



HAWAI'I TEACHER STANDARDS BOARD

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Highlights of new HTSB policies passed at the August 26, 2011 Board meeting. View all new policies by going to www.htsb.org and clicking on Board Meeting New Business Items (NBIs) at the bottom of the homepage.

- HTSB approved adoption of the Interstate Teacher Assessment and Support Consortium (InTASC) Model Core Teaching Standards with an addition of Hawaiian history and culture in Standard 2D. These new standards will replace the current Hawaii Teacher Performance Standards and will be incorporated into Hawaii teacher preparation programs and required for use in license renewal by July 1, 2013. HTSB will post these new standards on their website within the month. **Note:** These are teacher performance standards for licensing and teacher education, **not** the standards used by the Department of Education for P-12 student classroom learning.
- Hawaii Teacher Preparation Program may now use multiple ways to allow their teacher candidates to demonstrate proficiency in teaching performance, including student teaching, internship, a combination of satisfactory work experience and observation, and, in the future, passing an HTSB approved performance assessment.
- The Board clarified the notification process for teachers selected for license renewal audit. Those teachers will be notified by restricted certified letter, regular mail, and if there is no response, served by process server. HTSB wants to ensure teachers selected by audit have the opportunity to submit their renewal documentation. Teachers not selected for the audit should retain their documentation in their personal records.

It's the law that teachers must keep their license current!



All licensed teachers must pay their license fee and emergency hire teachers must pay the fee to practice the profession of teaching to prevent their license from lapsing. Go to www.htsb.org to view an instructional video on how to select a payment plan and pay your fee online.



All licensed teachers must renew their license up to six months prior to the expiration date. Go to the HTSB homepage to view a video on how to renew. Even if you paid off your previous license fee you must also complete the renewal process. It only takes minutes on line and your record is automatically updated.