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**2021 TCAH Scholarship
Program**

Applications Being Accepted

The TCAH Membership Scholarship Program was created to recognize and assist the families of our signatory members in creating an opportunity for our youth to further their educational pursuits. The scholarship is solely based on MERIT.

Students will be awarded up to **\$3,000.00** in a monetary scholarship to be applied to the 2021 - 2022 school year.

Students must be related to a TCAH Signatory Employer Member or work for a TCAH Signatory Employer Member.

High school seniors and/or full-time students enrolled at an accredited two or four year college or university may apply. Vocational and technical schools are not eligible.

Please go to www.tilehawaii.com under the Benefits tab.
<http://www.tilehawaii.com/benefits.html> or contact Lisaakim@hawaii.rr.com.

Previous recipients are allowed to apply once again, with updated verification requirements.

DEADLINE to submit the application is **July 31, 2021**

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PBX21

The CSI (Construction Specifications Institute) Hawaii Chapter presents **PBX21**, formerly known as the Pacific Building Trade Expo by the AIA/CSI.

**Thursday, October 28, 2021
Hawaii Convention Center, Hall II
9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.**

For more information, please go to www.PBXHawaii.com.

This year, the TCAH will be presented by Schluter Systems who will be conducting a live seminar for CE credits. The topic is TBA.

Our exhibiting booths include Laticrete, Evergreen by Debra, Ceramic Tile Institute of America, Schluter Systems and Mapei.



Upcoming Trade Conferences

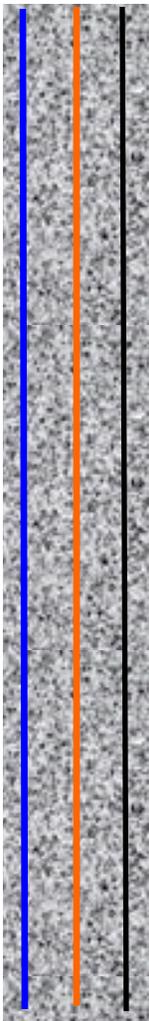
**Cement and Concrete
Products Industry of
Hawaii**

**October 7 - 8, 2021
Turtle Bay Resort
Oahu**

**Mason Contractors
Association of Hawaii
October 29 - 31, 2021
Royal Sonesta Resort
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ACT Certification Classes in Hawaii

We recently sent information to our members regarding the ACT (Advanced Certification for Tile Installers) Certification. The class were held in April 2021 in Honolulu. As many of you are aware, the federal government will soon be requiring ACT Certification for future work.

We will inform you of future classes.

The orientation is the first step and will be offered by Local #1 Hawaii, IUBAC and the IMTEF (International Masonry Training and Education Foundation).

ACT Orientation /What is ACT? – 2 Hours

After completion of the orientation, the second class is the TCNA & ANSI (Tile Council of North America & American National Standard Institute) Workshop.

TCNA & ANSI Workshop – 7 ½ Hours

Must have attended the *ACT Orientation/What is ACT?* Course first.
Local #1 Hawaii, IUBAC Continued Education Training Facility
1188 Sand Island Parkway, Honolulu, HI 96819

Once the written online test is passed, the next step is the **Hands-On Test**. Upon completion/passing of the written online test, the hands-on evaluation will be done at the Sand Island Training Facility. The installer will decide on which ACT Certification (GPT, Shower receptor, Floor Float, Wall Float, Waterproofing membranes, Grout and Large Format) they want to acquire. It is not recommended to try to acquire all the certifications at once.

All classes - ACT Orientation, TCNA & ANSI Workshop, Online Test and Hands-On Evaluation are **FREE** to Local #1 Hawaii, IUBAC members.

**For future classes and additional information, please contact:
CONTACT: Patrick Coronas from Local #1 at 808-741-6971**

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Department of Planning and Permitting Memo from the Director

Most of you heard that there was a major case of bribery revealed in the Department of Planning and Permitting (DPP). Violators face severe punishment, and it will hopefully bring reform to an agency that has been suspected of corruption for many years. We look forward to positive changes for our residents and to those in the construction business.

Below is an email from Dean Uchida, Director City and County of Honolulu, Department of Planning and Permitting which is intended for organizations such as the TCAH:

“Attached is a press release issued after the recent Planning and Zoning Committee meeting where we announced that effective June 1, 2021 all building permit applications for single family residences will be submitted via e-plans only. We’re not taking paper plans for these projects.

We also are reminding the public of some of our current programs that can be utilized to help expedite the permitting process, including the self-certification review. We also will be seeking amendments to the Ordinance to allow for special assignment inspections, during the foundation work only, for the construction for new single and two-family residential structures, while building plans for the structure are still under review. Please inform your respective members, and any other organization who may be interested, in the upcoming changes.”



Press Release Dated April 22, 2021:

DPP Overhauls Permit Processing System and Hires an Outside Investigator to Examine Internal Controls

HONOLULU - The Department of Planning and Permitting (DPP) will be implementing several sweeping changes to the building permit process as it moves forward with the modernization of the system and addresses problems that surfaced as a result of the recent federal indictments of five current and former DPP employees.

