



HAWAII DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION
ESSA Hawaii Qualified Teacher
Class Exemption Reporting & Flowcharts
School Year 2026-2027

Action required by December 1 for Semester 1, and May 1 for Semester 2.

How to submit classes to DOE that are eligible for HQT data collection exemption

- 1. Classes taught by teachers on contract with a college or university**
- 2. Fully computer-based classes**

To determine if secondary classes may be exempt from ESSA Hawaii Qualified Teacher requirements, please refer to the attached HQT Flowcharts E, F, & G.

1. For classes being taught by a higher education faculty member through a contract with a college or university, follow the three steps below:

- a) Prepare a cover letter, signed by the school principal including the teacher's full name, employee identification number, and the class(es) and section(s) to which the teacher is under contract with the higher education institution to teach.
- b) Attach a copy of the contract between the teacher and the higher education institution.
- c) Mail both documents to: DOE, OTM, EQ Section at PO Box 2360 Honolulu, HI 96804

2. For each teacher who is assigned classes that use a computer based program to deliver instruction, assess, and grade students, follow the steps below and submit a complete description of the computer based program.

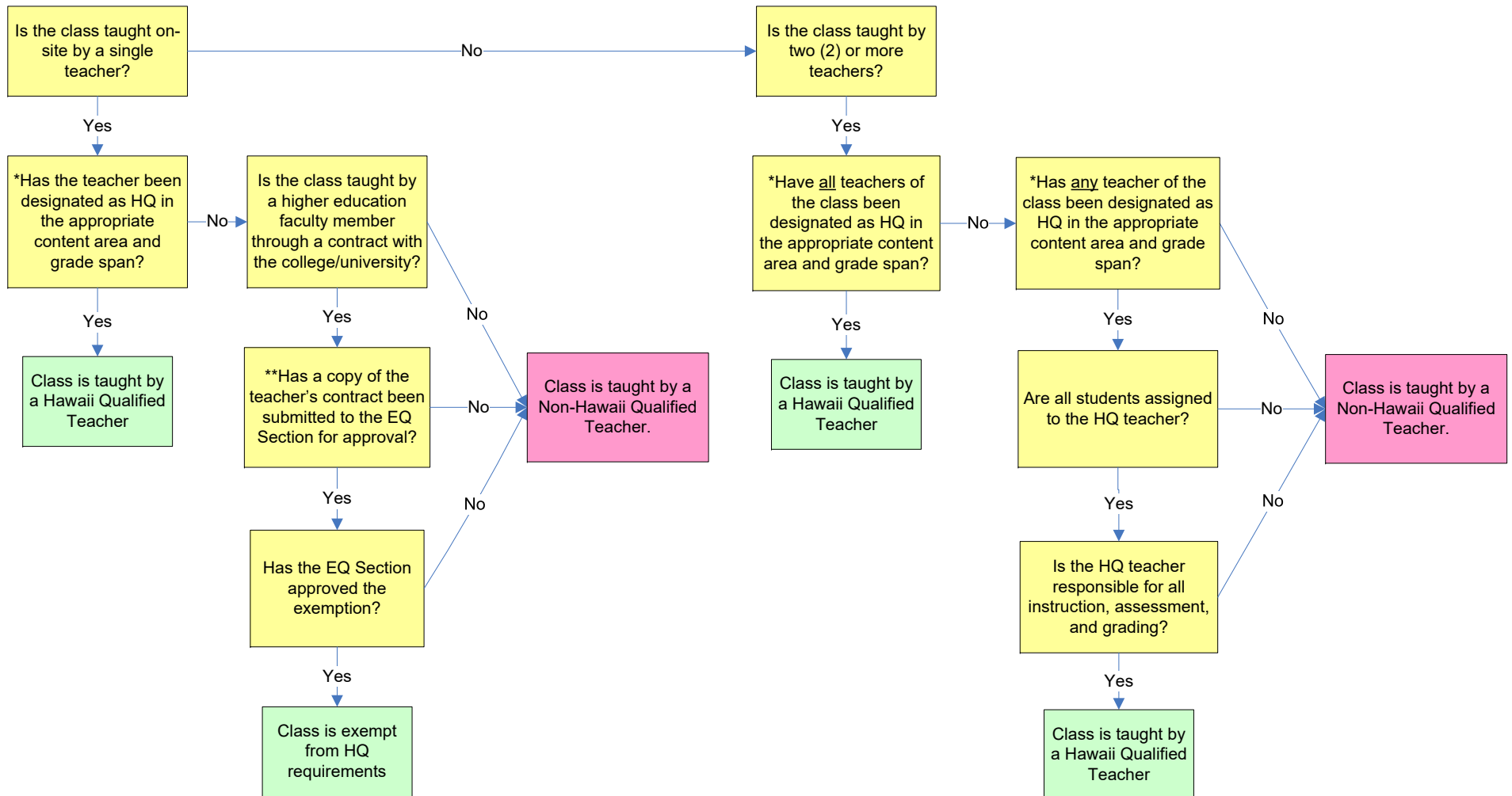
- a) Complete Request for Technology-based Class Exemption Form [DOE OTM 700-007](#)
- b) Attach purchase order or invoice
- c) Mail to: DOE, OTM, EQ Section at PO Box 2360 Honolulu, HI 96804

