

Privately Owned Vehicle (POV)

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Shipping Your POV

Refer to pages 5 and 6 of the **Before You Arrive Section** for information on shipping your vehicle.

Pickup Locations

Oahu

Your vehicle will be located at the Matson Terminal, on Sand Island Parkway by CG ISC Honolulu.

Reach Hawai'i VPC at (808) 848-8383 or www.whereismypov.com for pick-up information.

Maui

Your vehicle will be located in Kahului, by Matson Pier 1 (808) 877-5027

Kauai

Your vehicle will be located in Nawiliwili, by Matson Pier 2 (808) 246-9138

Hawai'i

Your vehicle will be located at: Hilo Harbor, by Matson Pier 1 (808) 935-5781

Insurance

You must carry a Hawai'i no-fault insurance card in your vehicle at all times. Failure to show proof of insurance is an **automatic \$1000 fine!**

Obtaining economical insurance coverage can be difficult, especially if you are under 25 years of age.

As mentioned in the **Before You Arrive Section**, you should switch to an insurance company that will insure you in Hawai'i before you



leave the mainland, if possible.

Pickup and Acceptance

1. Arrange for your Hawai'i no-fault insurance **before** pickup date. You must have the following with you when you pick up your vehicle.

- Military Identification
- Current Registration
- Valid Driver's License
- Your copy of the DD-788 *Private Vehicle Shipping Document*

2. Allow plenty of time to thoroughly inspect your vehicle for damage, and carefully note all damage on DD-788.

3. Do not let the inspector rush you. It is **your** responsibility to note specific damage on DD-788. This form is the **critical document** for shipped vehicle claims. You have to note all the damage at the port that is readily observable. Besides the obvious scratches and dents you should:

- Check your oil and other fluids, and
- Start your vehicle to ensure that it runs properly. If you can, drive the car on the lot to identify drivetrain problems.

4. If there are any problems whatsoever, note them. If you don't

write down damage that should have been noted at the port, you may not be able to establish that the carrier caused the damage and won't be able to recover for it.

5. Sign and date the back of DD-788. The shipping agent will also give you a shipping receipt that you'll need to register the vehicle with the Hawai'i Department of Motor Vehicles and Licensing (DMVL)

6. If you discover any **hidden damage** after driving away, report it to your local unit damage claim Investigation Officer (IO) as soon as possible. Do not delay, since you may not be able to collect on even hidden damage that is not reported at time of pickup.

Registration

You have 30 calendar days after pickup to get a vehicle **safety inspection** and get it registered with the DMVL. You should get your POV inspected and registered with DMVL and DoD registered as soon as possible because:

- To get on Oahu's military bases without a DoD decal, you must go to security, show your ID, registration, and insurance every day you enter the base.
- If you have any vehicle problems, you have time to get them fixed before entering.
- It's easier to get time off to take care of these things the first week you report aboard.

POVs With Joint Ownership Titles and/or Registrations

Each registered POV owner must provide identification card information including SSN, birth date, and completed Joint Ownership Authorization Letter--or contractor will not accept the POV for shipment.

For members with a joint registrant such as mother, father, etc, the joint ownership letter must be completed with the SSN and birth date provided. We recommend letters be notarized to smooth the document flow through appropriate agencies.

Safety Inspection (Within 30 days of POV pickup)

A Hawai`i State Vehicle Safety Inspection is required annually for all motor vehicles, including motorcycles and mopeds. The inspection can be done at any service station, auto repair shop, and at dealers displaying the "Official Vehicle Safety Inspection Station" sign.

Vehicle Safety Inspection fees are generally around \$15 for motor vehicles and \$10 for motorcycles, trailers, and mopeds. All the major military bases have inspection stations; but, without a DoD registration sticker, you have to get a day pass from security.

You must show the inspector your Hawai`i no-fault insurance card and the car's current out-of-state registration.

If the inspector finds safety defects in your vehicle, you have 10 days to correct them (anywhere you want); then **return to the same station** for reinspection at no additional charge.

You will get two copies of the inspection certificate. The yellow copy is for the POV, and the pink copy is to keep in your car.

