

STANDARD LICENSE REQUIREMENTS

There are multiple ways to meet the requirements for this license. A renewable standard license may be granted for five (5) years when you meet the following criteria:

REQUIREMENTS of Hawaii-approved teacher education program completers

- (1) Possess a valid government-issued photo identification;
- (2) Once you complete the Hawaii-approved preparation program, your information will be shared with the Hawaii Teacher Standards Board;
- (3) Verify three (3) years out of the last five (5) years of full-time teaching experience in a P-12 contracted position in Hawaii or another state; and
- (4) Clear the professional fitness check;

REQUIREMENTS of out-of-state valid license holders (Reciprocity)

- (1) Possess a valid government-issued photo identification;
- (2) Possess a bachelor's degree from a regionally accredited institution or the equivalent from a non-U.S. institution*;
- (3) Possess a valid, unrevoked teaching license from another state issued for the first time on or after July 1, 2006 (issued for the first time prior to 2006 requires basic skills and content knowledge verification);
- (4) Verify three (3) years out of the last five (5) years of full-time teaching experience in a P-12 contracted position in Hawaii or another state; and
- (5) Clear the professional fitness check;

REQUIREMENTS of a National Board Certified Teacher (NBPTS)

- (1) Possess a valid government-issued photo identification;
- (2) Possess a bachelor's degree from a regionally accredited institution or the equivalent from a non-U.S. institution*;
- (3) You hold a valid National Board Certification in the license field;
- (4) Verify three (3) years out of the last five (5) years of full-time teaching experience in a P-12 contracted position in Hawaii or another state; and
- (5) Clear the professional fitness check;

REQUIREMENTS of state-approved teacher education program completers (Outside of Hawaii)

- (1) Possess a valid government-issued photo identification;
- (2) Possess a bachelor's degree from a regionally accredited institution or the equivalent from a non-U.S. institution*;
- (3) Satisfactorily complete a State-approved teacher, librarian or counselor education program;
- (4) Pass the licensure tests identified in [NBI 21-13](#)
 - i. Praxis Core Academic Skills for Educators in Reading, Writing, and Mathematics; and
 - ii. Praxis Principles of Learning and Teaching (PLT) for recommended grade level(s); and
 - iii. The Praxis content test(s)
 1. American Council on the Teaching of Foreign Languages (ACTFL) can be accepted for World Language applicants;

- (5) Verify three (3) years out of the last five (5) years of full-time teaching experience in a P-12 contracted position in Hawaii or another state; and
- (6) Clear the professional fitness check;

REQUIREMENTS for applicants passing a preparation performance assessment

- (1) Possess a valid government-issued photo identification
- (2) Possess a bachelor's degree from a regionally accredited institution or the equivalent from a non-U.S. institution*;
- (3) Pass a board approved performance assessment normed for Hawaii in combination with any other requirements determined by a Hawaii preparation program to be recommended for licensure by the program;
- (4) Demonstrate basic skills and content knowledge competency in a manner prescribed by the board (see "Licensing and Permit Information");
- (5) Verify three (3) years out of the last five (5) years of full-time teaching experience in a P-12 contracted position in Hawaii or another state; and
- (6) Clear the professional fitness check;

*Preparation programs outside of the U.S. requires an evaluation from a [National Association of Credential Evaluation Services](#) (NACES) member. The NACES course-by-course evaluation must confirm (1) the completion of a teacher education program, (2) teaching field and (3) grade level.