

Massachusetts

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<p>OFFICIAL STATUS</p> <p>X</p> <p>No change since the 2007 report</p>	<p>AUTHENTICATION</p> <p>X</p> <p>No change since the 2007 report</p>
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Massachusetts online legal resources are not official.
The commonwealth's online versions of the statutory code, administrative regulations, and judicial opinions all contain express disclaimers of official status. The online session laws are silent on this point.

Massachusetts is not addressing the authentication of online legal resources.
No authentication measures were found to be currently in place or planned.

Has the state eliminated the print publication of any of these titles in favor of online only since the 2007 report? No print publications have been eliminated.

Has the state enacted legislation guaranteeing the public's permanent access to state online government information since the 2007 report? No enacted or pending legislation could be found.

Have courts in your state adopted a medium neutral citation system since the 2007 report? The Supreme Judicial Court has made public the *Style Manual* used by the Justices, their law clerks and the staff of the office of Reporter of Decisions. The citation rules in the *Style Manual* apparently are not mandatory, as they are described in the introduction as "guidelines" that "may be useful to those preparing appellate briefs." The *Style Manual* is available at <http://www.massreports.com/sjstyle08.pdf>.

Have there been any other significant changes to the 2007 state summary? The commercial *Code of Massachusetts Regulations*, formerly published by Weil, is now published by Matthew Bender under the title *Massachusetts Administrative Code*.