POV Registration (Within 30 days of POV pickup)

You can register your POV with the Hawai`i Department of Motor Vehicles and Licensing (DMVL) one of two ways:

Keeping Out-of-State Plates (With a Hawai`i out-of-state vehicle permit)

To keep your current license plates, registration, and title, you need:

- Current Registration
- Shipping Receipt
- Hawai`i State Vehicle Safety Inspection Certificate (yellow copy)
- Hawai`i No-Fault Insurance Card
- A completed Application for Out of State Vehicle Permit DF-L-27, signed by the registered owner.

You will receive an **out-of-state vehicle permit** sticker for your vehicle's rear bumper. It is valid for 12 months or until the expiration of your current out-of-state registration, whichever occurs first. It costs \$5. When your out-of-state vehicle permit expires, you can either:

- Renew your out-of-state registration and renew your Hawai`i Out-of-State Vehicles Permit; or
- Register your vehicle permanently with Hawai`i plates.

If you obtain a permanent Hawai`i registration, all the below requirements apply except DMVL will already have your shipping receipt and the yellow Safety Inspection

copy.

Obtaining Hawai`i Plates

To get Hawai`i license plates, registration, and title, you need:

- A DF-L-50 (**Non-Resident Certificate**) to exempt you from Hawai`i's expensive motor vehicle weight tax. The form, and has to be filled out in part by, your unit administration. To be able to use this form, the active duty member must be a registered owner or co-owner. If not, the member must be given at least co-ownership with a separate Bill of Sale or Title transfer.
- Current Registration
- Shipping Receipt
- Hawai`i State Vehicle Safety Inspection Certificate (yellow copy)
- Certificate of Ownership (title) unless held by lien holder
- Hawai`i No-Fault Insurance Card
- Completed and signed Application for Registration Form
- Military ID Card

You will receive Hawai`i plates and a temporary registration (permanent will be mailed). The cost is \$25.50

Most Coast Guard members elect to get Hawai`i registration and plates because annual renewal fees are cheaper than their previous state (\$20.50 per year).

Satellite City Halls:

Satellite City Halls provide many Government services and handle transactions for the general public.

Satellite City Halls offer the following services:

- Vehicle Registration And Renewals
- City Job Information
- Picnic And Camp Permits
- TheBus Passes, Sales, and Information
- Collection Of Water Bill And Property Tax
- Licenses For Dogs, Mopeds, and Bicycles
- Voter Registration, Certification, and Information
- Parking permits for the disabled

Some are open on weekends.

For information, call (808) 527-6695 or go to their website at: <http://www.co.honolulu.hi.us/csd/satellite/>.

Oahu Offices

For information about **Driver's Licenses or Vehicle Registration** on Oahu, call (808) 532-7730 or visit: www.co.honolulu.hi.us/csd/vehicle/mvinformation.htm

Ala Moana Center

1450 Ala Moana Blvd, #1286
Honolulu, HI 96814
(808) 973-2600

Fort Street Mall

1000 Fort St Mall
Honolulu, HI 96813
(808) 532-2500

Hawai'i Kai

6600 Kalaniana'ole Hwy, Suite 101
Honolulu, HI 96825
(808) 527-6695

Kailua

Keolu Shopping Center
1090 Keolu Dr.

Kailua, HI 96734
(808) 261-8575

Kalihi/Kapalama

Kapalama City Square
1199 Dillingham Blvd
Honolulu, HI 96819
(808) 842-0653

Note: this is the Satellite City Hall / DMV closest to Sand Island. If leaving Sand Island, turn right on Nimitz Hwy (toward Waikiki), turn left on Waiakamilo, left on Dillingham Blvd. Kapalama City Square is on the right.

Kaneohe

Windward Mall Shopping Center
46-056 Kamehameha Hwy.
Kaneohe, HI 96744
(808) 235-4571

Kapolei

Kapolei Hale
1000 Uluohia St
Kapolei, HI 96707

Pearlridge Phase II

Uptown Pearlridge Shopping Center
98-1005 Moanalua Rd, 244B
Aiea, HI 96701
(808) 483-3405

Wahiawa

330 North Cane St.
Wahiawa, HI 96786
(808) 621-0791

Neighbor Island Offices

County of Hawai'i

101 Pauahi, Ste. 5
Hilo, HI 96720
(808) 961-8351

County of Maui

70 East Kaahumanu Ave, Ste. A17
Kahului, HI 96732-2176
(808) 243-7840

County of Kauai

4444 Rice St., Bldg A-480
Lihue, Kauai
(808) 245-6925

DoD POV Registration

To obtain easy access to DoD installations, Coast Guard members need to obtain DoD decals by registering their vehicle. The following offices issue DoD vehicle decals for all Coast Guard units on Oahu:

