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2026 Municipal Police Officer and MBTA Transit Police Officer Examination (March)

Please find the key dates and other information for the examination.

This examination is being held to establish an eligible list from which to fill Police Officer vacancies in Civil Service Municipal Police Departments and the MBTA Transit Police in the Commonwealth of Massachusetts. Please note that this posting includes information specific to the positions of Municipal Police Officer and MBTA Transit Police.

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Key Dates

Application (<https://www.governmentjobs.com/careers/massachusetts/jobs/5148618-0/2026-police-officer-march>) Period Begins: December 22, 2025

Application Deadline: February 2, 2026

Notices to Appear for Examination: February 20, 2026

Written Examination Period: March 11, 2026 through March 14, 2026*

Score Release Date: TBD

Employment/Experience (E/E) Last Day to Appeal: TBD

Eligible List Establishment Date: TBD

*The examination period may be extended depending on the number of candidates.

Note: March 11, 2026 will be the original examination date for statutory purposes, please see the poster for more details.

Examination location: Various sites across the Commonwealth

Eligibility: Entry-level, open to public

Examination Fees and Fee Waiver Information

Examination Fee for Municipal Police & Transit Police (MBTA): \$75

[Examination Fee Waiver Form Available](#)

Online ([/doc/civil-service-exam-fee-waiver-form/download?_ga=2.145351351.2067514002.1660654637-1896341501.1588598546](https://doc/civil-service-exam-fee-waiver-form/download?_ga=2.145351351.2067514002.1660654637-1896341501.1588598546)).

Additional Resources

[2026 Municipal Police Officer and MBTA Transit Police Officer Examination \(March\) Poster](#)

(<https://www.mass.gov/doc/2026-police-and-mbta-officer-march-poster/download>)

[2026 Municipal Police Officer and MBTA Transit Police Officer Examination \(March\) Flyers - Coming Soon!](#)

(<https://www.mass.gov/info-details/2025-municipal-police-officer-mbta-transit-police-officer-and-state-trooper-examination-flyers>)

2026 Municipal Police Officer and MBTA Transit Police Officer Examination Preparation Guide

(https://www.mass.gov/guides/examination-guides-and-reading-lists?_gl=1%2A1tv7sih%2A_ga%2AMTI4Njc2NzQzNS4xNzY0OTYyMTMy%2A_ga_MCLPEGW7WM%2AczE3NjU1NTQ)

What you should expect in Physical Ability Test (PAT)

([https://www.mass.gov/guides/schedule-physical-ability-test-pat-for-fire-and-police-departments#-what-you-should-expect-in-physical-ability-test-\(pat-\)](https://www.mass.gov/guides/schedule-physical-ability-test-pat-for-fire-and-police-departments#-what-you-should-expect-in-physical-ability-test-(pat-)))

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Next Steps

- Review the information provided in the:
 - Police Officer Written Examination Preparation Guide
 - Police Officer Physical Ability Test (PAT) Preparation Guide
- Apply** (<https://www.governmentjobs.com/careers/massachusetts/jobs/5148618-0/2026-police-officer-march>) for the examination beginning on December 22, 2025
 - You will receive two confirmation emails when you have completed the process: one email confirming your application has been received, and one email confirming your payment has been received.
 - Your application is not complete until you have received both confirmation emails.
- A notice to appear for the examination will be emailed to candidates two weeks before the examination date. The notice will tell you the location and the time to appear for your examination. Please check your junk or spam mail folder for the email before contacting this office.
- On the examination date, please make sure you have read and complied with all the instructions provided on the notice to appear.
- Examination results will be sent by email.
- Once you have received your score, review the notice in its entirety to make sure all information is accurate. Pay close attention to the section titled additional employment locations for detailed instructions to select additional employment locations.
- Candidates will be able to view their ranking on the eligible list, once it has been established.

2026 Police Officer Examination Information Sessions

Upcoming Events			
Event	Date	Time	Location
Worcester Police Officer Information Session (/event/worcester-police-officer-information-session-01-08-2026)	1/8/26	6PM - 8PM	Worcester Police Department Training Center, 9-11 Lincoln Square, Worcester, MA 01608
Worcester Police Officer Information Session (/event/worcester-police-officer-information-session-01-15-2026)	1/15/26	6PM - 8PM	Worcester Police Department Training Center, 9-11 Lincoln Square, Worcester, MA 01608
Worcester Police Officer Information Session (/event/worcester-police-officer-information-session-01-22-2026)	1/22/26	6PM - 8PM	Worcester Police Department Training Center, 9-11 Lincoln Square, Worcester, MA 01608

Please find the [previous open house list \(/orgs/civil-service/events/past?_page=1\)](/orgs/civil-service/events/past?_page=1) here.

Note

Please make sure your current email address is associated with your Civil Service online account. For instructions on how to make changes to your account, click here [How to update Your Account Contact Information \(/how-to/update-your-account-contact-information\)](#). All notices are sent by email. Please check your junk or spam mail folder for the email before contacting this office. You are also able to view all email notices sent to you from our office by logging into your Civil Service account and viewing your inbox.

Contact

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[Log in to my Civil Service Online account](https://www.governmentjobs.com/careers/massachusetts/applications/submitted) (https://www.governmentjobs.com/careers/massachusetts/applications/submitted)

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[Directions](https://maps.google.com/?q=100+Cambridge+Street%2C+Suite+600%2C+Boston%2C+MA+02114) (https://maps.google.com/?q=100+Cambridge+Street%2C+Suite+600%2C+Boston%2C+MA+02114)

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[Age requirements for entry-level public safety positions](#) (/info-details/age-requirements-for-entry-level-public-safety-positions)

[Physical Ability Test \(PAT\) Event](#)

(https://www.mass.gov/guides/schedule-physical-ability-test-pat-for-fire-and-police-departments#-what-you-should-expect-in-physical-ability-test-(pat)-)

[Your Police Career in Massachusetts Begins Here](#) (/info-details/your-police-career-in-massachusetts-begins-here)

[Residency preference for Civil Service police and fire jobs](#) (/info-details/residency-preference-for-civil-service-police-and-fire-jobs)

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