The closing date to request a class exemption is December 1 for Semester 1, and May 1 for Semester 2.

Note: Classes must be approved by DOE in order to receive an exemption. Upon approval, DOE will remove classes from the HQT data collection. Principals can verify the removal of these classes from the HQT data collection during the teacher assignment preview window.

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Flowchart E
DOE Developed Classes Taught via
Live On-Campus/Closed Circuit/Cable Television

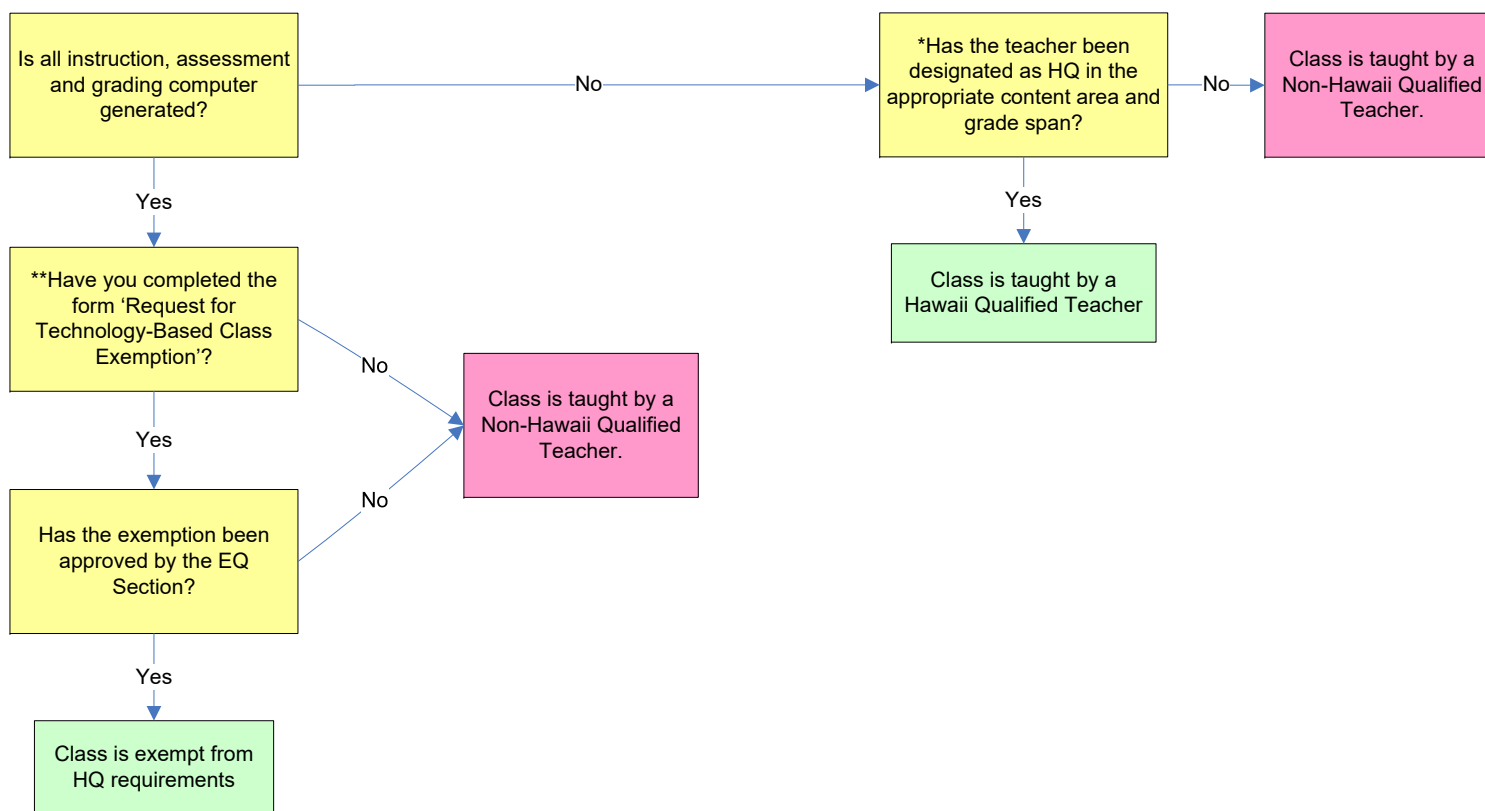


*To determine the classes for which a teacher is designated as HQ, see eHR for HQ status report at <https://hidoetm.org/eq>

