

Hawaii Road Signs Cheat Sheet 2026

The night-before summary, built like the exam.

25 Scored questions	— Time limit	— Passing score
\$0 Exam fee	Hawaii Department of Tra... Governing body	— Pass rate

The numbers to remember

- 25 questions, 60-minute time limit — plenty of time, so don't rush.
- Minimum age to take the test or get an instruction permit: 15.5 years.
- Minimum age for a provisional license: 16 years; you must hold the instruction permit at least 180 days first.
- Pass the test? You have 30 days to finish paperwork and documentation.
- Fail? Retest the next day. Disqualified? Wait 7 days.
- County fees: Hawaii County \$11, Honolulu \$12, Kauai \$20, Maui \$25.
- Online testing needs a desktop or laptop with webcam — no phones or tablets.
- Test can be taken online statewide, or in person at a county office on limited, appointment-only days.
- Supervising drivers for a learner must be at least 21 years old and licensed for that vehicle type.

Sign shapes at a glance

- Red octagon = stop.
- Red/white downward triangle = yield.
- Yellow diamond = general warning.
- Orange diamond = construction/work zone.
- White rectangle, black text = regulatory (speed, turns, one-way).
- Green rectangle = guide/directional.
- Pennant = no-passing zone.
- Circle = railroad crossing warning.
- Pentagon = school zone or crossing ahead.

Right-of-way in one breath

You yield, you don't take. First to stop at a 4-way goes first; ties yield right. Left turns yield to oncoming traffic and pedestrians. Entering/merging traffic yields to traffic already on the road. Pedestrians in a crosswalk always get the right-of-way, marked or not. Roundabout entrants yield to circulating traffic already inside. Pull over and stop for emergency vehicles running lights and sirens.

Top traps

- Thinking the posted speed limit is always safe — it's a maximum under ideal conditions, not a target in rain, fog, or heavy traffic.
- Assuming right-of-way is something you can assert — it's always something granted or yielded, never taken.
- Treating a driver under 21 the same as an adult for alcohol tolerance — the standard is stricter (effectively zero) for minors.
- Forgetting sign shape/color meaning when a question shows no text at all — study the category, not just individual signs.
- Showing up with a phone or tablet for the online test — only a desktop or laptop with a webcam is accepted.

- Missing your county's specific fee or process — Hawaii's four counties differ (\$11 to \$25) and each runs its own licensing division.
- Underestimating fatigue — drowsy driving slows reaction time much like alcohol does, and pulling over to rest is the correct call, not pushing through.

Official sources

- Hawaii Department of Transportation (HIDOT) / County Driver Licensing Divisions (Honolulu, Hawaii, Maui, Kauai) — Hawaii FAQ - KnowTo Drive (official state-designated online testing platform): <https://knowtodrive.com/hawaii-faq/>
- Hawaii Department of Transportation (HIDOT) / County Driver Licensing Divisions (Honolulu, Hawaii, Maui, Kauai) — Hawaii Driver's Manual (2023, State of Hawaii, HIDOT): https://hidot.hawaii.gov/highways/files/2024/11/2023-Hawaii-Drivers-Manual_5.375x8.375_Final-r3-Digital-071924web.pdf
- Hawaii Department of Transportation (HIDOT) / County Driver Licensing Divisions (Honolulu, Hawaii, Maui, Kauai) — Online Learner's Permit Test | Department of Transportation: <https://hidot.hawaii.gov/online-learners-permit-test/>

Free practice questions for this exam: www.everyexamprep.com/practice/exams/driving/hawaii-road-signs