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**TITLE: Hawaii Educator Preparation Programs Verification of Basic Skills and Content Knowledge for Licensure**

Effective immediately, the Hawaii Teacher Standards Board approves the following options for all in-state Hawaii Educator Preparation Programs (EPPs) to verify basic skills and content knowledge for licensure:

**Basic skills**

Basic Skills may be verified by one **or more** of the following options:

- Bachelor’s degree awarded by an accredited institution of higher education;
- For educator preparation programs offered at the undergraduate level, the basic skills requirement may be met by individuals who are enrolled as an undergraduate student in a regionally accredited institution of higher education. Each EPP using this option shall specify their basic skills enrollment requirements in their Annual Report to HTSB;
- Passing scores on basic skills licensure test adopted by the Board in Reading, Writing, and Mathematics; or
- Qualifying scores on SAT or ACT Reading, Writing, and Mathematics sections:

<b>SAT</b>	<b>SAT Section Score on Test Taken Prior to March 2016</b>	<b>SAT Section Score/Test Score on Test Taken March 2016 or After</b>
Mathematics	560	580
Reading	530	
Writing	NA	520
Evidence-Based Reading and Writing	NA	540
<b>ACT</b>	<b>Current ACT Scores</b>	<b>New Score for Writing</b>
Mathematics	19	
Reading	18	
Writing	NA	6
OR, Reading/Writing	NA	22

## **Content Knowledge:**

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

Passing scores on licensure test(s) 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 (30) semester hours in the content field for a bachelor's degree awarded by an accredited institution of higher education; or
- A minimum of thirty (30) semester hours in the content field from an accredited institution of higher education, at least fifteen (15) 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 (36) semester hours, including nine (9) semester hours **in each** of the following four core content areas:
  - language arts,
  - mathematics,
  - science, and
  - social studies.

At least three (3) 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.

All Hawaii EPPs are required to verify that their candidates meet basic skills and content knowledge requirements prior to being recommended for licensure.

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