

Test vehicle assessment

Before you begin the driving test, your vehicle must pass an assessment to ensure it is safe and can be legally operated on public roadways.



The license examiner will check for the following:

- The passenger compartment, seat and floor space must be free of any obstructions.
- All turn signals are working properly.
- All brake lamps are working properly.
- Brake and turn signal lamp lenses are not cracked or broken.
- Both front and rear license plates are securely mounted.
- The horn is audible and in good working condition.
- All lug nuts are in place and the tire tread depths are at least 2/32 of an inch.
- Vehicle is free of any obnoxious odors, parasites and insects, and animal fur.
- Vehicle instrument panel gauges are working properly and warning indicator lights are NOT on.
- Driver and passenger seat belts are clean and in good working condition.
- Door handles, windows and door locks are in good working condition.
- Must have at least 1/4 tank of gas.
- For convertible and Jeep-type vehicles, the canopy top must be engaged in the closed and locked position covering the passenger compartment.

- Window and windshield requirements:
 - Windshield must not be cracked or chipped in a manner that would adversely affect visibility. Stickers or other nontransparent material are allowed only at the lower right hand corner of the windshield and must be no more than four inches by six inches in size.
 - Stickers or other nontransparent material are allowed on side and rear windows if it is in an area that does not obstruct the driver's clear view of the highway or any intersecting highway.
 - Window tinting must be approved by an official safety inspection station and noted on the vehicle's safety check inspection certificate.
 - Front windshield shade tint must be above the AS-1 marker or no more than four inches from the top center of the windshield, if there is no AS-1 marker.
- Electronic Devices
 - Use of a cell phone during the exam is prohibited.
 - Use of a dashboard camera during the exam is prohibited.
 - Do not rely on a backup camera during the stall reversal or parallel parking maneuver. A proper head check must be performed.
 - Use of a vehicle's self-parking feature is prohibited.



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PREPARING FOR YOUR DRIVER'S LICENSE ROAD TEST

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ROAD TEST ELIGIBILITY DATE:



Department of Customer Services

Preparing for the test

Review the Hawai'i Driver's Manual to prepare for the test. The manual is available online at hidot.hawaii.gov, and at convenience stores and bookshops. Read the instructions, learn the rules and practice the driving maneuvers provided in the manual.



Scheduling a road test

BY APPOINTMENT: Appointments are required and offer the convenience of a scheduled date and time for your road test. Please arrive at least 30 minutes before your scheduled time. Make appointments online at www12.honolulu.gov/csdarts/.

Check the website frequently as cancellations may open appointment slots throughout the day.

If you cannot keep an appointment, please cancel or reschedule it before 6 a.m. on the date of the appointment and make it available for the next person.

Driver Licensing Centers offering road tests

- Kapahulu Road Test Office, 1112 Kapahulu Avenue
- Kapolei, 1000 Ulu'ōhi'a Street
- Ko'olau, 47-368 Hui Iwa Street
- Wahiawā, 330 North Cane Street
- Wai'anae, 85-670 Farrington Highway

The appointment system significantly reduces the number of customers in our offices at any given time. Walk-in stand-by road test service is not offered. The next day road test standby list opens online by 3 p.m. for the next business day at all road test locations.

Before the test

Test taking and vehicle document requirements

The following items are required to be able to take the test. Photocopies, facsimile copies and computer-generated documents are not acceptable for any of the required documents below:

- You must be accompanied by a licensed driver who is age 21 or older, has a valid driver's license, and must be present when you are called for the test and through its completion.
- You must have a current vehicle Certificate of Registration. A temporary dealer registration will not be accepted.
- You must have a current Hawai'i Vehicle Inspection Certificate. The inspection decal must be on the vehicle and the vehicle must meet all safety inspection standards.
- If the vehicle is new, you must have the sales contract, the Certificate of Vehicle Inspection Certificate and decal, a Hawai'i motor vehicle insurance card, and the current temporary license plate is attached to the vehicle.
- If you are using a rental vehicle, it must have the original Certificate of Registration, Certificate of Vehicle Inspection, and Hawai'i motor vehicle insurance card. The driver's license applicant must be listed on the rental contract.
- If you are using a company vehicle, you will need a letter, on company letterhead, authorizing you to use the company vehicle for the road test that must be signed by an officer or authorized person of the company. The letter must include the applicant's name, vehicle license plate, make and vehicle identification number and the date that the vehicle will be used for the road test.

Hawaii motor vehicle insurance

- You must have a current Hawai'i motor vehicle insurance card. The name and vehicle identification number must be the same as on the vehicle Certificate of Registration.
- Applicant may also provide an electronic version of the motor vehicle insurance identification card that is accessed directly through the license insurer's website, application or database. The mobile phone with the electronic version must be carried by applicant during the road test. The mobile app must be downloaded prior to checking in for the appointment.

Minor applicants

If you are under age 18, you must also provide the original State of Hawai'i driver education certificates of completion for classroom and behind-the-wheel instruction.

Foreign license holders

In addition to all of the requirements above, holders of foreign driver's licenses of a participating country of the "1943 and 1949 United Nations Convention of Road Traffic and Convention on the Regulation of Inter-American Automotive Traffic" must present a valid foreign driver's license, along with a valid international driving permit, and a valid passport, with an entry date to the U.S. of less than one year at the time of the road test.

NOTE: A provisional or full license will not be issued to individuals under age 18, who have pending violations or proceedings that might result in the suspension or revocation of the provisional license, and any pending adjudication of an offense relating to the operation of a motor vehicle.

Violations or proceedings must be cleared within 30 days of passing the road test. Failure to do so will result in having to retake the road test.

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