

GUIDE TO
STATE PERMITS AND APPROVALS
FOR
LAND AND WATER
USE AND DEVELOPMENT

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I. INTRODUCTION

This guide has been designed to provide prospective permit applicants, regulatory agencies and members of the public with an overview of State land and water use permits and approvals. It will help applicants determine regulatory requirements for particular projects early in the conceptual stage of the project's design, and lead them to the appropriate permit agencies for assistance.

As used in this guide, the term "development" is broadly defined. It ranges from a single activity such as building a fence, which may require only one permit, to the development of a major resort which could require over a dozen of the permits and approvals listed in this document.

Knowledge and improved understanding of the permit processes can help an applicant deal successfully with the regulatory network. Through effective planning, one should be able to chart an overall permit processing time frame and identify opportunities for concurrent processing - especially for major development projects - and other procedural streamlining. In many cases, this will help minimize the delays and added costs often attributed to these regulatory requirements.

Applicants for land and water use permits and approvals in Hawaii are faced with an admittedly complex regulatory system. To better understand government regulatory processes, one should consider it as a tiered system with the traditional separation of Federal, State, and County authorities. As a general rule, the Federal government's regulatory role in the state applies to work in navigable waters, work in and around airports and related facilities, and the protection of natural and cultural resources. Activities regulated by the State focus on public health, welfare and the management of natural and human resources. Counties regulate activities that are more directly related to land use, zoning and development of facilities. County-regulated activities include building, grading and construction controls and a broad range of service-related controls relating to fire, police, water and sewer services. Regulatory responsibilities in some instances overlap or are shared among the various regulatory agencies. Accordingly, a proposed project may require the permission of only one or all three tiers of government.

Shared responsibilities among State and County agencies can be illustrated in the land reclassification process. A change in State land use district boundaries over 15 acres requires the approval of the State Land Use Commission (LUC). If approval is granted by the LUC, the applicant may still have to obtain appropriate amendments to the affected County's development plan, zoning and other County land use controls.

Another example of shared responsibilities between State and Counties is the Hawaii Coastal Zone Management (CZM) Program. The Counties administer a permit system within designated special management areas (SMAs) along the shoreline, which the Office of State Planning (OSP) must monitor to ensure compliance with the statewide CZM objectives and policies.

There is also shared management responsibility among all three levels of government relating to environmental matters. Regulatory controls which are designed to prevent the contamination of water, air and soil are shared to some extent by all three levels of government. Over the past two decades it has been the practice of the Federal government to transfer regulatory authority for environmental matters to the State. Similarly, some of these regulatory responsibilities have been transferred to the Counties.

II. USING THE STATE PERMIT GUIDE TO DETERMINE APPLICABLE PERMIT AND APPROVAL PROCESSES

This guide is not a compendium of all State permits and approvals and their respective requirements. Nor does it list all federal and county requirements. The intent of this guide is to provide an applicant with a general overview of the permits and approvals that may apply to a particular project or activity. Applicants should inquire with the relevant agencies regarding rules, exemptions and concurrent processing of applications.

Information provided in this guide should be supplemented with reference to the relevant county permit register. These registers are provided by the county's Central Coordinating Agency (CCA). The CCAs focus principally on County regulatory processes and the streamlining of interagency processes within the County. Each CCA also maintains a central repository of regulations and maintains records of the County's actions on permits and approvals. Applicants for longer projects should consult the applicable county agency. The Kauai County Planning Department, Oahu Department of Land Utilization, Maui County Public Works Department, and the Hawaii County Planning Department are the County CCAs.

Section five of this guide is a checklist for determining which approvals may be necessary for a particular use or development. It references land use districts, locations and activities that may require approvals. Both the proposed activity and the proposed location, together, help to determine applicable permits and approvals. For example, a commercial development that requires partial filling of a wetland located in a conservation district would trigger a different set of permits and reviews than a similar project in an urban district parcel of level, dry land.

Section four contains general descriptions of the approvals and the phone number of the agencies responsible for administering them. Section three, the next section, provides the alphabet soup of names, addresses, and phone numbers of applicable Federal, State and County agencies referenced in this guide.

