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TITLE: Verification of Basic Skills and Content Knowledge for Licensure

Effective immediately, the Hawaii Teacher Standards Board approves the following options for verifying basic skills and content knowledge for licensure:

Basic skills may be verified by one of the following options:

- Passing scores on basic skills licensure test adopted by the Board in Reading, Writing and Mathematics; or
- Qualifying scores on SAT or ACT Reading and Mathematics sections and passing score on PPST Writing test; or
- Bachelor's degree awarded by an accredited institution of higher education;

Content knowledge may be verified by one of the following options:

- Passing score on licensure test adopted by the Board in the content field; or
- National Board for Professional Teaching Standards certification in the content field; or
- 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
- 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
- A master's, specialist or doctoral degree in the license field awarded by an accredited institution of higher education;
- For Elementary Education K-6 licensure a total of thirty-six semester hours, including nine semester hours in *each* of the following four core content areas: language arts, mathematics, science, and social studies. At least three semester hours in each of the core content areas must be upper division level.

Hawaii teacher, school counselor and school librarian programs may use all of these options for entry and student teaching requirements.

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