









Signs you must recognize

Shape and color tell you what to do before you read the text.

Sign color decoder

 Red Stop, yield, or do not enter	 Yellow Warning of hazard ahead	 Orange Work zone, construction, or detour	 Green Permitted movement or directions
 Blue Driver services, hospitals, rest areas	 Brown Recreation, parks, scenic areas	 White Regulatory — must obey the posted rule	 Yellow-green Pedestrian, school, or bike crossing

Hawaii signs you will see on the test

 Slippery when wet Road is especially slippery when wet. Slow down.	 Reverse curve Road curves right then left. Slow before the first curve.	 Traffic signal ahead Signal at intersection ahead. Prepare to stop.	 Steep hill Steep downgrade ahead. Use lower gear to control speed.	 Right lane ends Right lane ends. Merge left when safe.	 Railroad crossing Round yellow with X+RR = railroad crossing ahead.
 Curve right Road curves to the right. Slow before the curve.	 Stop Full stop at line. Yield to all traffic before going.	 Cross road Another road crosses ahead. Be ready to yield.	 Road work ahead Workers on or near road. Slow down and give space.	 Soft shoulder Shoulder is lower than road. Stay on pavement.	 Reduced speed ahead Begin reducing speed now. Lower limit starts ahead.
 Advisory exit speed Maximum safe speed for this exit ramp (e.g. 30 mph).	 Stop (octagon) Any 8-sided sign is always a stop sign.	 Exit only This lane exits — you will leave the freeway.	 Detour right Orange = work zone. Follow detour arrow to the right.	 Warning sign (diamond) Yellow diamond = warning of road hazard or condition.	 Do not enter One-way road — entering from this direction is wrong-way.

Sign shape shortcuts

- Octagon** — Always means STOP. The only 8-sided sign.
- Downward triangle** — Always means YIELD. Red and white edges.
- Diamond** — Warning of a road condition or hazard ahead.
- Vertical rectangle** — Regulatory — speed limits, turn restrictions, lane use.
- Horizontal rectangle** — Guidance — route markers, exit info, distance signs.
- Pennant** — Sideways triangle on LEFT side = START of no-passing zone.
- Round** — Yellow circle with X+RR = railroad crossing ahead.
- Pentagon** — School zone or school crossing — children present.

Rules of the road

Right of way

4-way stop — First to arrive goes first. Ties yield to driver on the right.

Uncontrolled intersection — Yield to the vehicle on your right.

Left turn — Yield to all oncoming traffic and pedestrians.

Pedestrian in crosswalk — Always yield — marked or unmarked crosswalk.

Emergency vehicle — Pull to right edge and stop. Never block intersections.

Stopped school bus — Stop both directions on 2-lane road. Divided median: same direction only.

Merging onto freeway — Match freeway traffic speed. Highway cars have right-of-way.

Officer directing traffic — Always obey officer — even over a working signal.

Flashing red light — Treat as a stop sign — full stop, then go when safe.

Flashing yellow light — Slow down and proceed with caution.

Hawaii key distances and numbers

Signal before turn or lane change	100 feet minimum
Minimum following distance	2 seconds

Stop distance from railroad rail	15 feet minimum
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BAC limit (age 21+)	0.08%
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Implied-consent test refusal	12-month license revocation
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Basic speed rule	Never faster than safe for conditions
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Dim high beams	1,000 ft oncoming / 500 ft following
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Open container in vehicle	Illegal on any public road
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Lane markings and passing

Solid yellow center — No passing on your side of the line.

Broken yellow center — Passing allowed when safe.

Double solid yellow — No passing in either direction.

Solid white line — Stay in lane; do not cross unless merging.

Do not pass — Never pass on hills, curves, or when oncoming traffic is present.

Exit only lane — Yellow 'Exit only' panel overhead — you will leave the freeway.

Lane change signal — Signal at least 100 feet before changing lanes — always.

Turns and intersections

Left turn at green — Enter intersection, wait in center for gap in oncoming traffic.

Right turn on red — Stop completely, yield to all traffic, then go if safe.

U-turn — Never in a business district, on a curve, or when view is blocked.

Steady green — Yield to pedestrians and vehicles already in the intersection.

Yellow light — Stop if you safely can; clear the intersection if already in it.

Safety, DUI, parking and test-day

Hawaii DUI quick-facts

Adult BAC limit (age 21+)	0.08%	Alcohol impairment	Only time reduces BAC — not coffee or exercise
Implied-consent refusal	12-month revocation	Drug or alcohol DUI	Impairment-based; any impairing substance
Open container in vehicle	Illegal — any public road	Test refusal consequence	License revoked regardless of conviction

Hazardous conditions

DO	DON'T
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> + Use low beams in fog, rain, or poor visibility + Increase following distance beyond 2 seconds in rain or fog + Steer in the direction of the skid; ease off the accelerator + Slow down well before curves — not while in them + Use headlights whenever visibility is reduced + Pull completely off the road if you must stop in an emergency + Watch for pedestrians and cyclists at all intersections 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Use high beams in fog — light reflects back at you - Brake hard on a slippery surface — locks wheels - Use cruise control on wet or slippery roads - Follow closer than 2 seconds in any condition - Drive distracted — cell phones increase crash risk even hands-free - Pass on hills, curves, or at intersections

Parking and hill rules

Downhill with curb	Wheels TOWARD curb (right)	Railroad crossing stop distance	15 feet from nearest rail
Uphill with curb	Wheels AWAY from curb (left)	Unattended vehicle	Set park brake, remove key, lock vehicle
Uphill or downhill, no curb	Wheels TOWARD road edge	Seat belt	Required for all occupants — lap snug on hip bones

Equipment and safety rules

Seat belt — All occupants must wear one. Lap belt snug on hip bones.

Child restraint — Children too small for seat belts must use approved child seat.

Cell phone / distraction — Any use (including hands-free) increases crash risk — avoid all distractions.

Headlights — night — Use headlights when visibility is reduced at night or in poor weather.

High beams — Dim for oncoming: within 1,000 ft. Dim when following: within 500 ft.

Accident — what to do — Stop immediately, move off road if possible, call 911 if injured.

No sirens/bells on private car — Prohibited — only emergency vehicles may use audible warning devices.

Hawaii test-day cheat box

Test length (all ages)	30 questions	Supervised hours required	50 total (10 at night)
Passing score	24 of 30 (80%)	Provisional night curfew	11 pm – 5 am restricted unless employment
Permit fee	\$5 Honolulu / \$10 HI+Kauai / \$12 Maui	Passenger restriction	Max 1 under-18 passenger (non-household)
County licensing — no state DMV	Go to your county Driver Licensing Branch	Restrictions lift at	Age 18 OR 6 months holding — whichever is first
Under 18 — permit hold time	180 days (6 months) before road test	Driver ed required under 18	Yes — mandatory before permit application

Last-minute test-taking tips

Read every option before you pick — Hawaii often includes a partially-correct option to trip you up. When two choices seem right, pick the more cautious one ('slow and yield' beats 'proceed' every time). Scenario questions about school buses, railroad crossings, and right-of-way are common — know the rule for both divided and undivided roads. Unanswered questions count as wrong. If you blank, eliminate the obvious wrong answers first, then choose the safest option.