not impact or regulate small businesses.
Yes <input type="checkbox"/>	No X	Will small businesses have to implement additional recordkeeping procedures? This regulation does not impact or regulate small businesses.
Yes <input type="checkbox"/>	No X	Will small businesses have to provide additional administrative oversight? This regulation does not impact or regulate small businesses.
Yes <input type="checkbox"/>	No X	Will small businesses have to hire additional employees in order to comply with the proposed regulation? This regulation does not impact or regulate small businesses.
Yes <input type="checkbox"/>	No X	Does compliance with the regulation require small businesses to hire other professionals (e.g. a lawyer, accountant, engineer, etc.)? This regulation does not impact or regulate small businesses.
Yes <input type="checkbox"/>	No X	Does the regulation require small businesses to purchase a product or make any other capital investments in order to comply with the regulation? This regulation does not impact or regulate small businesses.
Yes <input type="checkbox"/>	No X	Are performance standards more appropriate than design/operational standards to accomplish the regulatory objective? (Performance standards express requirements in terms of outcomes, giving the regulated party flexibility to achieve regulatory objectives and design/operational standards specify exactly what actions regulated parties must take.) This regulation does not impact or regulate small businesses.
Yes <input type="checkbox"/>	No X	Do any other regulations duplicate or conflict with the proposed regulation? This regulation does not impact or regulate small businesses.
Yes <input type="checkbox"/>	No X	Does the regulation require small businesses to cooperate with audits, inspections or other regulatory enforcement activities? This regulation does not impact or regulate small businesses.
Yes <input type="checkbox"/>	No X	Does the regulation require small businesses to provide educational services to keep up to date with regulatory requirements? This regulation does not impact or regulate small businesses.
Yes <input type="checkbox"/>	No X	Is the regulation likely to <i>deter</i> the formation of small businesses in Massachusetts? This regulation does not impact or regulate small businesses.
Yes <input type="checkbox"/>	No X	Is the regulation likely to <i>encourage</i> the formation of small businesses in Massachusetts? This regulation does not impact or regulate small businesses.

Yes <input type="checkbox"/>	No X	Does the regulation provide for less stringent compliance or reporting requirements for small businesses? This regulation does not impact or regulate small businesses.
Yes <input type="checkbox"/>	No X	Does the regulation establish less stringent schedules or deadlines for compliance or reporting requirements for small businesses? This regulation does not impact or regulate small businesses.
Yes <input type="checkbox"/>	No X	Did the agency consolidate or simplify compliance or reporting requirements for small businesses? This regulation does not impact or regulate small businesses.
Yes <input type="checkbox"/>	No X	Can performance standards for small businesses replace design or operational standards without hindering delivery of the regulatory objective? This regulation does not impact or regulate small businesses.
Yes <input type="checkbox"/>	No X	Are there alternative regulatory methods that would minimize the adverse impact on small businesses? This regulation does not impact or regulate small businesses.