AIRSTA Barber's Point

Admin Office (808) 682-2656
For Air Station Personnel

NCTAMS EASTPAC

Security Office (808) 653-5520
For COMMSTA Personnel
Located by the BEQ swimming pool (Bldg. 5).
MON, TUE, THR, FRI: 0700-1500
WED: 0700-1100

ISC Honolulu Pass and

ID Office (808) 842-2062 / 2063
For All CG Personnel
Located ISC Honolulu Admin Bldg
MON through FRI, 0730-1530

To obtain a DoD registered decal, bring these to the issuing office:

- Current Registration
- Copy of Your Orders (To Verify New PCS Tour)
- Hawai'i State Vehicle Safety Inspection Certificate (Pink Copy)
- Hawai'i No-Fault Insurance Card
- Driver's License
- ID Card
- Motorcycle and Moped Owners must complete a Motorcycle Foundation Safety Course and provide a Completion Certificate

Hawai'i Driver's License

Active duty member's home of record state driver's license remains valid until they are released from active duty, so you usually do not need to get a Hawai'i driver's license. Family members can use an out-of-state license until it expires. To convert to a Hawai'i license, you must apply to take the written test before your license expires. Otherwise, you will also have to take the road test exam. The cost to transfer

your license and take the written test is \$20.00 if you are 18 years of age or older. If you are under 18 years of age you cannot transfer your out-of-state driver's license.

Driver's tests are given at the following facilities.

For online information, go to:
http://www.onlinedmv.com/HI_Hawaii_dmvc_department_of_motor_vehicles.htm

City and County of Honolulu

Main Locations

Written and Road Tests

Closed SAT, SUN, and Holidays

Kalihi/Kapalama

Kapalama City Square
1199 Dillingham Blvd
Honolulu, HI 96819
General Info: 808-532-7730
Road Test Info: 808-832-4117
MON thru FRI, 0745-1600

Pearl City

1100 Waimano Home Road
Info: 808-453-2400
MON thru FRI, 0745-1600

Wahiawa

330 North Cane Street
Wahiawa, HI 96786
Info: 808-621-7255
MON thru FRI, 0745-1600

Waianae

85-670 Farrington Highway
Waianae, HI
Info: 808-696-6648
Only MON & WED, 0745-1600

DMVL Satellite City Halls Renewals and Duplicates Only (no Road Tests)

Fort Street Mall

1000 Fort Street Mall
Honolulu, HI 96813
Info: 808-532-2503
MON thru FRI, 0800-1600

Kaneohe

Windward Mall Shopping Center
46-056 Kamehameha Hwy.
Kaneohe, HI 96744
Info: 808-235-2303
MON thru FRI, 0900-1700
SAT, 0800-1600

County of Hawai'i

Hilo Police Station

349 Kapiolani Street, Hilo
961-2222

Old Kailua Airport

Kailua-Kona
329-8821

Laupahoehoe Police Station

962-6211

Keaau Police Station

966-9388

Kau Police Station

Naalehu
929-7331

Waimea Police Station

885-7334

Kohala Police Station

Kapaau
889-6225

Hamakua Police Station

Honokaa
775-7228

County of Maui

Wailuku

War Memorial Gym Complex
244-7766

Lahaina Police Station

667-9354

Hana Police Station

248-8254

County of Kauai

Kauai Department of Finance
4280-A Rice St.

Lihue
245-1644

Reconstruction Vehicle

All reconstruction vehicles must be inspected and issued a reconstruction permit or be subject to citation. The reconstruction station is located at 1112 Kapahulu Ave (under H1 Freeway). Inspection hours: 1:00-3:15 pm. Phone: 733-2542

Motorcycle Safety Course Providers

To complete one of the free motorcycle safety courses offered by the military facilities listed below, you must have a motorcycle and a motorcycle drivers license. For more information, contact the:

Navy - At Ford Island, (808) 472-7569. Free for active duty and dependents.

Air Force - At Hickam AFB, (808) 449-2811. Free for active duty.