III. ACRONYMS OF PERMIT AGENCIES, ADDRESSES AND PHONE NUMBERS

STATE AGENCY ACRONYMS (as used in this guide)

NAME	AGENCY	ADDRESS	Phone
AIR	Airports Division	400 Rodgers Blvd. Suite 700 Hon. Hi. 96819-1880	838-8701
CAB	Clean Air Branch	P. O. Box 3378 ^{#203} Hon. Hi. 96801-3378	586-4200
CWB	Clean Water Branch	919 Ala Moana Blvd., # 301 [↑] Hon. Hi. 96814	586-4309
CZM	Coastal Zone Management	P.O. Box 3540 Hon. Hi. 96811-3540	587-2876
DLNR	Dept. of Land and Natural Resources	P.O. Box 621 Hon. Hi 96809	587-0393
DOA	Dept. of Agriculture Pesticides Branch	1481 South King St., #431 Hon. Hi. 96814	973-9401
DOBOR	Division of Boating and Ocean Recreation	333 Queen St., Suite 300 Hon. Hi. 96813	587-1966
DOFAW	Division of Forestry and Wildlife	1151 Punchbowl St., Rm. 325 Hon. Hi. 96813	587-0166
DOH	Dept. of Health	1250 Punchbowl St. Hon. Hi. 96813	586-4400
DOT	Department of Transportation	869 Punchbowl Street Hon. Hi. 96813	587-2160
DWRM	Division of Water Resource Management	1151 Punchbowl St., Rm. 227 Hon. Hi. 96813	587-0225
HAR	Harbors Division	79 South Nimitz Hwy Hon. Hi. 96813	587-1940
HCDA	Hawaii Community Development Authority	677 Ala Moana Blvd. # 1001 Hon. Hi. 96813	587-2870
HEER	Hazard Evaluation & Emergency Response Office	919 Ala Moana Blvd., # 206 Hon. Hi. 96814	586-4249
HPD	Historic Preservation Division	33 S. King St., 6th Flr. Hon. Hi. 96813	587-0047
HWY	Highways Division	869 Punchbowl St., Rm. 203 Hon. Hi. 96813	587-2187
LM	Land Management Division	1151 Punchbowl St., #220 Hon. Hi. 96813	587-0414
LUC	Land Use Commission	335 Merchant St., # 104 Hon. Hi. 96813	587-3822
NARS	Natural Area Reserve System	888 Mililani St., Kendal Bldg. Suite 700 Hon. Hi. 96813	587-0054
NRB	Noise, Radiation, and Indoor Air Quality Branch	591 Ala Moana Blvd., #136 Hon. Hi. 96813	586-4701
OCEA	Office of Conservation and Environmental Affairs	1151 Punchbowl St., # 131 Hon. Hi. 96813	587-0377

OEQC	Office of Environmental Quality Control	220 S. King St., 4th Flr. Hon. Hi. 96813	586-4185
OSP	Office of State Planning	P.O. Box 3540 Hon. Hi. 96811-3540	587-2846
SDWB	Safe Drinking Water Branch	919 Ala Moana Blvd., # 308 Hon. Hi. 96814	586-4258
SHWB	Solid & Hazardous Waste Branch	919 Ala Moana Blvd. Rm. 217 Solid Waste Rm. 212 Hazardous Waste Hon. Hi. 96814	586-4240 586-4226
WALDB	Water and Land Development Branch	1151 Punchbowl St., # 227 Hon. Hi. 96813	587-0269
WB	Wastewater Branch	919 Ala Moana Blvd., #309 Hon. Hi. 96814	586-4294

Federal Agency Acronyms (as used in this guide)

NAME	AGENCY	ADDRESS	Phone
ACHP	Advisory Council on Historic Preservation	1100 Pennsylvania Ave. N.W., Suite 809 Washington D.C. 20004	202-606-8505
COE	U.S. Corps of Engineers Pacific Ocean Division	Operations Division, Bldg T-1; Fort Shafter Hon. Hi. 96858-5440	438-9258
FAA	Federal Aviation Administration	Manager, Honolulu Airports District Office P.O. Box 50244 Hon. Hi 96850	541-1230
USCG	U.S. Coast Guard	300 Ala Moana Blvd. Federal Building #9153 Hon. Hi. 96850	541-2268 or 541-2315

County Agency Acronyms (as used in this guide)

