

**.10 Alternatives to 4-year Enrollment Requirement.**

A. (text unchanged)

B. Early College Admission Program. A student may receive a Maryland High School Diploma through acceptance in the early college admission program, if:

(1)—(4) (text unchanged)

(5) [At the conclusion of a full year of study.] *At the conclusion of the program or after 1 year*, a written request for a Maryland High School Diploma is submitted to the superintendent together with a transcript or letter from the college to the high school principal indicating that the student has successfully completed a year of college work.

C. (text unchanged)

**.12 General Provisions.**

A. (text unchanged)

B. Graduation Requirements for Transfer Students.

(1) (text unchanged)

(2) Maryland High School Assessment Exemption Requirements.

(a) A student who transfers from a nonpublic school or a school out of State is exempt from one or more of the Maryland High School Assessments if, consistent with local school system policy and procedure, [the principal of] the [Maryland public school in which the student enrolls] *local superintendent* determines that the course taken is aligned with the relevant Maryland High School Assessment and awards the student credit for taking any of the courses aligned with the Maryland High School Assessments, that is, algebra, [biology] *science*, English, or government, or all of these, in accordance with the principles set forth in §B(2)(c) of this regulation.

(b) (text unchanged)

(c) To award credit for taking any of the courses aligned with the Maryland High School Assessments, that is, algebra, [biology] *science*, English, or government, a principal shall determine through the following considerations whether the transfer student demonstrates subject matter knowledge aligned with the content standards for the subject:

(i)—(iv) (text unchanged)

(d)—(e) (text unchanged)

(3)—(4) (text unchanged)

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**Title 14**

**INDEPENDENT AGENCIES**

**Subtitle 29 MARYLAND HERITAGE  
AREAS AUTHORITY**

**14.29.03 Designation of Certified Heritage Areas**

Authority: Financial Institutions Article, §§13-1107(6) and 13-1111(b),  
Annotated Code of Maryland

Notice of Proposed Action  
[17-285-P]

The Maryland Heritage Areas Authority (MHAA) proposes to repeal existing Regulation .06 and adopt new Regulation .06 under COMAR 14.29.03 Designation of Certified Heritage Areas.

**Statement of Purpose**

The purpose of this action is to repeal and replace COMAR 14.29.03.06, which requires that all proposed revisions to a

management plan for a certified heritage area, including all certified heritage area boundary amendments, must be reviewed and approved under the same formal regulatory procedures established for review and approval of an original management plan. MHAA, in coordination with the Maryland Coalition of Heritage Areas, have determined that certain management plan revisions—including (i) non-substantial revisions and (ii) heritage area boundary amendments contemplated in the management plan—should be subject to less formal review and approval procedures. The replacement language establishes these less formal procedures, while maintaining that proposals to either (i) substantially revise a management plan or (ii) add land to a heritage area not contemplated in the management plan must adhere to the more formal review and approval procedures. These changes will create efficiencies for the MHAA, local jurisdictions located within certified heritage areas, and heritage area management entities.

**Comparison to Federal Standards**

There is no corresponding federal standard to this proposed action.

**Estimate of Economic Impact**

The proposed action has no economic impact.

**Economic Impact on Small Businesses**

The proposed action has minimal or no economic impact on small businesses.

**Impact on Individuals with Disabilities**

The proposed action has no impact on individuals with disabilities.

**Opportunity for Public Comment**

Comments may be sent to Jennifer Ruffner, Administrator, Maryland Heritage Area Authority c/o Maryland Historical Trust, 100 Community Place, 3rd Fl., Crownsville, MD 21032-20123, or call 410-697-9586, or email to jen.ruffner@maryland.gov, or fax to 410-697-9616. Comments will be accepted through December 27, 2017. A public hearing has not been scheduled.

**.06 Revisions to Management Plans and Certified Heritage Area Boundaries.**

**A. Definitions.**

(1) In this regulation, the following terms have the meanings indicated.

(2) **Terms Defined.**

(a) "Administrative revision" means a revision of or change to an approved management plan for a certified heritage area that relates to the administration of the heritage area by the heritage area management entity and does not revise or change the management plan's themes, areas of focus, goals and objectives, or other programmatic components.

