TITLE: Consideration of the National Orientation and Mobility Certification to Add the Field of Special Education Orientation and Mobility to an Existing Hawaii Special Education License

The Hawaii Teacher Standards Board approves use of the National Orientation and Mobility Certification to add the field of Special Education Orientation and Mobility to an existing Hawaii Special Education License.

Applicants wishing to add this field must submit verification, in a form specified by the HTSB office, from the Hawaii based Ho`opono Services for the Blind Orientation Center, which is under the approval of the National Blindness Professional Certification Board (NBPCB).

If the Ho`opono Services for the Blind Orientation Center’s approval from the NBPCB lapses, this option will not be accepted to add the field of Special Education Orientation and Mobility.

Applicants using this option to add the field will be eligible in the same license level as their existing Hawaii Special Education license. For example, an individual who holds the Special Education K-12 license who completes the Ho`opono Center program will be granted the Special Education Orientation and Mobility K-12 added field.

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