



# Bulletin

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## **ANNUAL FISCAL YEAR WAIVERS TO EDUCATION REFORM SPENDING REQUIREMENTS AND MINIMUM REQUIRED LOCAL CONTRIBUTIONS**

TO: Mayors/Selectmen  
Regional School Superintendents

FROM: Sean R. Cronin, Senior Deputy Commissioner

DATE: July 2015

SUBJECT: FY2016 Waivers to Education Reform Spending Requirements and Minimum Required Local Contributions

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This *Bulletin* advises local officials that application for waivers from FY2016 Education Reform Spending Requirements and Minimum Required Local Contributions may be submitted until October 1, 2015. The types of waivers available and qualifying criteria for them are explained in Informational [Guideline Release \(IGR\) No. 15-301, \*Annual Fiscal Year Waivers to Education Reform Spending Requirements and Minimum Required Local Contributions\*](#). The application form and directions are found on page 2 of this *Bulletin*.

This *Bulletin* also announces the amount needed for a municipality to qualify for a municipal revenue growth factor waiver. That waiver requires that a municipality's revenue growth factor be greater than 1.5 times the state average. See Section A-3 of [IGR 15-301](#). Therefore, to qualify for the waiver in FY2016, a municipality's revenue growth factor must be greater than **6.14**.

EDUCATION REFORM WAIVER FORM

DIVISION OF LOCAL SERVICES

Please indicate below the type of waiver you are applying for and the documentation enclosed. Return this form with the required data along with a letter of request to Sean R. Cronin, Senior Deputy Commissioner. This letter should provide a brief explanation of your reason(s) for requesting a waiver and must be signed by the selectmen, city council, mayor, or regional school superintendent whichever is applicable. **Applications must be postmarked by October 1, 2015.** If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact Melinda Ordway at (617) 626-2361.

Please remit this form and cover letter to the attention of:

Melinda Ordway  
Division of Local Services  
P.O. Box 9569  
Boston, MA 02114-9569

**Type of Waiver**

**Data Required**

Revenue waiver

\_\_\_\_\_ Balance sheet as of June 30 for the prior fiscal year  
\_\_\_\_\_ Form B-2 for the current fiscal year tax recapitulation sheet  
\_\_\_\_\_ Page 2 (actual or estimated to date) from the current fiscal year tax recapitulation sheet

Expenditure waiver

\_\_\_\_\_ Balance sheet as of June 30 for the prior fiscal year  
\_\_\_\_\_ Letter from town accountant/city auditor certifying amounts to be raised in the current fiscal year  
\_\_\_\_\_ Page 2 (actual or estimated to date) from the current fiscal year tax recapitulation sheet

Municipal Revenue Growth Factor waiver

\_\_\_\_\_ Form LA13 for the current fiscal year  
\_\_\_\_\_ Actual prior fiscal year local receipts from the current fiscal year tax recapitulation sheet

Regional School Revenue waiver

\_\_\_\_\_ Balance sheet as of June 30 for the prior fiscal year  
\_\_\_\_\_ Assessment calculations for the prior and current fiscal years