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READING LIST ANNOUNCEMENT – PLEASE POST PROMINENTLY

TO: Commissioner Shawn Jenkins, Department of Correction
FROM: Regina Caggiano, Director of Civil Service
DATE: May 18, 2026
SUBJECT: Reading List for Correction Officer III Examination

CORRECTION OFFICER III

EXAMINATION DATE – WEDNESDAY, November 18, 2026

This reading list will pertain to the Human Resource Division Written Examination for Correction Officer III administered on November 18, 2026.

Candidates are responsible for reading all the texts and other materials listed below and on all pages of this announcement. Please note carefully which edition and/or date of publication is listed for each item. All technical knowledge examination questions will be based on these materials.

Code of Massachusetts Regulations (103 CMR), as amended through the release date of this reading list, in accordance with the “Effective Date” of the policy listed below.

403 CMR (6/30/2017)
430 CMR (3/22/2019)
481 CMR (11/25/2022)
483 CMR (10/19/2018)
486 CMR (9/25/2015)
505 CMR (1/6/2023)

Commonwealth of Massachusetts Department of Correction (103 DOC), as amended through the release date of this reading list, in accordance with the “Effective Date” of the policy listed below.

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DOC 101 (10/14/2025)
DOC 119 (1/21/2025): include Attachment #1
DOC 210A (1/21/2025)
DOC 222 (1/16/2026)
DOC 225 (10/4/2022)
DOC 400 (10/28/2025)
DOC 401 (10/28/2025)
DOC 404 (4/9/2025): 404.08 only
DOC 427 (1/6/2025)
DOC 428 (1/6/2025)
DOC 501 (9/3/2025)
DOC 502 (12/13/2023)
DOC 504 (8/4/2025)
DOC 506 (2/25/2023)
DOC 507 (10/28/2025)
DOC 508 (3/18/2024)
DOC 509 (7/3/2025)
DOC 511 (4/3/2023)
DOC 512 (4/18/2024)
DOC 513 (9/3/2025)
DOC 519 (9/2/2025)
DOC 520 (10/28/2025)
DOC 521 (8/21/2025)
DOC 525 (3/4/2026)
DOC 527 (1/22/2025)
DOC 530 (3/26/2024)
DOC 540 (4/12/2024)
DOC 550 (7/3/2025)
DOC 560 (1/25/2023)
DOC 562 (1/1/2025)
DOC 622 (3/29/2021): 622.01, 622.02, 622.03, 622.04, 622.05, 622.06, 622.07, and 622.08 only
DOC 650 (10/28/2025): 650.05, 650.08, 650.09, 650.10, 650.11, 650.12, 650.13, 650.14, 650.15, 650.17, and 650.18 only
DOC 730 (1/1/2025): 730.04, 730.05, and 730.14 only

Note: All Attachments are EXCLUDED unless otherwise noted

Standard Operating Procedures (103 SOP), as amended through the release date of this reading list, in accordance with the “Effective Date” of the policy listed below.

SOP 505 (10/28/2025) Cell/Area Extractions

SOP 505 (10/28/2025) De-escalation Techniques

SOP 505 (10/28/25) MPTC Use of Force Model, Totality Triangle, and Defensive Tactics

Training Academy Material on Report Writing (August 2023), as amended through the release date of this reading list.

Entire sections:

- III. Purpose of a Report
- IV. Seven Essentials of Report Writing
- V. The Five Requirements
- VI. Structure of the Report
- VII. Identifying Common Report Writing Errors

Rules and Regulations Governing All Employees of the Massachusetts Department of Correction (“Blue Book”), as amended through the release date of this reading list.

Entire Source

All above reading materials are found within the DOC Intranet and PowerDMS. Check with your agency for assistance in locating a copy.

Workplace Gold: Strategies for Improving Employee Morale, Accountability and Performance. Glidden, Ronald C. (2020). South Wellfleet, MA: Gold Badge Publishing.

- Chapters 2-10
- Chapter 11: exclude pg. 74-78 (“Discipline” up to “The Accountability Cycle”)
- Chapter 12
- Chapter 14
- Chapters 17-19

PUBLISHERS OF READING LIST TEXTS

Workplace Gold: Strategies for Improving Employee Morale, Accountability and Performance.
Glidden, Ronald C. (2020). South Wellfleet, MA: Gold Badge Publishing
[Workplace Gold — Glidden Training & Consulting, LLC](#)

Note: Check back on the Civil Service Exams webpage for E&E and Situational Judgement Test (SJT) Examination Guides coming soon! View the examination schedule.

Please note that the Human Resources Division does not recommend specific retailers for the purchase of reading list texts. For local vendors, contact the publishers at the telephone number or website listed. Many local retailers will be able to special-order any text not carried in stock.

Any questions regarding the reading list may be directed to Shelagh Herbert at shelagh.herbert@mass.gov. A copy of the reading list is posted on the Human Resources Division’s Civil Service Unit website. [Examination Preparation Guides and Reading Lists | Mass.gov](#)