

New Business Item 23-47

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TITLE: Adoption of Replacement Praxis Licensure Exam for Special Education: Severe to Profound

The Hawai'i Teacher Standards Board (HTSB) approves the following updates to the following Praxis exam:

Title to be Discontinued	Date of Last Admin.	Replacement Test	New Test Available	Cut Score
(5545) Special Education: Core Knowledge and Severe to Profound Applications	August 2024	5547 Special Education: Severe to Profound	Available Now	156

- Effective immediately, HTSB will accept passing scores for the above replacement test.
- In accordance with [NBI 22-28](#), HTSB will accept passing scores of Praxis exam 5545, which will be discontinued on August 1, 2024.
- HTSB will notify its Educator Preparation Programs (EPPs) of the updated Praxis exams.

Rationale/Background:

[The Educational Testing Service \(ETS\)](#) keeps the content of the Praxis tests up to date and aligned with professionally accepted standards. Tests are reviewed annually. ETS involve stakeholders in this process by asking them to nominate teachers and teacher educators to serve on Test Development Standing Committees and National Advisory Committees (NACs).

ETS actively recruits educators, educators from educational preparation programs at universities and colleges, organizational representation, and other stakeholders with the content and teaching backgrounds from across the nation.

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Referred to: Teacher Education Committee