

# Proposed Amendments to Regulations on MCAS and Competency Determination - 2025 Public Comment

Public comment on the MCAS and Competency Determination Regulations may be submitted by completing the form below, or by emailing the address below, or by mail to: Regulations Public Comment, c/o Commissioner’s Office, Department of Elementary and Secondary Education, 135 Santilli Highway, Everett, MA 02154. The public comment is **April 4, 2025 at 5:00 pm**. The Board is expected to vote on the proposed amendments at its regular monthly meeting scheduled for **May 20, 2025**.

Key Information:

- Link to Proposed Amendments to Current Regulations: [item4.1-a603crm30-strikethrough.docx](#)
- Regulatory Authority: 603 CMR 30.00: M.G.L. c. 69, §§ 1B and 1D; St. 2003, c.140, §119
- Summary of Proposed Amendments: In summary, the proposed amendments include the following: align the regulations to the new statutory language; change the minimum requirements to earn the competency determination; add “an additional area determined by the Board”; offer options to address students’ need
- Email Address to Submit Public Comment or Questions: [Competency.Determination@Mass.gov](mailto:Competency.Determination@Mass.gov)

1. Contact information \*

First Name

Last Name

Email Address (or other contact information)

2. Please indicate your role(s)

- District Administrator
- Member of an advocacy organization
- Parent/Community Member
- School Administrator
- Student
- Teacher
- Other - Write In \*

3. Organization/Affiliation (if applicable)

4. Who are you submitting on behalf of?

- Myself
- The organization I identified in the previous question.

5. Please characterize your level of support for each of the following aspects of the proposed regulations changes, as well as your overall level of support for the proposed regulations changes.

	In support of the proposed amendments	Mixed support, with specific suggestions to change aspects of the language	In opposition
For the proposed changes to section 30.02: "Definitions"			
For the proposed changes to section 30.03: "Standards for Competency Determination"			
For the addition of section 30.04: "District			

**Certification"**

**For the addition of section 30.05: "Audit"**

**Overall**

6. Please write any comments regarding the proposed amendments to section 30.02: "Definitions".
7. Please write any comments regarding the proposed amendments to section 30.03: "Standards for Competency Determination".
8. Please write any comments regarding the proposed addition of section 30.04: "District Certification".
9. Please write any comments regarding the proposed addition of section 30.05: "Audit".
10. Please write your comments regarding the proposed amendments overall.
11. If you have any other comments on any other aspects of the proposed regulations changes, please write them here.

12. On behalf of the Board of Elementary and Secondary Education, the Department of Elementary and Secondary Education is seeking p  
question:

In addition to the pathway proposed in the amendments to the regulations, the Department of Elementary and Secondary Education is seek  
question of whether to include a second, alternate pathway for earning the competency determination. The second pathway would be an a  
students. It would be based on earning a qualifying score on the relevant high school MCAS assessment, which high school students are r

13. If you would like to provide any supporting documentation, please upload it here.  
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