DRIVING CREDENTIALS AND COVID-19 EMERGENCY ORDERS

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What does it mean for those needing a State Identification Card, Driver's License, Motor Vehicle Registration or Safety Check?

HONOLULU – The Hawaii Department of Transportation (HDOT) Highways Division announces the following changes to its vehicle licensing and safety check programs as part of the effort to reduce face-to-face interactions during the COVID-19 pandemic.

Driver's Licenses and State IDs

- The state is invoking a 90-day waiver on all expired driver's licenses and State identification cards. If your driver's license or State ID expires between March 23 and May 15, your credentials will be considered valid in the State of Hawaii for an additional 90-days.
- In coordination with the county driver's licensing centers, HDOT has suspended all in-person driver's license transactions and in-vehicle testing. There are limited non-in-person driver's license services available such as online ordering of duplicates currently offered by the City and County of Honolulu for eligible residents, and mail-in duplicates and renewals offered by all counties. Please visit the county's website or contact the county that issued your driver's license or state ID for instructions on using their mail-in services.
- The 90-day waiver for driver's licenses also applies to Commercial Driver's License (CDL) holders. Additionally, HDOT is allowing extension of the Medical Examiner's Certificate (MEC) and hazardous materials endorsement expiration for motor carriers through the period of the Governor's emergency proclamation which began March 4 and was extended to May 15.
- Transportation Security Administration (TSA) is accepting expired driver's licenses or State IDs that expired on or after March 1 for use at TSA checkpoints. See https://www.tsa.gov/coronavirus for more information.
- On March 23, President Donald Trump announced that the Oct. 1, 2020 REAL ID deadline would be extended. The new deadline has yet to be announced.

Periodic Motor Vehicle Inspection (Safety Check)

The annual safety check requirement is suspended, and no safety checks will be done through the month of April. If your safety check is expired, it will remain valid through May 31. Also, you may renew your vehicle registration online or with your expired safety check certificate during this grace period.

Vehicle Registration

Vehicle registrations may still be done online or by mail even though your safety check may have expired. Not all counties allow online renewals after your registration submission deadline. Please check your county's website or contact your county office for further information.

City and County of Honolulu

http://www.honolulu.gov/csd (http://www.honolulu.gov/csd)

County of Maui

https://www.mauicounty.gov/1328/Motor-Vehicle-Licensing

County of Hawaii

https://www.hawaiicounty.gov/departments/finance/vehicle-registration-licensing

County of Kauai

http://www.kauai.gov/Portals/0/Mayor/PIO/NR032320FD.pdf?ver=2020-03-23-100938-193 (http://www.kauai.gov/Portals/0/Mayor/PIO/NR032320FD.pdf?ver=2020-03-23-100938-193)

HDOT thanks the counties and the community for their social distancing efforts.

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