

HPEAP

Authorized Institutions

*Your Guide to Federal and
State Agency Resources*



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About HPEAP

The Hawaii Post-Secondary Education Authorization Program (HPEAP) operates within the Department of Commerce and Consumer Affairs pursuant to Hawaii Revised Statutes Chapter 305J. HPEAP authorizes accredited, degree-granting institutions physically present in Hawaii. Purely online institutions are not required to be authorized but they may choose to apply for authorization.

FEDERAL AGENCY RESOURCES

U.S. Department of Education, College Navigator

<http://nces.ed.gov/collegenavigator/>

Find out a school's profit or non-profit status, accreditation, default and graduation rates

U.S. Department of Education, College Affordability and Transparency Center

<http://collegecost.ed.gov/>

U.S. Department of Education, Database of Accredited Postsecondary Institutions

<http://ope.ed.gov/accreditation/Search.aspx>

Council for Higher Accreditation

<http://www.chea.org/>

Federal Student Aid

<https://studentaid.ed.gov/>

Find out about federal student loans

Find out about possible loan discharges:

<https://studentaid.ed.gov/repay-loans/forgiveness-cancellation/closed-school>

For a complaint that cannot be resolved with a lender, notify the federal ombudsman:

<https://studentaid.ed.gov/repay-loans/disputes/prepare>

Federal Trade Commission

www.consumer.ftc.gov/articles/0206-diploma-mills

www.consumer.ftc.gov/articles/0082-scholarship-and-financial-aid-scams

www.consumer.ftc.gov/articles/0160-student-loans

Consumer Financial Protection Bureau

www.consumerfinance.gov/paying-for-college/

www.consumerfinance.gov/complaint/#student-loan

U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs:

<http://www.benefits.va.gov/gibill/>

<http://inquiry.vba.va.gov/weamspub/buildSearchInstitutionCriteria.do>

For questions regarding veteran's educational benefits, call an Education Case Manager at 1-888-442-4551.

STATE AGENCY RESOURCES

Authorized Institutions (as of 10/21/15)

Argosy University

Babel University Professional
School of Translation

Brigham Young University

Central Michigan University

Central Texas College

Chaminade University

Cornell University

Embry-Riddle Aeronautical

Grand Canyon University (distance)

Hawaii Medical College

Hawaii Pacific University

Hawaii Tokai International

Institute of Clinical Acupuncture
& Oriental Medicine

National University
Pacific Rim Christian
University

Pacific University
Remington College

Troy University

University of Maryland
University College (distance)

University of Oklahoma

University of Phoenix

University of Southern California

Wayland Baptist University

World Medicine Institute

University of Hawaii System (authorized by State Constitution)

State of Hawaii Dept. of Education

Licenses vocational schools (including massage schools)

Contact: (808) 305-9759 or hilary_apanamckee@hawaiidoe.org

www.hawaiipublicschools.org/TeachingAndLearning/AdultEducation/Pages/Licensing-a-vocational-school.aspx

Office of Consumer Protection (OCP), DCCA

Information on Unaccredited Degree-Granting Institutions

Contact: (808) 586-2630 or ocp@dcca.hawaii.gov

cca.hawaii.gov/ocp/udgi/

Board of Barbering & Cosmetology, DCCA

Licenses beauty schools

Contact: (808) 586-2696 or barber_cosm@dcca.hawaii.gov

State Postsecondary Education Commission (SPEC)

The UH Board of Regents, augmented by four members representing the general public, public and private nonprofit institutions of higher education, and proprietary institutions of higher education, serve as the State Postsecondary Education Commission (SPEC). SPEC is administratively managed by the UH System Office of Student Affairs and was established to provide a framework that preserves Hawaii's eligibility to receive and disburse student aid funding under Title IV of the Higher Education Act of 1965. The programs administratively attached to SPEC include student programs administered by the Western Interstate Commission for Higher Education (WICHE).