NAME	AGENCY	ADDRESS	Phone
DGP	Oahu Dept. of General Planning	650 S. King St. 8th Flr. Hon. Hi. 96813	527-6067
DLU	Oahu Dept. of Land Utilization (Central Coordinating Agency)	650 S. King St. 7th Flr. Hon. Hi. 96813	523-4133
HCPD	Hawaii County Planning Dept. (Central Coordinating Agency)	25 Aupuni St. Rm. 109 Hilo, Hi. 96720	961-8288
HDPWE	Hawaii Dept. of Public Works, Engineering Division	25 Aupuni St. Rm. 202 Hilo, Hi. 96720	961-8327
KDPWB	Kauai Dept. of Public Works. Building Division	4280 Rice Street Lihue, Kauai 96766	241-6657
KDPWE	Kauai Dept. of Public Works Engineering Division	3621 Umi Street Lihue, Kauai 96766	241-6616
KPD	Kauai Planning Dept. (Central Coordinating Agency)	4280 Rice Street Lihue, Kauai 96766	241-6677

MCPD	Maui County Planning Dept.	250 S. High St. Wailuku, Hawaii 96793	243-7735
MDPW	Maui Dept. of Public Works & Waste Management, Land Use and Codes (Central Coordinating Agency)	250 S. High St. 1st Flr. Wailuku, Hawaii 96793	243-7373

SUMMARY OF STATE LAND & WATER USE PERMITS AND APPROVALS AND RELATED FEDERAL & COUNTY PERMITS

Approval No.	Permit/Approval	Applicable Activities	Applicable Areas	Regulatory Agency/Phone No.
1	Federal Environmental Assessment(EA)/Statement	Projects that involve Federal actions using federal funds or involving licensing and which may significantly affect the environment.	Statewide	Federal Agency with which permit application is filed.
	Federal Consistency Determination	Any activity which requires a Federal permit or license, which uses Federal funds, or which is undertaken directly by a Federal Agency.	All lands and waters in the State except land owned or controlled by the Federal government.	Office of State Planning (OSP) Coastal Zone Management (CZM) 587-2876
2	Department of the Army Permit	Placing or removing any materials or structures in or from navigable waters. See also approval 1.	Navigable waters of the U.S., which includes areas seaward of the mean high water line; rivers, streams, and wetlands; inland waters subject to tidal influences or which are drained by rivers or streams running to the ocean and impoundments.	Corps of Engineers (COE) 438-9258
	401 Water Quality Certificate	Construction or operation of facilities, which may result in any discharge into the navigable waters.	Work near a body of water (i.e., streams, wetland, ocean).	Dept. of Health (DOH) Clean Water Branch (CWB) 586-4309
	Federal Consistency Determination	Any activity which requires a Federal permit or license, which uses Federal funds, or which is undertaken directly by a Federal agency.	All lands and waters in the State except land owned controlled by the Federal government.	OSP,CZM 587-2876

Approval No.	Permit/Approval	Applicable Activities	Applicable Areas	Regulatory Agency/Phone No.
3	Historic Preservation Review	Any construction in the vicinity of a designated historic place, building, or archaeological site. All activities undertaken funded, or permitted by the State or a County. See also approval 1.	Sites listed on national or State registers of significant historic resources. All parcels listed on the Hawaii Register of Historic Places.	Department of Land and Natural Resource (DLNR), Historic Preservation Division (HPD), 587-0047 *Maui County - All historic sites listed on national or state registers reviewed by the Maui County Cultural Resources Commission, 243-7735
	Federal Section 106 Review-Protection of Historic Properties	Federal review process designed to ensure that historic properties are considered during Federal project planning and execution. Includes construction, rehabilitation, and repair projects, demolition, licenses, permits, loans, loan guarantees, grants, Federal property transfers, etc.	Any property listed in or eligible for the National Register of Historic Places	Initial consultation with DLNR, HPD. If Federal review is required, project sent to Advisory Council on Historic Preservation (202)606-8505
4	Bridge Permit	Constructing or modifying a structure which crosses navigable waters, and includes causeways, fenders, piers, approaches, and other appurtenances. See also approval 1.	Specific to navigable waters within three miles of shore; internal waters subject to tidal influence; and internal waters not subject to tidal influence which are, have been, or could be used for interstate or foreign commerce.	U.S. Coast Guard (U.S.C.G.), 541-2315
	Federal Consistency Determination	Any activity which requires a Federal permit or license, which uses Federal lands, or which is undertaken directly by a Federal agency.	All lands and water in the State except land owned or controlled by the Federal government.	OSP,CZM 587-2876

