

## Determining the Need for Assessment for a Student with a Hearing Loss

Certification and assessment for the categories of Deafness and Hearing Impairment are based on audiological documentation. Please complete the following to determine if an audiological assessment is required.

<p>A. Does student have documented hearing loss (ex. audiogram, audiological or physician report?)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● If YES, student is eligible for audiological and/or comprehensive assessment.</li> <li>● If NO, get hearing screened by school-level speech pathologist.</li> </ul>	YES	NO
<p>B. Does student wear hearing aid(s) or use sign language to communicate?</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● If YES, student is eligible for audiological and/or comprehensive assessment.</li> <li>● IF NO, get hearing screened by school-level speech pathologist.</li> </ul>	YES	NO
<p>C. Did the student pass the hearing screening by school-level speech pathologist?</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● If YES, no further action is needed.</li> <li>● IF NO, student is eligible for audiological and/or comprehensive assessment.</li> </ul>	YES	NO

### Considerations:

- Consider referring all initial evaluations of students with documented permanent hearing loss to the Hawaii Center for the Deaf and the Blind (HCDB.)
- Comprehensive evaluations can include: audiological, educational, speech/ language, cognitive, social history assessments.
- HCDB does not perform classroom observations, occupational therapy or physical therapy assessments. School and district staff can assist with them.
- Refer students with a hearing loss for vision screening by optometrist or ophthalmologist to rule out additional sensory loss. The Department of Education does not provide vision screening.
- Submit this form, hearing screening/ audio results, Form 101- Request for Assessment, Form 102 – Consent for Assessment, and Prior Written Notice indicating the assessments team is requesting from HCDB immediately after meeting. HCDB fax number is 735-8235. Contact Kristine Takekawa, via Lotus Notes or at 733-4827, with questions.
- More detailed Referral Guidelines and Diagnostic Team contact information at HCDB website: <http://web.hcdb.k12.hi.us/>