(b) "Programmatic revision" means a revision of or change to an approved management plan for a certified heritage area that revises or changes the management plan's themes, areas of focus, goals and objectives, or other programmatic components.

**B. Administrative Revisions to Approved Management Plans.**

(1) A management entity for a certified heritage area may propose an administrative revision to the approved management plan for the heritage area by:

- (a) Submitting the proposal to the Authority in writing; and
- (b) Providing a copy of the submission to each local jurisdiction located within the heritage area.

(2) Within 90 days after receipt of a proposal made under this section, the Authority shall:

- (a) Complete its review of the proposal;
- (b) Determine whether the proposal would adequately carry out the purposes of Financial Institutions Article, §§13-1101—13-1124, Annotated Code of Maryland;

(c) Approve, approve with conditions, or disapprove the proposal; and

(d) Send written notice to the management entity of the action taken by the Authority on the proposal.

**C. Programmatic Revisions to Approved Management Plans and Certain Changes to Certified Heritage Area Boundaries.**

(1) This section applies to a proposal to:

(a) Make a programmatic revision to the approved management plan for a certified heritage area; or

(b) Amend or revise the boundaries of a certified heritage area to include property not contemplated in the approved management plan for inclusion in the certified heritage area.

(2) For a proposal to which this section applies, the proposal shall:

(a) Be approved by the heritage area management entity;

(b) Be approved by resolution, ordinance, or other appropriate authorization issued by the governing body of:

(i) For a revision to a management plan under §C(1)(a) of this regulation, each local jurisdiction located within the certified heritage area; or

(ii) For an amendment or revision to a heritage area boundary under §C(1)(b) of this regulation, each local jurisdiction located within the property proposed to be added to the certified heritage area;

(c) For a proposed boundary amendment, include a revised boundary drawing, revised boundary description, or geographic information system file of the revised boundary; and

(d) Be jointly submitted in writing to the Authority by the management entity and each local jurisdiction from which approval is required under §C(2)(b) of this regulation.

(3) Within 90 days after receiving a proposal under this Section, the Authority shall:

(a) Hold at least one public hearing in the certified heritage area concerning the proposal;

(b) Determine whether the proposal would adequately carry out the purposes of Financial Institutions Article, §§13-1101—13-1124, Annotated Code of Maryland;

(c) Approve, approve with conditions, or disapprove the proposal; and

(d) Send written notice to the management entity and all the local jurisdictions located within the certified heritage area of the action taken by the Authority on the proposal.

**D. Other Boundary Amendments.**

(1) A proposal to amend or revise the boundary of a certified heritage area to either remove property from the heritage area or include within the heritage area property that the approved management plan contemplates for inclusion shall be:

(a) Approved by the heritage area management entity;

(b) Approved by resolution, ordinance, or other appropriate authorization issued by the governing body of each local jurisdiction located within the property proposed to be added to or removed from the certified heritage area; and

(c) Jointly submitted in writing to the Authority by the management area and each such local jurisdiction, which submission shall include a revised boundary drawing, revised boundary description, or geographic information system file of the revised boundary.

(2) Within 90 days after receipt of a proposal made under this section, the Authority shall:

(a) Complete its review of the proposal;

(b) Determine whether the proposal would adequately carry out the purposes of Financial Institutions Article, §§13-1101—13-1124, Annotated Code of Maryland;

(c) Approve, approve with conditions, or disapprove the proposal; and

(d) Send written notice to the management entity and all local jurisdictions located within the property proposed to be added to or removed from the certified heritage area of the action taken by the Authority on the proposal.

**E. Effective Date of Revisions.**

(1) A revision to an approved management plan approved by the Authority under either §B or C of this regulation is effective upon approval of the revision by the Authority.

(2) A boundary amendment or revision approved by the Authority under this regulation is effective upon publication by the Authority in the Maryland Register of the revised boundary drawing, revised boundary description, or Uniform Resource Locator (URL) to a geographic information system file for the revised boundary.

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