

New Business Item 13-14

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TITLE: Hawaii Educator Preparation Program Reporting of Basic Skills and Content Knowledge for Licensure

The Hawaii Teacher Standards Board approves the following process for Hawaii state approved Educator Preparation Programs (EPPs) to verify basic skills and content knowledge for their candidates recommended for licensure:

1. All Hawaii EPPs currently recommend their candidates for licensure within six weeks of program completion on a form specified by HTSB. This form requires the EPP to indicate they have verified their candidates meet basic skills and content knowledge requirements set by the Board in New Business Item 12-29, passed on March 15, 2013:
 - a. For basic skills, candidates are verified to have completed one of the following:
 - i. Passing scores on basic skills licensure test adopted by the Board in Reading, Writing and Mathematics; or
 - ii. Qualifying scores on SAT Reading and Mathematics sections and passing score on PPST Writing test; or
 - iii. Bachelor's degree awarded by an accredited institution of higher education.
 - b. For content knowledge, candidates are verified to have completed one of the following:
 - i. Passing score on licensure test adopted by the Board in the content field; or
 - ii. National Board for Professional Teaching Standards certification in the content field; or
 - iii. Content major consisting of a minimum of thirty semester hours in the content field for a bachelor's degree awarded by an accredited institution of higher education; or
 - iv. A minimum of thirty semester hours in the content field from an accredited institution of higher education, at least fifteen of which must be upper division level; or
 - v. A master's, specialist or doctoral degree in the license field awarded by an accredited institution of higher education.
2. Effective immediately, HTSB will accept the EPPs verification of basic skills and content knowledge as reported on the program completer list and deem the candidate eligible for licensure after they submit an application, meet the

Professional Fitness criteria and pay the license fee. This streamlines the license application process for Hawaii prepared applicants.

3. The HTSB will conduct an annual random audit of the EPP records validating the basic skills and content knowledge requirements, not to exceed ten percent (10%) of the number of yearly program completers of each EPP, but no less than five (5) records per EPP. A program found to be in violation shall be sanctioned, up to and including having their state approval revoked.

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Referred to: Teacher Education Committee