Information for U.S. Military: Initial vehicle registration in Hawaii

City and County of Honolulu • Department of Customer Services

Out-of-state vehicle permit or out-of-state registration transfer:

1) **Safety Inspection –** take your vehicle to any official Hawaii Safety Inspection Station**.**
   a) If your vehicle passes all other items on the safety inspection, it will fail on valid registration in the City and County of Honolulu.
   b) If other defects are found, the defects must be corrected before you register the vehicle.

2) **Take your vehicle documentation and "failed" safety inspection to any satellite city hall on Oahu or the vehicle registration office at Joint Base Pearl Harbor Hickam.**
   a) An **AlohaQ appointment** is recommended for vehicle registration services at satellite city halls. Limited stand-by service is available at all locations, but same-day service is not guaranteed.
   b) **Appointments are required at the JBPHH vehicle registration office** and this office accepts only checks or cash payments.

3) **If you plan to keep your out-of-state plates**, you will need the following documents:
   a) Valid out-of-state registration, title/lien holders address.
   b) Shipping documents (Bill of Lading) with vehicle identification number (VIN).
   c) Out-of-state permit application form CS-L (MVR) 27, which will available at the satellite city hall or motor vehicle registration office.
   d) Failed Hawaii Safety Inspection Certificate.
   e) After you get your out-of-state permit, you will need to return to the Hawaii Safety Inspection Station within 30 days of the original "failed" safety check, to pass the safety inspection and get your valid safety inspection emblem and certificate.

4) **If you plan to register your vehicle and get Hawaii license plates,** you will need the following documents:
   a) Current out-of-state registration, title/lien holders address.
   b) Shipping documents (Bill of Lading) with vehicle identification number (VIN).
   c) Non-Resident Certificate for Active Duty, Reserve, or National Guard service members, form CS-L (MVR) 50, which is available from your military unit or military personnel office.
   d) Failed Hawaii Safety Inspection Certificate.
   e) After you register your vehicle in the City and County of Honolulu and receive your license plates, you will need to return to the Hawaii Safety Inspection Station within 30 days of the original "failed" safety check, to get your valid safety inspection emblem and certificate.
   f) Please note that Hawaii requires two license plates on vehicles – the license plate with the emblem space in the upper right-hand corner goes on the rear of the vehicle, and the other license plates must be affixed to the front of the vehicle before you return to the Safety Inspection Station**.**

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