Approval No.	Permit/Approval	Applicable Activities	Applicable Areas	Regulatory Agency/Phone No.
5	Private Aids-to- Navigation Permit	Replacing, altering, or removing buoys, markers, or other devices for navigational purposes. See also approval 1.	Specific to navigable waters within three miles of shore; internal waters subject to tidal influence; and internal waters not subject to tidal influence which are, have been, or could be used for interstate or foreign commerce.	USCG, 541-2315
6	Federal Consistency Determination	Any activity which requires a Federal permit or license, which uses Federal funds, or which is undertaken directly by a Federal agency.	All lands and waters in the State except land owned or controlled by the Federal government.	OSP, CZM 587-2876
6	Notice to Alter Navigable Airspace	Erecting, constructing, or altering any object that may affect the safe and efficient use of airspace. See also approval 1.	Near an airport.	Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) 541-1230
7	Federal Consistency Determination	Any activity which requires a Federal permit or license, which uses Federal lands, or which is undertaken directly by a Federal agency.	All lands and waters in the State except land owned or controlled by the Federal government.	OSP, CZM 587-2876
7	Notice of Construction, Alteration, Activation, or Deactivation of Airports	Constructing, altering, activating, or deactivating an airport. See also approval 1.	Statewide	FAA, 541-1230
	Federal Consistency Determination	Any activity which requires a Federal permit or license, which uses Federal funds, or which is undertaken directly by a Federal agency.	All lands and waters in the State except land owned or controlled by the Federal government.	OSP, CZM 587-2876

Approval No.	Permit/Approval	Applicable Activities	Applicable Areas	Regulatory Agency/Phone No.
8	Permit to construct or Operate Quasi-Public Airport	Constructing or operating a quasi-public airport.	Any airport or heliport in the State open to the general public for the purpose of operating aircraft or taking on passengers for hire.	Department of Transportation (DOT), Airports Division (AIR) 838-8701
9	Permit to Change Land Use, Construct or Alter Airports	Change the land use, or construct or alter a structure having a height greater than 35 feet.	Within established hazard areas surrounding any public airport in the State.	DOT, AIR, 838-8701
10	Land Use District Boundary Amendment	Proposed change in land use district classification by State or County agencies or private parties having a property interest in the land.	Statewide	State Land Use Commission (LUC), 587-3822
	or	15 acres and less	Lands designated rural or agriculture by the Land Use Commission.	County Departments •Oahu, Department of General Planning (DGP) 527-6067 •Maui County Plng Depr. (MCPD) 243-7735 •Kauai Plng. Depr. (KPD) 241-6616 •Hawaii County Plng Depr. (HCPD) 961-8327
	Special Permit	New non-conforming uses.	Lands designated rural or agriculture by the Land Use Commission. More than 15 acres.	LUC, 587-3822
	or	15 acres and less	Lands designated rural or agriculture by the Land Use Commission.	County Departments •Oahu, Dept. of Land Utilization (DLU) 527-5838 •Maui, MCPD 243-7735 •Kauai, KPD 241-6616 •Hawaii, HCPD 961-8327

Approval No.	Permit/Approval	Applicable Activities	Applicable Areas	Regulatory Agency/Phone No.
11	Shore and Shorewaters Permit	Placing or erecting any structure.	The waters of the Ala Wai Canal, Enchanted Lake, Hawai i Kai, and other shores, shorewaters, navigable streams and harbors of the State that are not in the Conservation district. Areas in conservation must apply for CDUA. (See permit 20)	DLNR, Div. of Boating and Ocean Recreation (DOBOR) 587-1966, Ofc. of Conservation and Envir. Affairs (OCEA) 587-0377
12	Boat Mooring/Anchorage Permit	Establish a moorage or anchorage for boats.	Ocean waters to a distance of three miles from shore, harbors, navigable rivers and streams, and wetlands, throughout the State. Commercial harbor require permit from DOT.	DLNR, DOBOR 587-1966
13	Marine/Ocean Water Events	Any person or organization holding an organized water event of limited duration which, by circumstances or location, will introduce hazards to the safety of the public. (i.e. regatta, marine parade, boat race, and exhibit)	Ocean waters.	DLNR, DOBOR 587-1966
14	Commercial Permit	Commercial use involving boating facilities except commercial fishing.	Boating facilities, including launching ramps, mooring areas.	DLNR, DOBOR 587-1966
15	Boating Facility Use Permit	Various Uses including residency, storage, etc..	Boating facilities.	DLNR, DOBOR 587-1966
16	Ocean Recreation Management Area Permit	Boating and thrillcraft activities	Designated ocean recreation management areas.	DLNR, DOBOR 587-1966
17	Marine Life Conservation Conservation District (MLCD) Permit	Commercial Activities	Within an MLCD	DLNR, Division of Aquatic Resources (DAR) 587-0090
18	Commercial Harbor Work	Any lease changes, alterations, modifications, additions, and construction, requires a letter and plan submittal.	Commercial Harbors	DOT, Harbors Division (HAR) 587-1940

