

Educator Preparation Program Review Process

Initial Licensure Program

(Hawaii Revised Statute [§302A-803\(a\)\(13-14\)](#); Hawaii Administrative Rules [§8-54-20-25](#))



HAWAII TEACHER
STANDARDS BOARD

(As of 02/2026)

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Letter of Intent

- The Educator Preparation Program (EPP) shall read the directions and learn the Letter of Intent (LOI) application process to become a Hawai'i Teacher Standards Board (HTSB) approved initial licensure program.
- The EPP will incur any fees according to HAR §8-54-2.4.
- The fee is to be paid within 30 calendar days upon HTSB's receipt of the LOI.
- The EPP may seek assistance from the HTSB Executive Director or designee.
- The EPP submits a completed LOI to the HTSB Executive Director.
- EPPs are recommended to submit the LOI at least 6 weeks before the next designated HTSB Board meeting.
- HTSB staff may request that the EPP revise and resubmit the LOI.
- Upon completion, the LOI is submitted as a New Business Item (NBI).

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HTSB Board Approval of Letter of Intent

- The NBI is initially read at the Teacher Education Committee (TEC), and committee members may offer revisions or seek clarification.
- The TEC shall recommend, not recommend, or defer the NBI to the full HTSB Board members at the General Business Meeting.
- At the General Business Meeting, the full HTSB Board will vote to approve, deny, defer, or offer revisions to the NBI.

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EPP Program Development

- The EPP has two years from the NBI to develop the initial licensure program.
- The EPP is not allowed to advertise the initial licensure program until approved by the Board.
- The EPP is required to use the HTSB EPP application template and abide by the NBI.
- The EPP will submit the application to the HTSB Executive Director. The HTSB Executive Director or staff may request revisions or seek clarification.
- If two years have commenced and the ATF program is not developed, the EPP must submit a new LOI application for Board approval.

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HTSB Program Review

- The HTSB will convene a Program Review Committee (PRC) to evaluate the initial licensure program application.
- The PRC may take a minimum of six weeks to review the program.
- The PRC may request for the EPP to provide clarification or to revise and resubmit evidence.
- The PRC will submit recommendations to the TEC when the EPP has met the requirements.

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HTSB Board Approval of Licensure Program

- The NBI will be posted on a designated HTSB Board Agendas.
- Initial reading of the NBI occurs at the TEC.
- The TEC shall recommend, not recommend, or defer the NBI to the full HTSB Board members at the General Business Meeting
- At the General Business Meeting, the full HTSB Board will vote to approve, deny, defer, or offer revisions to the NBI.
- Upon Board approval, the initial licensure program will be designated as a Hawai'i approved program and may start implementation according to the NBI.