

TITLE: Acknowledgement of Accrediting Bodies for Institutions of Higher Education

The Hawaii Teacher Standards Board acknowledges the change by the US Department of Education's (US DOE) transition from national and regional accreditation to *institutional* accreditation. This rule became effective on July 1, 2020, and the US DOE's discussion of this change as it relates to licensure states:

We appreciate the commenters' support and believe the State policies referenced* provide further evidence for the need to eliminate the artificial distinction between regional and national accreditation because some of those policies deny opportunities for successful students to enter certain fields, it is incumbent upon State regulators to ensure the laws pertaining to an academic institution's required accreditation to qualify graduates for licensure and the procedures used to implement those laws do not disadvantage students who enroll and complete programs at institutionally accredited institutions.

*Policies that referenced regional and national accreditation.
Federal Register §602.3, published 11/1/2019

Effective immediately, institutional accreditation will be used in the evaluation of license and permit applications, for adding field(s) to licenses and to identify degrees and college credit for coursework. A list of current US DOE institutional accreditors is attached.

This policy does not refer to or affect educator preparation program reviews or accreditation. EPP will continue to use the EPP accreditors identified by HTSB for use in the state approval of teacher education process.

The HTSB Executive Director will work with staff to ensure website and online licensing system references are updated.

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Referred to: Teacher Standards Committee

Accrediting Commission of Career Schools and Colleges	Institutional Accreditor
Accrediting Council for Continuing Education and Training	Institutional Accreditor
Accrediting Council for Independent Colleges and Schools	Institutional Accreditor
Association for Biblical Higher Education, Commission on Accreditation	Institutional Accreditor
Association of Advanced Rabbinical and Talmudic Schools, Accreditation Commission	Institutional Accreditor
Association of Institutions of Jewish Studies	Institutional Accreditor
Council on Occupational Education	Institutional Accreditor
Distance Education Accrediting Commission	Institutional Accreditor
Higher Learning Commission	Institutional Accreditor
Middle States Commission on Higher Education	Institutional Accreditor
Middle States Commission on Secondary Schools	Institutional Accreditor
National Association of Schools of Art and Design, Commission on Accreditation	Institutional Accreditor
National Association of Schools of Dance, Commission on Accreditation	Institutional Accreditor
National Association of Schools of Music, Commission on Accreditation	Institutional Accreditor
National Association of Schools of Theatre, Commission on Accreditation	Institutional Accreditor
New England Commission of Higher Education	Institutional Accreditor
New York State Board of Regents, State Education Department, Office of the Professions (Public Postsecondary Vocational Education, Practical Nursing)	Institutional Accreditor
New York State Board of Regents, and the Commissioner of Education	Institutional Accreditor

Northwest Commission on Colleges and Universities	Institutional Accreditor
Oklahoma Board of Career and Technology Education	Institutional Accreditor
Pennsylvania State Board of Career and Technical Education, Bureau of Career and Technical Education	Institutional Accreditor
Puerto Rico State Agency for the Approval of Public Postsecondary Vocational, Technical Institutions and Programs	Institutional Accreditor
Southern Association of Colleges and Schools, Commission on Colleges	Institutional Accreditor
Transnational Association of Christian Colleges and Schools, Accreditation Commission	Institutional Accreditor
WASC Senior College and University Commission	Institutional Accreditor
Western Association of Schools and Colleges, Accrediting Commission for Community and Junior Colleges	Institutional Accreditor