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NOTICE OF COMMENT PERIOD

Notice is hereby given pursuant to [M.G.L. c. 69, § 30](#) and the Massachusetts Board of Higher Education's [Policy Establishing a Process for Public Comment on Articles of Organization and Foreign Certificates of Institutions of Higher Education](#) that the Massachusetts Department of Higher Education will open a comment period relative to **the revocation of the degree-granting authority of Bay State College** in the Commonwealth.

Bay State College ("Bay State"), formerly located in Boston, MA, was an independent institution of higher education, accredited by the New England Commission on Higher Education. Bay State was founded in 1946 and was authorized by the Massachusetts Board of Higher Education to confer the Associate in Applied Science in Accounting, Associate in Applied Science in Business Administration, Associate in Applied Science in Computer Internet Management, Associate in Applied Science in Court and Conference Reporting, Associate in Applied Science in Entertainment Management, Associate in Applied Science in Executive Office Administration, Associate in Applied Science in Fashion Design, Associate in Applied Science in Fashion-Retailing-Merchandising, Associate in Applied Science in Hospitality Management, Associate in Applied Science in Information Technology, Associate in Applied Science in Legal Office Administration, Associate in Applied Science in Medical Office Administration, Associate in Applied Science in Retail Management, Associate in Applied Science in Office Management, Associate in Applied Science in Travel/Tourism, Associate in Science in Criminal Justice, Associate in Science in Early Childhood Education, Associate in Science in Environmental Health Technician, Associate in Science in Health Studies, Associate in Science in Medical Assisting, Associate in Science in Medical Laboratory Technician, Associate in Science in Nursing, Associate in Science in Occupational Therapist Assistant, Associate in Science in Physical Therapist Assistant, Associate in Science in Social and Human Services, Bachelor of Science in Criminal Justice, Bachelor of Science in Entertainment Management, Bachelor of Science in Fashion Merchandising, Bachelor of Science in Information Technology, Bachelor of Science in Management, Bachelor of Science in Nursing, and the Honorary degree of Bachelor of Humane Letters.

In April 2023, the Department of Higher Education received confirmation from the College that it would cease academic operations following the decision by the New England Commission on Higher Education to withdraw its accreditation effective August 31, 2023. Bay State provided support and transitional services to students until it ceased operations on August 31, 2023.

The public comment period for the revocation of Bay State College's authority in Massachusetts begins on Friday, September 8, 2023, and will close three weeks thereafter, on Friday, September 29, 2023.

Written comments on the proposed revocation may be submitted at any time prior to 5:00pm on September 29, 2023, by directing the same to the following:

Email:

PublicComment@dhe.mass.edu

Postal Mail:

Massachusetts Department of Higher Education
One Ashburton Place
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Attn: Kristen Stone, Director for Academic and Veterans Affairs

Please submit electronic comments as an attached Word document and type "Bay State College Revocation" in the subject line. All submissions must include the sender's full name and address. For special accommodations for the submission of public comments or information regarding the submission of public comments in an alternative format, please contact Kristen Stone at kstone@dhe.mass.edu.