

EXEMPTIONS

Any person 18 years of age or older holding a valid driver's license issued in any other state of the United States, the District of Columbia, the Commonwealth of Puerto Rico, U.S. Virgin Islands, American Samoa, Guam, a province of the Dominion of Canada, or the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands is exempt from obtaining a Class 1, 2 or 3 Hawaii driver's license. Persons under the age of 18 years must satisfy instruction permit requirements for minors (see Instruction Permit section).

Any person 21 years of age or older holding a valid commercial driver's license issued in any other state of the United States, Mexico or a province of the Dominion of Canada is exempt from obtaining a Hawaii commercial driver's license unless domiciled in Hawaii.

Drivers on active military duty possessing a Hawaii driver's license issued prior to the passage of Act 214, SLH 1967 (paper license) which has not been reissued, who remain on active duty and absent from the state are exempt from renewal until 30 days after separation from the military or return to the state. (Hawaii driver's licenses issued after Act 214, SLH 1967 (plastic type) are not exempt from renewal requirement).

CLASSES AND ENDORSEMENTS

1	Motor scooters 5 HP or less.
2	Motorcycles over 5 HP and motor scooters.
3	Any single vehicle with a GVWR of 15,000 pounds or less and vehicles designed to transport 15 or fewer passengers, including the driver.
4	Any single vehicle with a GVWR of 15,001 - 26,000 pounds.
A (CDL)	Any combination of vehicles with a GVWR of 26,001 pounds or more; GVWR of vehicles towed is in excess of 10,000 pounds.
B (CDL)	Any single vehicle with a GVWR of 26,001 pounds or more, or if the GVWR of the towed vehicle is not in excess of 10,000 pounds.
C (CDL)	Any single vehicle or combination of vehicles that meets neither the definition of A or B and designed to transport 16 or more passengers or used to haul hazardous materials requiring placards.
H (CDL)	Vehicles hauling hazardous materials requiring placards.
T (CDL)	Vehicles towing double and triple trailers.
P (CDL)	Vehicles designed to transport 16 or more passengers including the driver.
N (CDL)	Tank vehicles.
X (CDL)	Tank vehicles hauling hazardous materials requiring placards.

RESTRICTIONS

A	Glasses	N	Medical
B	Outside mirror	O	Any other restrictions
C	Automatic transmission	P	Three-wheel motorcycle
D	Daylight hours only	Q	Mechanical aid
E	Full hand equipment	R	Prosthetic aid
F	Mechanical signals	S	Limit to employment
G	Taxi	T	Limited - other
H	Power steering	V	CDL intrastate only
I	Hearing aid	X	Except Class A bus
J	Power brakes	Y	Except Class A and B bus
K	Vehicles without air brakes	Z	Except tractor-trailer
L	Steering knob		
M	Cushion		

EXPIRATION

Four-year licenses are issued to applicants between the ages of 15 and 17 years; six-year licenses are issued to 18-71 year olds; and two-year licenses are issued to 72+ year olds who drive non-commercial vehicles. Commercial drivers, 21-71 years, are issued six-year licenses and 72+ year olds are issued two-year licenses (exception physical restrictions; also, see Renewal section). Minimum age for licensing is 15 years.

APPLICATION

Social security number and proof of name and age are required. Documents such as valid driver's license, birth certificate, military I.D., along with other supporting documents are necessary. U.S. citizenship or Hawaii residency is not required prior to obtaining a Hawaii driver's license.

VALID LICENSE ISSUED BY ANOTHER STATE

An applicant holding a valid out-of-state driver's license and desiring to obtain a Hawaii driver's license must complete all of the requirements for an instruction permit; however, a road test may be waived at the discretion of the examiner of drivers for persons eighteen years of age and older. No permit is issued and the applicant retains the valid out-of-state license until after successfully completing any required practical test. Fees vary. In all cases, all out-of-state drivers' licenses must be surrendered prior to the issuance of a Hawaii driver's license.

TESTS

Eye examination must be successfully completed. Failure or visual deficiency requires an independent eye examination, report, and/or correction. Minimum acceptable acuity is 20/40 corrected with 70 field of vision in one eye and the ability to judge distance and standard traffic colors.

Knowledge test must be successfully completed (minimum of 80% correct) by applicant prior to issuance of an instruction permit except for those applicants holding a valid Hawaii driver's license who are applying for a different category of license other than for a motorscooter or motorcycle. Test failure requires a one week mandatory waiting period prior to reexamination. Fees vary.

Skill tests are conducted by county driver examiners. The motorcycle skills test may be waived if you have a motorcycle skills test certification for waiver issued by the Hawaii Motorcycle Safety Education Program or a valid motorcycle license or endorsement from a state that uses the MOST (Motorcycle Operator Skills Test) or the ALMOST (Alternate MOST). Fees vary.

The City and County of Honolulu and the Counties of Kauai and Hawaii may use third party examiners certified by the Department of Transportation to conduct the skills tests for Class 4 and commercial driver license applicants.

INSTRUCTION PERMIT

Instruction permit for a Class 1, 2, 3 or 4 license is valid for 90 days; CDL instruction permit is valid for 180 days and may be renewed. A driver holding a valid license in the applicable category must accompany the driver learner.

Drivers operating a motorscooter or motorcycle under an instruction permit shall not carry passengers or operate the vehicle at night.

Motorscooter or motorcycle instruction permits may be renewed. However, an attempt by the applicant to pass the off-street/on-street road tests is required prior to permit tri-issuance. If no driving skill test is attempted, a mandatory three month wait is required before another

instruction permit can be issued.

Instruction permits and drivers' licenses issued to persons 15 through 17 years of age are special probationary licenses and consent of the parent(s) or guardian specified in legal custody documents is required. Non-resident minors are eligible. Revocation of a probationary license prevents the applicant from being licensed until age 17. Minimum age to obtain an instruction permit is 15. Persons 15 through 17 years of age must hold an instruction permit for 90 days before being licensed.

PHYSICAL QUALIFICATIONS

The examiner may refer applicants exhibiting physical or mental deficiencies to their physician for a medical report, which may be reviewed by the State Medical Advisory Board.

Applicants for a Class 4 or commercial driver's license (A, B, C) must be 21 years of age and meet the qualifications of 49 C.F.R., Part 391, Subparts B and E.

RENEWAL

Driver license expires on birthday (2nd, 4th, or 6th birthday from license issuance date) and may be renewed during a period of six months prior to and within a year after expiration by successfully completing renewal procedures. Driver licenses are not valid after the expiration date.

If you fail to renew your driver's license during the renewal period, you will be treated as a new applicant.

If you fail your knowledge (commercial drivers only) or skills test, you will be required to wait one week prior to reexamination.

You may be required to take a skill test.

You may renew your Class 1, 2 or 3 license if you are temporarily absent from the state. You must complete all items and pay the fees included under license renewal procedures.

Driver license renewal by mail is restricted to Class 1, 2 or 3 vehicles and to two consecutive renewals. A license (two-, four-, or six-year) will be issued which is valid without photo.

DUPLICATE LICENSE

You must appear in person to obtain a duplicate license if your license is lost, misplaced, stolen, or mutilated. If you are temporarily absent from the state, your duplicate license will be issued without a photo. You will be required to take a vision test. Fees vary.