Vehicles

The government will pay to ship one privately owned vehicle (POV) for you. It will be shipped to the Vehicle Processing Center located at Pier 1 on Forrest Avenue in Honolulu. To check on the status of your vehicle, check online at https://www.pcsmypov.com/Track, or email Honolulu.VPC@ialpov.us, or call 808-670-3095 or 1-855-389-9499. As long as COVID Quarantine or Restriction of Movement (ROM) are required, you will need to complete that before picking it up. If you are considering whether to ship a second car at your own expense, consider the cost vs. the value of the car and the wide availability of used cars here on Oahu. There are a number of different companies for shipping. It may cost under $1000 from the West Coast or over $2000 from the East Coast.

The Joint Personal Property Shipping Office (JPPSO) manages shipments for military and civilian members of all services. They are part of the NAVSUP Fleet Logistics Center in Pearl Harbor and their webpage is https://www.navsup.navy.mil/public/navsup/flcph/pp_hhgs/ (scroll down for the Vehicle Processing Center part).

**Registering Your Vehicle in Hawaii:** All automobiles used on the highway must be registered with the State of Hawaii within 10 days of arrival. If you are not a legal resident of Hawaii, you may keep your original vehicle license plates, but you must register your car to get a Hawaii vehicle permit sticker. To complete vehicle registration, you are required to have proof of ownership or certificate of registration; shipping documents; and Hawaii no-fault insurance coverage. Additionally, Hawaii requires an annual safety inspection for all vehicles; valid identification card; and Non-Resident Certificate Form CS-L (MVR) (to be obtained from SOCPAC SOJ1 verifying your home of record as reflected in your service record).

Note: proof of insurance requires a white card with watermark provided by your auto insurance company, not just a printout. If you’re with USAA, call them first to change it to Hawaii and mail it to you, or pick up the white card at an associated office called Crawford & Co in Honolulu near the Ala Moana shopping center.

For more information, visit the Customer Services Department at http://www.honolulu.gov/csd. Complete the registration at one of the DMV satellite city halls. They have locations at Joint Base Pearl Harbor Hickam (at 1705 O'Malley Blvd) and around the island; find locations/hours and make appointments online at http://www.honolulu.gov/cms-csd-menu/site-csd-sitearticles/26204-services-and-locations-listings.html#SCH. Note: Satellite Offices accept CASH or CHECKS only.

**Driver’s Licenses:** Driver’s licenses issued by your home state are generally valid in Hawaii until they expire. If you want to apply for a Hawaii driver’s license, you must present your Social Security card and current out-of-state license. If your out-of-state license has expired, you will be
required to complete an application form, take and pass a written examination, eye test and a road test. Your original license will not be returned. The driver’s license age in Hawaii is 16, however teen drivers under 18 (age 16 or 17) with a driver’s license from another state or territory or Canada must provide legal written consent by a parent or guardian and pass a required driver’s education course. For more information, visit the Hawaii Driver License website at http://www.honolulu.gov/csd/dlicense.html or the Hawaii Driver's Handbook at https://hidot.hawaii.gov/highways/files/2019/03/mvso-11272-Hawaii-Drivers-Manual-r3-LR-10-24-18.pdf.

**MOTORCYCLES:** Motorcycle operators in Hawaii 18 must have a Class 2 motorcycle license or motorcycle instruction permit. Operators and passengers under 18 are required to wear a helmet. For more information, see the Hawaii DOT’s Motorcycle Operator Manual at: https://hidot.hawaii.gov/highways/files/2017/09/Motorcycle-Manual-Version-5-2017.pdf.