

COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS
DEPARTMENT OF TRANSITIONAL ASSISTANCE
NOTICE OF PROPOSED AMENDMENT OF REGULATIONS

The Department proposes to amend its regulations under the authority of M.G.L. c. 18, s. 10 and pursuant to M.G.L. c. 30A, s. 3. The Department describes the amendments to regulations found at 106 CMR 703.000: Nonfinancial Eligibility.

The amendments regard changes to the Transitional Aid to Families with Dependent Children (TAFDC) and Emergency Aid to the Elderly, Disabled and Children (EAEDC) nonfinancial eligibility rules including the expansion of work participation options for certain immigrants receiving TAFDC benefits on behalf of their children. They allow that upon reapplication TAFDC clients may receive another 60 days to look for work before work program enrollment.

The regulations also streamline immunization and nonquestioned citizenship verification, and clarify acceptable TAFDC living arrangements. Also, if it is not in the child's best interest, relative caregivers are no longer required to cooperate with child support enforcement.

The amendments allow the use of new disability verification tools for TAFDC and EAEDC clients and clarify EAEDC eligibility for certain noncitizen children.

All persons desiring to submit data, views or arguments concerning these proposed actions shall file the same with the Policy Program Support, Department of Transitional Assistance, 600 Washington Street, 5th floor Boston, Massachusetts 02111, or via E-mail

DTA.LegalNoticeComment@MassMail.State.MA.US, on or before **8/11/23 @ 5pm**.

It is anticipated that these regulations will not go into effect before **8/18/23**.

All persons desiring to review the current draft of the proposed actions may go to www.mass.gov/dta/legalnotices, request a copy in writing to the above address, via E-mail DTA.LegalNoticeComment@MassMail.State.MA.US or by phone (617)-348-8470.

The Department may adopt a revised version of the proposed actions taking into account relevant comments and any other practical alternatives which come to the Department's attention.

By Order of the Department of Transitional Assistance

Jeff McCue, DTA Commissioner

7/19/2023

Small Business Impact Statement*(As required by M.G.L. c. 30A §§ 2, 3 & 5)***106 CMR 702.000 Transitional Cash Assistance Programs The Eligibility Process, 106 CMR 703.000 Transitional Cash Assistance Programs Nonfinancial Eligibility, 106 CMR 707.000 Transitional Cash Assistance Programs: Pathways to Work****Estimate of the Number of Small Businesses Impacted by the Regulation: None.****Select Yes or No and Briefly Explain**

Yes <input type="checkbox"/>	No <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Will small businesses have to create, file, or issue additional reports?
Yes <input type="checkbox"/>	No <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Will small businesses have to implement additional recordkeeping procedures?
Yes <input type="checkbox"/>	No <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Will small businesses have to provide additional administrative oversight?
Yes <input type="checkbox"/>	No <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Will small businesses have to hire additional employees in order to comply with the proposed regulation?
Yes <input type="checkbox"/>	No <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Does compliance with the regulation require small businesses to hire other professionals (e.g. a lawyer, accountant, engineer, etc.)?
Yes <input type="checkbox"/>	No <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Does the regulation require small businesses to purchase a product or make any other capital investments in order to comply with the regulation?
Yes <input type="checkbox"/>	No <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	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.)
Yes <input type="checkbox"/>	No <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Do any other regulations duplicate or conflict with the proposed regulation?
Yes <input type="checkbox"/>	No <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Does the regulation require small businesses to cooperate with audits, inspections or other regulatory enforcement activities?
Yes <input type="checkbox"/>	No <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Does the regulation require small businesses to provide educational services to keep up to date with regulatory requirements?
Yes <input type="checkbox"/>	No <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Is the regulation likely to <i>deter</i> the formation of small businesses in Massachusetts?
Yes <input type="checkbox"/>	No <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Is the regulation likely to <i>encourage</i> the formation of small businesses in Massachusetts?

Yes <input type="checkbox"/>	No <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Does the regulation provide for less stringent compliance or reporting requirements for small businesses?
Yes <input type="checkbox"/>	No <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Does the regulation establish less stringent schedules or deadlines for compliance or reporting requirements for small businesses?
Yes <input type="checkbox"/>	No <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Did the agency consolidate or simplify compliance or reporting requirements for small businesses?
Yes <input type="checkbox"/>	No <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Can performance standards for small businesses replace design or operational standards without hindering delivery of the regulatory objective?
Yes <input type="checkbox"/>	No <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Are there alternative regulatory methods that would minimize the adverse impact on small businesses?