

205 CMR 106.00: INFORMATION AND FILINGS

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106.01: Offices; Hours

The commission will post on its website and update the address of the main office and the office hours of the commission and the bureau and the address and contact information for public information about the commission.

106.02: Communications; Notices

(1) Except as otherwise provided by 205 CMR 101.00, or as specified by the commission on its website, all applications, papers, process or correspondence relating to the commission or the bureau shall be addressed to, submitted to, filed with or served upon the commission or the bureau, respectively, at its main office.

(2) Service of process upon the commission or the bureau shall be made in accordance with Mass. R. Civ. P. 4(d)(3).

(3) Service of all papers, documents, notices and pleadings in adjudicatory proceedings conducted by or on behalf of the commission or the bureau shall be made in accordance with 205 CMR 101.00: *M.G.L. c. 23K Adjudicatory Proceedings*.

(4) Except as set forth in 205 CMR 106.03, all other applications, papers, documents, notices, correspondence or filings shall be deemed to have been received by the commission when delivered to the main office of the commission or to the chair, a commissioner, or such employee or employees of the commission as may be designated by the chair and posted on the commission's website. Except as set forth in 205 CMR 106.03, all other applications, papers, documents, notices, correspondence or filings shall be deemed to have been received by the bureau when delivered to the main office of the bureau or to the deputy director or such employee, employees, or agents of the bureau as may be specified by 205 CMR 101.00: *M.G.L. c. 23K Adjudicatory Proceedings* or as may be designated by the deputy director as posted on the commission's website.

(5) Except as otherwise specifically provided by M.G.L. chs. 23K , 23N or 205 CMR 101.00 the commission or the bureau as applicable:

- (a) will send any notice of public hearing and any decision of the commission or the bureau concerning a specific applicant, licensee or registrant to the applicant, licensee or registrant either by in hand delivery, by mail, or by electronic mail to the address shown in the most recent application or notice of change of address received from such person; and
- (b) may send any other papers, documents, notices, or correspondence by any method specified in 205 CMR 106.02(5)(a) or by first class mail, postage prepaid. Notices from the commission or the bureau shall be deemed to have been received upon the earlier of in hand delivery, electronic mail transmission, or deposit in the United States mail, postage prepaid, and the time specified in any such notice shall commence to run from that date.

(6) Any applicant or person or entity holding a license or registration issued by the commission shall have an ongoing duty to report any change of mailing address, email address, or other contact information to the commission. The contact information on file at the commission shall be deemed accurate for purposes of service of any notification required to be provided including that required by 205 CMR, M.G.L. c. 30A, and/or M.G.L. chs. 23K and 23N.

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(7) Any applicant, licensee or registrant who desires to have notices or other communications from the commission or the bureau sent to an address other than that specified in the most recent application or notice of change of address on file with the commission and the bureau shall file with the commission and the bureau a written notice of change of address, and, within a reasonable time after receipt thereof by the commission and the bureau, subsequent notices and other communications from the commission or the bureau will be sent to the applicant, licensee or registrant at such address.

106.03: Electronic Filing by Applicants during RFA-1 and RFA-2 Processes

(1) The commission shall develop and post on its website administrative procedures pursuant to which all applications, papers, documents, correspondence and other information submitted by an applicant to the commission or the bureau during the RFA-1 process pursuant to 205 CMR 115.00: *Phase 1 Suitability Determinations, Standards and Procedures* and the RFA-2 process described in 205 CMR 110.00: *Issuance of Request for Category 1 and Category 2 License Applications* must be filed by electronic means as provided therein. Any document required by 205 CMR 101.00 to be signed or notarized shall be signed or notarized, scanned and submitted in PDF form. All applicants must comply with those administrative procedures.

(2) All such electronic submissions shall be made in PDF format. Subject to technological limitations, all such submissions shall be machine-readable and text searchable.

(3) In accordance with the administrative procedures, electronic submission may be made via the internet or by filing at the main office of the commission or the bureau, as applicable, a disk containing the electronic submission. For electronic submissions via the internet, the commission or the bureau will electronically transmit a Notice of Electronic Filing which will constitute confirmation of the filing of the submission with the commission or the bureau as applicable. In the event the applicant does not receive a Notice of Electronic Filing, it is the applicant's duty to take appropriate measures to confirm timely receipt of the electronic submission by the commission or the bureau as applicable.

(4) Electronic filing via the internet will be generally available 24 hours a day; however, that availability shall not alter any filing deadline, whether set by regulation, commission or bureau order, or the RFA itself. All electronic submissions of documents must be completed prior to 5:00 P.M. to be considered timely filed that day.

106.04: Petitions for Adoption, Amendment or Repeal of Regulations

(1) Any interested person may file a petition with the commission pursuant to M.G.L. c. 30A, § 4, for the adoption, amendment or repeal of any regulation. Such petition shall be in writing, be signed by the petitioner or petitioner's attorney, be submitted to the commission at its main office, and include the following information:

- (a) The name and address of the petitioner and the petitioner's attorney;
- (b) The substance of the requested adoption, amendment or repeal of a regulation;
- (c) The reasons for the request;
- (d) The specific interest of the petitioner affected by the requested regulation;
- (e) Reference to the statutory authority under which the commission may take the requested action; and
- (f) Such data, views and arguments as the petitioner thinks pertinent to the request.

(2) After receipt of a petition for the adoption, amendment or repeal of a regulation submitted in accordance with 205 CMR 106.04(1), the commission may consider the petition at an open meeting pursuant to M.G.L. c. 30A, § 20, and determine, in its discretion, whether or not to take any action on or as a result of the petition. At the meeting the commission may, but shall not be required to, entertain comments or questions from members of the public pursuant to M.G.L. c. 30A, § 20(f). Within 20 days after the meeting, the commission will notify the petitioner as to its determination, if any, concerning the petition. The commission may, but is not required to, explain the reasons for any determination on a petition.

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(3) The submission of a petition for the adoption, amendment or repeal of any regulation pursuant to 205 CMR 106.04(1), and any action, inaction, determination or notice by the commission pursuant to 205 CMR 106.04(2) with respect thereto, shall not constitute a regulation and shall confer no legal rights, duties or privileges whatsoever on the petitioner or any other person.

106.05: Advisory Services and Advisory Rulings

The commission may, in its discretion, provide advisory services pursuant to M.G.L. c. 23K, § 4(7), or make advisory rulings pursuant to M.G.L. c. 30A, § 8.

REGULATORY AUTHORITY

205 CMR 106.00: M.G.L. c. 23K, §§ 4(7), (37); 5; and c. 30A, §§ 4, 8.