



HAWAI'I TEACHER
STANDARDS BOARD

YOUR HAWAII TEACHING LICENSE

AFTER RETIREMENT

Congratulations on your retirement! Below you will find answers to the most frequently asked questions about retirement and your teaching license.

1. Can I keep my license active if I'm not currently teaching?

- ❖ Yes! Continue to make your annual payment and your license will remain in good standing.

2. Can I renew my license if I'm retired?

- ❖ Yes, if you have the required current experience. If you don't have the current experience requirement needed to renew, you can apply for a Provisional License. Provisional Licenses are fully recognized. The difference is that they expire every 3 years. You can apply for an unlimited number of provisional licenses.

3. How do I cancel my license?

- ❖ Your license was issued for a specific number of years and requires an annual payment to be in good standing. Your license doesn't go away because you quit teaching – just as driver's license doesn't go away because you quit driving.

4. What happens if I don't make my annual payment?

- ❖ Your license will go into forfeiture and late fees will accrue. If you ever want to activate your license, you will be responsible for all fees and penalties. Many retired teachers choose to return to the classroom as part time teachers. The current law will require you to have a license should you choose to return.

5. What should I do?

- ❖ Only you can make that decision. Think about your personal goals and what will work best for you in this new chapter of your life.

6. I still have questions! Help!

- ❖ Please contact us at htsb@hawaii.gov or (808) 586-2600. We'll do our best to help you understand your options.