

Hawai'i State Approved Teacher Education Program Updates August 2026

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Approved New Business Items

The Hawai'i Teacher Standards Board (HTSB) members approved the following New Business Items (NBI) on August 14, 2026.

- [NBI 26-01](#) License Affirmation (April – June 2026) Appointment of an Interim Executive Director for a Term, Effective 8/17/26.
- [NBI 26-03](#) License Affirmation (April – June 2026).
- [NBI 26-04](#) Approval of a 6-Month Extension for State Approval Following AAQEP Accreditation Decision for the University of Hawai'i at Mānoa.

Important Notices

- Review your accreditation letter and corresponding state approval NBI to ensure accuracy. Any revisions must be approved by the accreditor and/or the HTSB Board before you begin the renewal process. The NBI is located on your institution's [HTSB State Approved Teacher Education Program website](#) (click on the plus sign).
- [Title II](#) Institute Reporting window is September to November 2026.
- Sign up to receive HTSB Board Meeting information by clicking [here](#).
- Starting on July 1, 2026, acceptance of official records and documents (e.g., employment records, official transcripts) must be submitted using one of the following methods: (1) a third-party vendor, (2) mailed directly from the institution, or (3) direct submission from the issuing institution's secure email (see Hawaii Revised Statutes §302A-803, §302A-805, [New Business Item 25-15](#)).
- Share with your staff and faculty the [Hawai'i State Department of Education Subject Matter Standards](#) website to ensure teacher candidates are prepared to incorporate student standards adopted by the department ([Hawaii Administrative Rules](#) §8-54-19[3B]).
- Teacher candidates who accept Emergency Hire Teacher positions must complete their clinical experience/student teaching in the licensure field and grade level they will be recommended for upon program completion ([New Business Item 12-27Revised](#)).
- Please contact Licensing Specialist Dr. Jennifer Padua for ETS ProEthica online training module vouchers or scheduling a licensing presentation for teacher candidates or faculty.

Professional Learning Opportunities

[CAEPCon Fall Symposium](#), Arlington, VA, September 17-18, 2026.
[Pacific Northwest Institute on Special Education and the Law](#), Portland, OR, September 21-23, 2026.
[AAQEP Institute](#), Las Vegas, NV, September 24-25, 2026.
[NASDTEC](#) Professional Practices Institute, Las Vegas, NV, October 15-17, 2026.

Upcoming HTSB Events

- HTSB Board Meetings:
 - 2026: August 14, September 11, November 13
 - 2027: January 15, March 5, April 23

Mahalo

Hawai'i EPPs who have participated in the HTSB Annual Meeting.
UHWO for allowing HTSB staff to participate in your Summer Institute.

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