

Hawaii OS/OW Permit Binder

1. Authoritative Sources (Live Links)

Hawaii DOT Motor Vehicle Safety Office (Oversize/Overweight Permits):
<https://hidot.hawaii.gov/highways/>

Permit Application Portal: <https://hidot.hawaii.gov/highways/library/forms/>

Hawaii Administrative Rules – Vehicle Size & Weight: <https://hidot.hawaii.gov/>

Contact Hawaii DOT Permits Office: (808) 587-2220 | Email: dot.permits@hawaii.gov

2. Core Permit Rules & Restrictions

Permit Required: For vehicles exceeding statutory limits.

Legal Limits (without permit):

- Width: 9' (island dependent, generally more restrictive than mainland).
- Height: 14'.
- Length: 65' combination.
- Weight: 20,000 lbs per axle (bridge formula applies).

Superloads: Case-by-case, require DOT engineering clearance.

Travel Restrictions:

- No movement on holidays.
- Limited movement on weekends in metropolitan Honolulu.
- Escort requirements vary by route and island conditions.

3. Permit Workflow

1. Carrier submits vehicle/load details.
2. System/DOT reviews against statutory limits & island-specific restrictions.
3. Permit issued if compliant (may require engineering approval).
4. Route guidance provided; some areas restricted due to terrain/bridge limits.
5. Compliance: Permit must be carried in cab and followed exactly.

4. RAG Extraction Checklist

Vehicle Width, Height, Length

Gross Weight & Axle Weights

Origin & Destination (island specific)

Requested Dates/Times

Escort Needs

Holiday/Weekend Restrictions

5. Driver & Carrier Notes

Hawaii's road system is unique—permits may vary significantly between islands.

Check ferry/barge requirements if moving equipment between islands.

Flagging/Lights: Red flags for daytime oversize loads, amber lights at night.

Call DOT for clarification on island-specific detours.

6. Contacts

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