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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 Johnson & Wales University** (at the request of Johnson & Wales University) in the Commonwealth.

Johnson & Wales University ("JWU"), of Providence, Rhode Island, was approved by the Board of Higher Education to offer an on-the-ground program in Massachusetts in 2012. Specifically, JWU was approved to offer the Bachelor of Science in Equine Business Management and the Bachelor of Science in Equine Business Management with Riding at the University's Center for Equine Studies located in Rehoboth, Massachusetts. Subsequently, JWU was approved to offer the Bachelor of Science in Equine Science at that location. In September 2022, JWU notified the Department of Higher Education that it would cease its operations in Massachusetts following the conclusion of the 2024-2025 academic year. There are no active JWU faculty or staff at the Rehoboth campus, and there are no students currently enrolled at this location.

The public comment period for the revocation of Johnson & Wales University's authority in Massachusetts begins on August 21, 2025, and will close three weeks thereafter, on September 11, 2025.

Written comments on the proposed amendments may be submitted at any time prior to 5:00pm on September 11, 2025, by directing the same to the following:

Email:

PublicComment@dhe.mass.edu

Postal Mail:

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Attn: Kristen Stone, Ed.D., Director for Academic and Veterans Affairs

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