

TITLE: Formation of the Early Childhood Education Teacher Licensing Workgroup

The Hawaii Teacher Standards Board (HTSB) approves the formation of an Early Childhood Education (ECE) workgroup to meet during the 2022-2023, and possibly the 2023-2024, school year. This workgroup will review HTSB's licensure criteria in ECE license fields and levels.

1. The workgroup may be composed of the following representatives:
 - The Director of the Executive Office on Early Learning (EOEL), or their representative
 - The Dean of a Hawaii State Approved Teacher Education Preparation (SATEP) program with an approved Early Childhood Program, or their representative
 - A Hawaii State Teachers Association (HSTA) representative recommended by the President of the HSTA
 - The Superintendent of the Hawaii Department of Education (HIDOE), or their representative
 - The Executive Director of the Hawaii State Public Charter School Commission (SPCSC), or their representative
 - A current HIDOE and a current Hawaii State Public Charter School Principal/Director that has an ECE program on their campus or within their school
 - A licensed and currently employed Early Childhood Educator from the HIDOE and a Hawaii State Public Charter School
 - A current HIDOE employee from the recruitment and retention office.
 - A National Board representative who is familiar with or has expertise with National Board Certification in Hawaii.
2. The workgroup will, among other tasks, revisit [NBI 17-06 Revised](#) and shall provide recommendations, including:
 - Whether the HTSB should revise or replace the current licensure requirements for ECE to include new, alternative, or revised pathways to obtain an ECE license, including through a PRAXIS exam;
 - Whether the HTSB should accept certification from the National Board for Professional Teaching Standards pertaining to Early Childhood Generalist (teachers teaching ages 3-8) and Exceptional Needs (teachers teaching ages birth-21 and older) as a pathway for licensure; or
 - That the HTSB should make no changes.
3. The ECE workgroup will also explore and consider whether the HTSB should add an ECE license level that would cover birth through age 8 (B-8). The ECE workgroup will also make criteria recommendations for this license level.
4. If the workgroup recommends any action, it shall also recommend:
 - Methods for disseminating information to the practitioners in the field and gathering input from all stakeholders.

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Referred to: Teacher Standards Committee