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TO: Complex Area Superintendents, Principals (All), Hawaii State Public Charter School Commission Executive Director, Public Charter School Directors (All), District Educational Specialists, School Renewal Specialists, Complex Area English Learner Educational Officers and Resource Teachers

FROM: Annie Kalama 
Assistant Superintendent

SUBJECT: **Update to Six (6) Credit or Equivalency Teaching English to Speakers of Other Languages Sheltered Instruction Requirement for Teachers**

This memorandum supersedes the [March 11, 2021, Update to Six \(6\) Credit or Equivalency Teaching English to Speakers of Other Languages Sheltered Instruction Requirement for Teachers](#).

The **new timeline** for teachers to obtain their minimum six (6) Teaching English to Speakers of Other Languages (TESOL) Sheltered Instruction Qualification (SIQ) related course credits has been extended. Beginning school year (SY) 2023-2024, teachers will have three (3) years to obtain their SIQ requirement.

For additional information on teacher qualifications, including how to access your eHR for Hawaii Qualified status report and to access the SIQ Cover Sheet, refer to the [Every Student Succeeds Act Hawaii Qualified Teacher Handbook](#).

To assist and support teachers with meeting their SIQ, the Hawaii State Department of Education (Department) will continue to offer a range of professional learning opportunities, while supporting those same efforts at the complex area and school levels.

The Office of Student Support Services, English Learner (EL) State Office currently serves as the course sponsor for 18 three-credit PDE3 courses, and has verified with the Office of Talent Management (OTM) over 100 non-credit workshops that are aligned to the TESOL-related

competencies. For additional information on credit and non-credit courses currently available, please contact your [complex area EL leads](#) or the EL State Office.

Pre-approved “ESL” PDE3 credit courses are also offered by individuals and through the Hawaii State Teachers Association (HSTA). These courses have participation fees that may be covered through approved funding sources or by HSTA directly. For more information on these courses, please reach out directly to the instructors listed on the PDE3 syllabus and section information.

As part of the Department’s membership in the WIDA consortium, all Department teachers have sponsored access to eLearning modules aligned to the WIDA 2020 English Language Development Standards Framework. If you do not yet have a WIDA account, please reach out to your complex area EL leads.

Teachers may also choose to complete the [National Education Association English Language Learners Microcredentials](#) pathway to obtain SIQ (free to HSTA members).

Credits earned through approved programs from in-state and out-of-state Institutions of Higher Education (IHE) are accepted, and K-12 School District TESOL endorsements and certificates earned in other states will be honored by the Department. If you have any questions on verifying out-of-state endorsements, please reach out to the Educator Quality Section. For information on taking pre-approved in-state courses at local IHE, including information on available funding, please contact the EL State Office.

New learning opportunities to be offered by the Department:

Title	Dates/Times	PDE3/Registration
<p>2023 Special Education Spring Conference on Oahu at the Hawaii Convention Center</p> <p>EL Topics:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Supporting Micronesian Students and their Families Presenter: Dr. Paul Hadik, from PREL Evidence-Based Practices for ELs/Hawaii Multi-Tiered System of Support Presenter(s): EL State Office 	<p>Tuesday, March 14, 2023 (in-person) 8:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m.</p> <p>Thursday, March 16, 2023 (online via Webex) 8:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m.</p>	<p>ESL187974 Section: 310550</p> <p>ESL187975 Section: 310551</p> <p>Credits: 1.5 SIQ Hours</p>

Title	Dates/Times	PDE3/Registration
Annual Hawaii TESOL Conference on Oahu	Saturday, February 18, 2023 (in-person) 8:30 a.m. - 4:30 p.m.	ESL187972 Section: 310534 Credits: 4.5 SIQ Hours
English Language Development Standards Framework Training SY 2022-23 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● One-hour webinar and one-full day of face-to-face training. ● One-hour asynchronous (pre-work) 	Monday, February 27, 2023 (online) 3:00 p.m. - 4:00 p.m. Tuesday, February 28, 2023 (online) 2:00 p.m. - 3:00 p.m. Tuesday, March 7, 2023 or Thursday, March 9, 2023 (in-person) 8:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m.	Registration Link Credits: 8 SIQ Hours

Upcoming EL Opportunities (registration details forthcoming):

- WestEd Annual Quality Teaching for ELs Summer Institute on Oahu
Monday - Friday, June 12 - 16, 2023 (in-person).
- PDE3 credit courses - Universal Design Learning for Language Learners (online); Carrying Culture: Micronesia (in-person); Culturally Sustaining Pedagogy in the Pacific (online).
- Online, asynchronous, self-paced courses facilitated by TESOL International and English Learning Portal.
- Professional learning facilitated by WestEd as part of the Department's [EL Success Initiative](#) (if you are a teacher working in a Cohort 1 or Cohort 2 complex area, reach out to your EL leads for more information).
- Courses and workshops identified by complex areas and schools based on their identified needs and goals.

Teachers who have completed their SIQ requirement must submit their documentation to the Educator Quality Section for verification. Reimbursements are available for teachers who need SIQ and have taken pre-approved courses at their local IHE. Please refer to the [January 31, 2023, Office of Student Support Services SIQ IHE Scholarship Program](#) for more information.

Please direct any questions or clarifications to the following offices:

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Educator Quality Section, Office of Talent Management	hqt@k12.hi.us	(808) 441-8499
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