Approval No.	Permit/Approval	Applicable Activities	Applicable Areas	Regulatory Agency/Phone No.
19	State Highways Permit	Any construction work.	Within or next to State highway right-of-way.	DOT, Highways Division (HWY) Hawaii, 933-4640, Oahu, 587-2187 Maui, 877-5061 Kauai, 241-3461
20	Conservation District Use Application (CDUA)	Conducting a land use in the conservation district is subject to review. Call DLNR to locate subzone and whether the land use is permitted. See also approval 21.	Lands designated conservation by the State, including submerged lands.	DLNR, OCEA 587-0377
21	State Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) Process	All activities except those exempted.	Use within conservation lands, shoreline area, registered historic site, Waikiki; Use of state or county funds; Amendments to county general plans; Reclassification of conservation lands; construction of helicopter facilities.	For more information, contact Office of Environmental Quality Control (OEQC), 586-4185
22	Public Land Dispositions	Any activity that involves the use of State lands via a permit, license, easement, or lease. See also approval 21.	State owned lands including submerged lands.	DLNR, Land Management (LM), 587-0414
23	Geothermal Drilling Permit	Drilling, modifying, or abandoning the wells drilled, to explore for or develop geothermal resources.	Statewide	DLNR, LM, Water & Land Dev. Branch (WALDB) 587-0269; County Central Coord. Agency Hawaii County Geothermal Permit
24	Special Use Permit	All activities within a natural area reserve. (Examples: construction, camping, and collection of floral & fauna.)	Areas designated by the State as part of the Natural Area Reserve System	DLNR- Natural Area Reserves System Commission, 587-0054
25	Forestry Permit	Permission to camp outdoors, use of shelters, gathering plants i.e. bamboo, ti-leaf.	State Forest Reserve including special areas designated by DLNR. Permit given by the districts.	DLNR-Division of Forestry and Wildlife, on Oahu 587-0166, Kauai 241-3433, Maui 243-5352, and Hawaii 933-4221

Approval No.	Permit/Approval	Applicable Activities	Applicable Areas	Regulatory Agency/Phone No.
26	Groundwater Use Permit	Initiate the withdrawal and/or use of groundwater.	Designated Groundwater Management Areas. (Molokai and much of Oahu)	DLNR, Div. of Water Res. Mgr. (DWRM), 587-0225
27	Well Construction/ Pump Installation Permit	Drilling, modifying, or abandoning a well. Installing modifying or replacing a pump.	Statewide	DLNR, DWRM, 587-0225
28	Stream Channel Alteration Permit, Stream Diversion Works Permit, Amendment to interim instream flow standard	Alteration of bed or banks of streams; diversion of water from streams; alteration of flow pattern of streams.	Statewide. Streams and rivers of the State.	DLNR, DWRM 587-0225
29	Covered Source Air Permit	Major source of air pollution.	Statewide	Department of Health (DOH), Clean Air Branch (CAB) 586-4200
	Non-covered Source Air Permit	Minor source of air pollution.	Statewide	DOH, CAB 586-4200
30	Agriculture Burning Permit	Bonafide agriculture burning.	Statewide	DOH, CAB 586-4200
31	Drinking Water Approval	Developing or modifying a water distribution system or using a new source of potable water.	Statewide	DOH, Safe Drinking Water Br. (SDWB) 586-4258
32	Underground Storage Tank Notification	Having an underground storage tank that stores petroleum or hazardous substances.	Statewide	DOH, SDWB-586-4226 <i>SHWD</i>
33	Underground Injection Control Permit	Injection of effluent into the ground.	Statewide	DOH, SDWB 586-4258
34	Permit to Construct Wastewater System	Construction of waste water system including septic system, cesspool, and treatment works.	Statewide	DOH, Wastewater Branch (WB), 586-4294
	Permit to operate Wastewater System	Operation of waste water system.	Statewide	DOH, WB 586-4294