Marines - At Marine Corps Base Hawai'i, (808) 257-3408. Free for active duty.

Army - At Wheeler Army Air Field, (808) 656-4530. Free for active duty.

If you do not have a motorcycle, plan to buy one and would like to learn how to safely operate and drive one first, you can take a course offered by the University of Hawai'i at **ISC Honolulu**. The course lasts for three days and the cost is \$87.50. They will provide the helmet and motorcycle. (808) 453-6120

COMDTINST M5100.47 (series) requires all Coast Guard personnel riding on Government property to satisfactorily complete a Motorcycle Foundation Safety course.

Bicycles

All bicycles must be licensed. You must show a bill of sale or fill out an affidavit. If the owner is under 18, parents or guardians must apply for the license (cost is \$8). Riders are subject to the same laws as motor vehicles. Military bases require **bicycle helmets**.

Buying A Vehicle In Hawai'i

Privately Owned Used Cars

Several military bases on Oahu have designated parking lots where POVs are displayed for sale. The largest one is located on Hickam AFB near the main gas station--it's worth taking a look. Bulletin boards at all exchanges also list cars for sale.

Buyer Beware

You want the car. The dealer wants to sell it. The dealer wants you to sign a paper that states, "I understand that I cannot remove the car from Hawai'i without the consent of the lender or his assignees," or words to that effect. What will you do?

First, try to avoid the problem by joining a credit union or a bank that will let you take the car off the island. Talk to the people at the credit union or bank about a loan before you shop for a car.

Second, if you plan to finance a car with a commercial lender, follow these steps:

1. Clearly tell the dealer that you will not under any circumstances sign a paper that gives the lender the unqualified right to prevent you from removing the car from Hawai'i.
2. Tell the dealer that Hawai'i law authorizes you to refuse to sign the agreement, and also authorizes you to attach written conditions to any agreement you sign.
3. Walk away if you do not want to be obligated to keep the car on the island under any circumstances.

If you want the car badly enough to

agree to "keep the car in Hawai'i under certain conditions," then clearly tell the dealer that you will determine what those conditions will be. At a minimum, insist that wording like the following be written on the agreement before you sign:

Buyer will be granted permission to remove the vehicle that is collateral for the loan from the state if:

- You are determined to be credit worthy when you apply for the loan,
- You are ordered by competent military authority to depart the state for reasons other than temporary duty,
- You provide your forwarding address, and
- You are not in default on your loan payments.

If you are denied permission to remove the vehicle from the state, you will be provided a statement of reasons for such a determination.

Insist on obtaining a clear copy of any agreement that you sign. If the dealer will not agree to your conditions, tell him *aloha*, *adios*, and **GOOD-BYE!**

If you have any doubt about how to protect yourself, contact the Coast Guard Legal Office at (808) 541-2108 or Navy Legal Services (808) 474-3127 before signing anything.

If you think any dealer is engaging in an unfair, deceptive, or illegal business practice (e.g., trying to coerce you into signing an agreement), contact a Legal Assistance Officer as soon as possible.

For reference, retain this article and put it in your wallet whenever you shop for a car. If a car dealer doesn't understand your message, let him read this article. If he wants to

argue about it, tell him to call your Legal Assistance Officer. If he still doesn't get the word, ask to talk to his boss. If that gets you nowhere, walk away because you don't want anything to do with such a dealership.

Buying Used Vehicles

Used vehicles are often sold "as is" which means there are no warranties on the car, truck, or motorcycle--absolutely none. That means there is not even a promise that the car will run. To protect yourself, get the dealer's permission and have the car checked by an independent mechanic before you sign the contract. (A reputable dealer will have no objection to this.) You may also want to consider buying warranty coverage for the car.

If the dealer makes any promises regarding the condition of the car, or assumes any obligation for future repairs, get it in writing.

For further information or other legal assistance call the Coast Guard Legal Office at (808) 541-2108 or Navy Legal Services (808) 474-3127.

Auto Hobby Shops

Oahu has numerous military auto shops where you can do your own oil changes and, even, major overhauls.

Ft. Shafter Auto Hobby Shop
(808) 438-9402

NCTAMS EASTPAC Auto Hobby Shop
(808) 653-5593

Hickam AFB Auto Craft Center Auto Shop
(808) 449-2554