**Send copy of teacher's contract with college/university to the EQ Section at P.O. Box 2360, Honolulu, HI 96804 by December 1 for Semester 1, and May 1 for Semester 2

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Flowchart F
Computer Based Classes

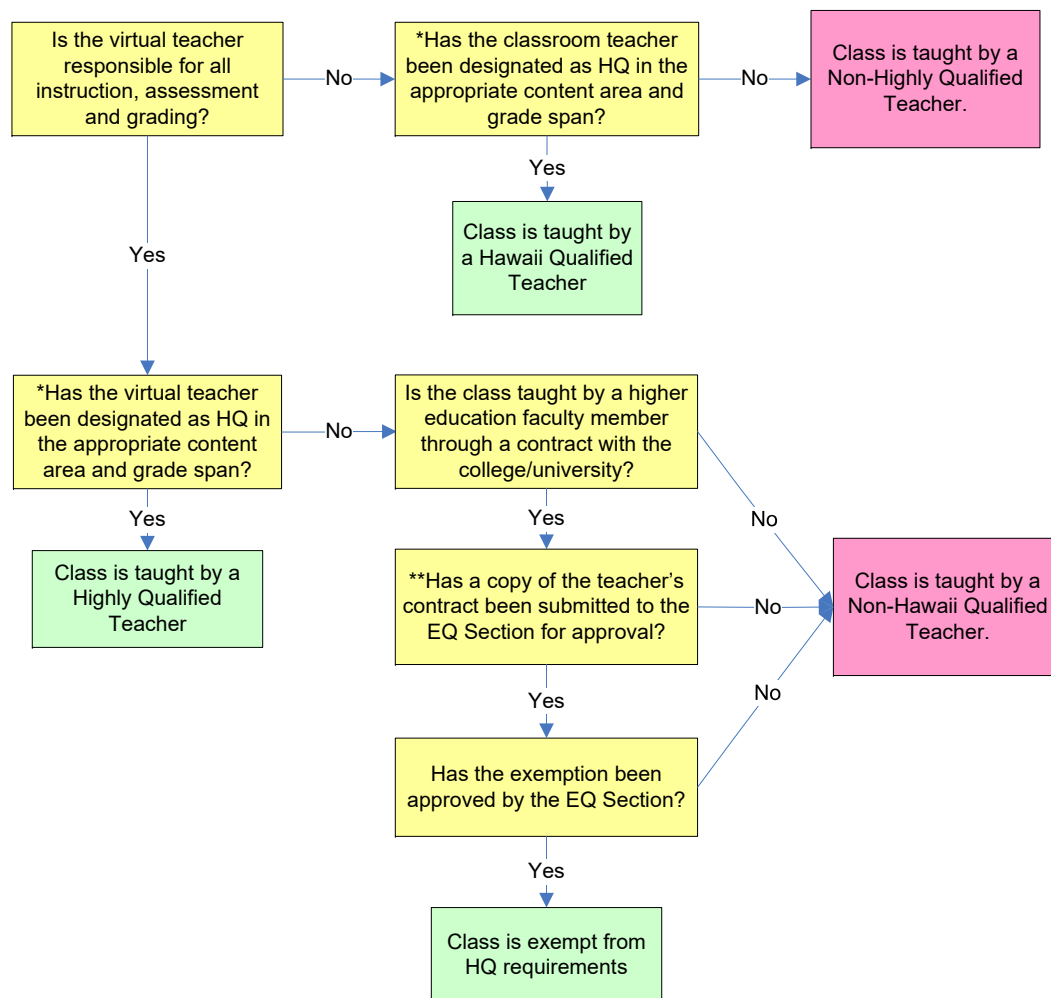


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**Send completed form DOE OTM 700-007 to the EQ Section at P.O. Box 2360, Honolulu, HI 96804 by December 1 for Semester 1, and May 1 for Semester 2

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Flowchart G
Internet or Other Broadcast or Video
Streamed Classes Not Created by DOE



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