DPP is taking both immediate and long-term actions to fix the problems that have come to light by the indictments, and to identify, address and correct the failures in the department’s processes. As part of the overhaul of the system, the department intends to immediately hire an independent outside investigator to examine the internal controls.

The announcements were made by DPP Director Dean Uchida at this morning’s City Council Zoning and Planning Committee meeting.

“We acknowledge that there are serious problems with DPP and are fully committed to correcting these problems while continuing to provide necessary services to the public,” Uchida told committee members. “We acknowledge there are long-overdue issues that must be resolved within the systemic operating conditions.”

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Additional immediate changes include:

Beginning June 1, 2021, the department will no longer accept paper plans for new single-family dwellings. Only applications submitted via the DPP's ePlans system will be accepted. The DPP will implement this policy for all residential applications, including additions and alterations, by Jan. 1, 2022. Paper plans will continue to be accepted for commercial projects, although the DPP will eventually move these projects to ePlans as well.

Appointing a "special master" to oversee the management of the commercial and residential permitting divisions. Areas that require changes that are identified by the special master and the independent investigator will be done immediately.

Exploring a fully computerized payment system for all permitting fees to eliminate cash transactions.

Working individually with the 300 DPP staff to identify duplication, inefficiencies and gaps in the system, and to create change in the culture of the department.

"The Department of Planning and Permitting is closely looking at everything we do and how we can do it better," Uchida said. "We are taking the necessary steps to modernize our permitting system as soon as possible, while we reassess all of our programs and policies."

DPP's intent is to be fully cooperative and supportive of the federal investigation as the department is completely aligned in wanting to see these kinds of wrongdoing identified.

In addition, the DPP will suspend the start of the short-term rental (STR) registration program because of concerns with Ordinance 19-18 that were raised at a recent public hearing. The STR registration program was to begin on Aug. 1 and continue through Sept. 1, but comments provided by the public at an April 6 hearing on draft administrative rules revealed potential problems with the ordinance. They included the 1,000-foot restriction on the location of permitted vacation rentals, and a proposed lottery system to select and register STRs.

After consulting with its attorneys, DPP determined that some sections in the ordinance would create bigger problems for the city, as well as STR owners. The adoption of the administrative rules and start of the registration process are on hold until further notice.

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The Director can be reached at:
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CORONAVIRUS (COVID-19) INFORMATION & UPDATES

Masks Not Required Outdoors in Hawaii

On May 25, 2021, Governor Ige formally announced that masks are not required outdoors. A mask is still required at all times when indoors. If you are outdoors in a crowded setting, it is recommended but not required to wear a mask. This is a positive step, but we must continue to remain vigilant.

Employers can still set a company policy such as at a construction site, whether employees must wear masks, but it is no longer mandated by the government.

On April 27, 2021, the Center for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) issued a new federal guidance stating that fully vaccinated people do not need to wear a mask outdoors. However, Hawaii's new proclamation made no mention of vaccinated versus not vaccinated. The CDC did not address workplaces and OSHA and Health Administration, and the National Institute for Occupational Safety and Health had not issued new guidance for employers and workers based on the latest CDC advice. The new guidelines nevertheless give construction employers the choice of allowing fully vaccinated workers to shed their masks when they are outdoors and more than six feet away from other workers or the public, or if they are working in close proximity to other fully vaccinated workers. The guidance does not apply to workers who are not fully vaccinated or to vaccinated workers in crowded settings.

Tier 3 Versus Tier 4

As Honolulu remains in Tier 3, these are the numbers needed to be reached to go to Tier 4:
Case count (seven day average) must be under 20 and Test Positivity Rate must be under 1%

As of May 25th, the Case Count is at 41 and Test Positivity Rate at 1.5%.

On Oahu, Mayor Blangiardi has stated that he wants 50% of the island's population to get vaccinated before entering Tier 4.

Vaccination Locations

The city of Honolulu and state of Hawaii continues to encourage all those 12 years and older to get vaccinated. Public officials and medical leaders are encouraged that the vaccination has reduced the number of infections and active cases. If you or someone you know would like to get vaccinated, locations can be found at <https://www.oneoahu.org/find-vaccine>.

Inter-island Travel with No Covid Test But Fully Vaccinated

As of May 11, 2021, fully vaccinated people are able to travel inter-island without being subject to quarantine and testing rules. The state's vaccine passport program for inter-island travelers allows people to bypass a pre-travel test and quarantine if they are able to show proof they received their COVID-19 vaccine in Hawaii at least two weeks before travel.

Due to concerns over fraudulent use of vaccine cards and information, the state is only allowing those vaccinated in Hawaii to qualify for the program. Officials said because the country does not have a national vaccine registry, the state is unable to verify vaccine information from other states. But the government said it is working toward creating a system that will eventually allow for verification of vaccine data for those who were vaccinated on the mainland.

