

How to apply

Complete and submit an application available from DBEDT.

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

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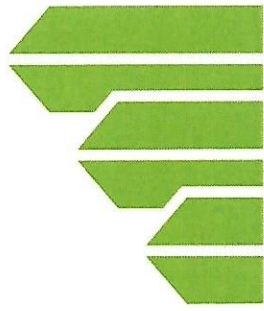
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Steven Mulgrew, owner of Mulvadi Corporation, enrolled his company in the EZ Program in 1997. By lowering his costs of doing business in Hawaii the EZ Program allowed him to pass savings on to customers, and increased his competitive advantage.

Jeff Hansen, owner of Eskimo Candy Inc., was introduced to the EZ Program in 2012 by his accountant. Being community-minded and benefiting from the EZ Program, Jeff is able to hire more, local employees as his business grows.



ENTERPRISE ZONES

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 breaks 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 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 eligible 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

Startups (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 each year for 7 years**. This is required to receive the State tax benefits.

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

Eligible Businesses

If you are interested in participating, please note that your company must be located in one of the Enterprise Zones locations and a minimum of 51% of your annual gross income 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