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Complete and submit an application available from DBEDT.

For more information, visit...

m.hi.gov/ezinfo

Apply online by going to...

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For assistance, talk to your County Coordinator or the State Enterprise Zones Coordinator

Enterprise Zone Success

- Each year at least 1,500 new or maintained jobs
- Over 200 companies participating
- EZ companies reporting annual revenue of more than \$250 million



ENTERPRISE ZONES

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How can your business benefit from enrolling in Hawaii's Enterprise Zones Partnership Program?

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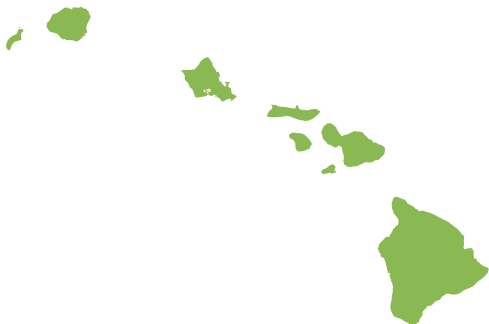
State of Hawaii

Helping communities by helping businesses

Hawaii's Enterprise Zones Partnership (EZ) Program was established in 1986 by the State as a partnership with the four Counties to increase employment in areas where jobs are most needed. The EZ Program goal is to help stimulate growth in certain types of businesses like manufacturing and wholesaling, and in industries such as biotechnology, information technology, and agriculture.

The EZ Program is a powerful economic development tool that the State and Counties use to encourage Hawaii businesses to help build stronger communities by offering business incentives for hiring locally, thus injecting revenue into the local economy.

The EZ Program stimulates job growth by offering beneficial tax incentives to businesses that are located in designated Enterprise Zones, if they meet eligibility and hiring requirements.



EZ Benefits

Businesses that satisfy the requirements each year receive these benefits from the state

- 100% exemption from General Excise Tax (GET)
- 80% State non-refundable income tax credit for the first year. Each subsequent year, for the next 6 years, this tax credit is reduced by 10%.
- Additional State non-refundable income tax credit equal to 80% of unemployment insurance premiums paid the first year. Each subsequent year, for the next 6 years, this tax credit is reduced by 10%.

Each county may offer enrolled businesses additional benefits

- Priority permit processing
- Zoning or building permit waivers or variances
- Property tax adjustments
- Priority consideration for federal job training or community development funds

Hiring Requirements

Newly established businesses in an EZ and businesses moving to an EZ must maintain at least a **10% increase in the number of full-time employees for 7 years**. This is required to receive the State tax benefits.

Existing businesses, i.e., those located in the EZ before the zone was established, must maintain at least a **10% increase** in the number of full-time employees for the first 3 years. For years 4 through 7, businesses must **increase the full-time employee count by 15% each year**.

Eligible Businesses

If you are interested in participating, please note that your company must be located in an Enterprise Zone and a minimum of 51% of your annual gross revenue must come from one or more eligible activities.

For a complete list of eligible businesses and a map of the Enterprise Zones, please visit m.hi.gov/ezeligible