Under the new rules, vaccinated inter-island travelers can upload an image of their vaccination card to the **Safe Travels** portal after creating an account.

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**Online Training Seminars
by the IMTEF**

Although classes are available in person in Honolulu by Local #1 Masons Union HI, (IUBAC), online courses are available through the IMTEF. The following Spring courses are only offered to current BAC (Bricklayers and Allied Craftworkers) members.

OSHA 510

OSHA Standards for the Construction Industry – **For Members/Instructors**

OSHA 500

Trainer Course in OSHA Standards for Construction – **For Instructors Only**

OSHA 502

Update for Construction Industry Outreach Trainers – **For Instructors Only**

Fall Protection Journeyworker – 1 Hour

Fall Protection Apprentice – 1 Hour

ACT Orientation/What is ACT? – 2 Hours

ANSI A108/TCNA Handbook – 3 Hours

Must have attended the ACT Orientation/Wat is ACT? Course.

Shower Receptors – 2 Hours

ABAA Air Barrier Certification – Journeyworkers Only

Additional courses will be added to the online calendar as they are scheduled. The National Training Center is prepared to offer in-person and online programs that do not appear here on reasonable demand. Please contact Serenia Holland, IMTEF Training Programs Coordinator, sholland@imtef.org or phone at 202-344-5374.



Tile Council of North America (TCNA) and American National Standard for Installation of Ceramic Tile (ANSI) reference material training is available for project managers and office staff of TCAH members. Lupe Ortiz from the IMI can work with member contractors to obtain the materials and can be reached at lortiz@imtef.org.



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Online Foreman/Supervisor Training

The IMI has online and in-person foreperson training that they are offering to the TCAH member employees. Below is a flyer laying out the training contents and scheduling is available at: <https://imtef.org/wp-content/uploads/2020/09/virtual-foreman-training-bac-member-flyer.pdf>. Or contact Serenia Holland, IMTEF Training Programs Coordinator, sholland@imtef.org



ONLINE FOREMAN/SUPERVISOR TRAINING FOR BAC MEMBERS

We're excited to offer our popular foreman/supervisor training program in an engaging online format! Whether you're interested in becoming a foreman, new to the job, or ready to take your leadership skills to the next level, this class is for you.

THE PROGRAM
Our 12-hour online course will help you develop the skills you need to successfully run work on today's job sites. We'll cover a variety of topics, including:

- Roles and responsibilities of foremen
- Effective communication, team development, and worker motivation
- Maintaining labor-management relations
- Planning and scheduling work
- Ensuring worker safety and productivity

You'll also have the chance to work on fun real-world exercises with other BAC members from across the country to prepare you for the realities of managing complex projects.

WHAT YOU NEED
You'll need access to a tablet, desktop, or laptop computer and high-speed internet to take this class.

We'll supply the rest for you. Prior to the start of class, you'll receive a curriculum book and handouts mailed to your home address.

Because of the interactive nature of the course, accessing the class from a mobile device will not provide an optimal experience.

WHAT TO EXPECT
This program is built from IMTEF's state-of-the-art national curriculum. To keep you engaged, it will be taught live over 4 consecutive days, with evening hours to accommodate busy work schedules. You should come prepared to use your webcam and microphone to participate in class just as you would in person. We'll have a combination of lecture and interactive breakouts and discussion.

IMTEF.ORG



HOW TO REGISTER
Sign up early to reserve your spot in 1 of 2 upcoming courses!

Class sizes are limited to create an interactive experience with personalized instruction.

SESSION 1: SEPTEMBER
September 21- September 24
(Monday-Thursday)
7:00-10:00 p.m. ET
[Register to reserve your spot!](#)

SESSION 2: OCTOBER
October 5-8
(Monday-Thursday)
7:00-10:00 p.m. ET
[Register to reserve your spot!](#)

QUESTIONS
If you have questions about the course or how to register, please contact:

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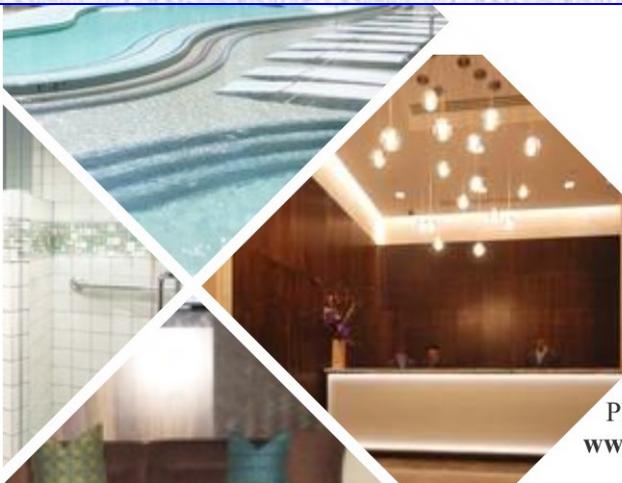
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