

MOTORCYCLES and MOTOR SCOOTERS

General Information:

Definitions of a 'moped', 'motorcycle' and 'motor scooter' are defined in [Hawaii Revised Statutes \(HRS\) 286-2](#) and in [HRS 291C-1](#).

A valid motorcycle license is a 'type 2' designation. Licensing information: [HRS 286-102](#)

Hawaii law requires all motorcycle and motor scooter operators to purchase liability insurance for their vehicles. A valid I.D. card and driver's license must be kept with the motorcycle or scooter or carried by the operator. [HRS 286-116](#)

Lane splitting/lane sharing is illegal in Hawaii per [HRS 291C-153\(c\)](#)

See the [Frequently Asked Questions](#) page for more information.

To Obtain a Motorcycle Designation:

1. In state
 - a. Must get a motorcycle instruction (class 2) permit
 - i. If your permit expires, then you will have to wait three months before applying for another permit, causing you to have pay all fees again to retake the classes and exams.
 - b. Provide the required documents
 - c. Successfully pass vision screening
 - d. Have a clear driving record
 - e. Successfully pass the motorcycle written knowledge test
 - f. Successfully pass the rules of road written test (if you do not currently hold a Class 3 license)
 - g. Successfully pass the motorcycle road test **OR** take one of the following State certified motorcycle safety courses on Oahu or Hawaii island. When you pass the course, you will receive a waiver from the road test.
 - i. For Oahu: [Leeward Community College](#)
 - ii. For Hawaii Island: [Hawaii Community College](#) (HCC has currently suspended training. Please contact them for updates)
 - h. For more detailed information – click [here](#).
2. Out of state operators:

- a. If you already have a valid motorcycle designation from another State or country and you may be able to transfer it to your new Hawaii driver's license. For more information - Click [here](#).
- 3. Under 18 years old operators
 - a. If you want to get a motorcycle designation at the same time as your driver's license, start the driver education graduated licensing program. This [brochure](#) can get you started.
 - i. Rules regarding provisional licensing – [HRS 286-102.6](#)
 - ii. Further information: [Driver Education](#)
 - b. Permits ([HRS 286-107](#)), ([HRS 286-110](#))
 - i. Special note - when getting the permit the minor applicant must submit CS-L-DL 239, Parental Consent Affidavit for Type 2 permit in addition to a CSL239 submitted for a Type 3 permit.
 - ii. Make sure that you have your permit before signing up for the motorcycle safety class.
 - c. Rules under permit phase ([HRS 286-110](#))
 - i. You cannot carry passengers or operate a motorcycle during the hours of darkness while learning to ride under a permit.
 - ii. Your permit may be renewed if you have taken a skill test prior to the expiration of the motorcycle instruction permit.
 - iii. If your permit expires before you take a skill test at least once, you must wait three months before applying for another motorcycle instruction permit.
 - iv. You need to wear a helmet [HRS 286-81 \(2\)\(e\)](#)
 - d. You must complete the Behind the Wheel (BTW) Motorcycle Certificate and Classroom (CLS) requirements. You are required to hold your Class 1 or 2 permit for 180 days and submit a Driver Education (DE) Certificate and Behind the Wheel (BTW) Motorcycle Certificate before applying for the skills test at the DMV.
 - e. For more specific requirements go to your county websites. Links to the contact information are below.

Reminders:

Plan accordingly for all expiration dates of permits, waivers, and certificates.

There are NO extensions nor exceptions unless allowed by law.

It is your responsibility to schedule all appointments with your county's Department of Motor Vehicles (DMV) Licensing and Registration immediately to ensure that you can get an appointment on time. If you don't get the time or day that you wish, check back to the website daily to see if it becomes available. People routinely cancel their appointments. If available, you may also visit the kiosks at the satellite city halls to schedule an appointment.

MOPEDS

General Information:

You need a valid driver's license to operate a moped per [HRS 291C-194](#). Mopeds do not need to be registered and require safety checks from licensed locations.

Some mopeds have a seat for two people, it is illegal to have more than one rider on the moped.

New: 2021 Act 214 went into effect on July 1, 2021. This Act requires all moped and motor scooter rental companies to ensure that mopeds and motor scooters are equipped with flags [\(HRS 286-81.5\)](#) and that it makes helmets mandatory if the renter does not have a motorcycle or equivalent license [\(HRS 286-81\(b\)\)](#). It amends 'scooters' to not just include motorcycles that matches the scooter description, but to include any and all vehicles that match those specifications except mopeds. Also, it reiterates the laws regarding aftermarket modifications.

https://www.capitol.hawaii.gov/session2021/bills/SB615_CD1_.pdf

For more information on moped laws and requirements, click – [here](#).