Approval No.	Permit/Approval	Applicable Activities	Applicable Areas	Regulatory Agency/Phone No.
35	National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System (NPDES) Permit	Discharging any pollutant, altering the quality of any discharge, increasing the quantity of any discharge and storm water runoff.	Surface streams and coastal waters of the State.	DOH, Clean Water Br. (CWB) 586-4309
	Zone of Mixing Permit	Discharging liquid waste that would violate any water quality standard established for receiving waters.	Surface streams and coastal waters of the State.	DOH, CWB 586-4309
36	Solid Waste Management Permit	Establishing, modifying, or operating any solid waste management or disposal facility.	Statewide	DOH, Solid & Hazardous Waste (SHWB) 586-4240
37	Hazardous Substance Notification	Notify for release of hazardous substances, or the discovery of previously released hazardous substances.	Statewide	DOH, Hazard Evaluation and Emergency Response (HEER), 586-4249
38	Hazardous Waste Permit	The treatment, disposal and storage of hazardous waste	Statewide	DOH, SHWB 586-4226 EPA (415) 744-2067
39	Hazardous Waste Identification Number	The transport or generation of hazardous waste.	Statewide	DOH, SHWB 586-4226 EPA (415) 744-2067
40	Toxic Release Inventory	The use of large amounts of toxic substances.	Statewide	DOH, HEER 586-4249 EPA, (415) 744-1116
41	Tier II Reporting	The storage of large quantities of hazardous materials.	Statewide	DOH, HEER 586-4249
42	Asbestos Regulations	Removing or managing asbestos	Statewide	DOH, CAB 586-4200
43	Development Permit in Kakaako	Any development of land or new uses of property.	Kakaako Community Development District Oahu.	Hawaii Community Development Authority (HCDA) 587-2870

Approval No.	Permit/Approval	Applicable Activities	Applicable Areas	Regulatory Agency/Phone No.
44	Pesticide License	Sale of restricted use pesticides.	Statewide	Department of Agriculture (DOA), 973-9401
	Pesticide Certification	Use of restricted pesticides	Statewide	DOA 973-9401
45	Subdivision Approval	Dividing or consolidating parcels of land.	Statewide	Counties •Oahu, DLU 527-5838 •Maui Dept. of Public Works & Waste Mgmt., Land Use & Codes (MDPW) 243-7373 •Kauai, KPD 241-6616 •Hawaii, HCPD 961-8288
46	Shoreline Setback Variance	Construction or subdivision activities. See also approval 21.	A shoreline area where development is generally prohibited except by variance, extending inland from the shoreline 20-40 feet or more.	Counties •DLU 523-4077 •Maui, MCPD 243-7735 •KPD-241-6616 HCPD-961-8288
47	Shoreline Certification	Construction, activities, or alteration near the shoreline. (Triggered by other requirements such as 45 & 46.)	Shoreline	•Department of Accounting & General Services, Survey Division 586-0387 •DLNR, LM 587-0414
48	Major Special Management Area (SMA) Permit	Any activity classified as development that has a value of \$125,000 or more, or which will have significant environmental or ecological effect. See also approval 21 on Oahu.	Shoreline areas designated by County governments for more intensive management.	Counties Oahu, DLU - 523-4077 Maui, MCPD - 243-7735 Kauai, KPD - 241-6616 Hawaii, HCPD - 961-8288
	Minor Special Management Area (SMA) Permit	Value less than \$125,000 and no significant environmental or ecological effect.	Shoreline areas designated by County governments for more intensive management.	same agencies as Major Special Management Area Permit. OSP, CZM 587-2876
			Hamakua & Kakaako	OSP, CZM 587-2876

Approval No.	Permit/Approval	Applicable Activities	Applicable Areas	Regulatory Agency/Phone No.
49	Flood Hazard Controls	Any development in a flood zone area requires a Flood Development Permit.	Flood hazard zones designated on Flood Insurance Rate Maps prepared by the National Flood Insurance Program.	Counties DLU - 527-5838 MDPW - 243-7373 •Kauai Dept. of Public Works - Engr Division (KPWE) 241-6616 •Hawaii Dept. of Public Works - Engr. Div. (HDPWE) 961-8327
50	Grading, Grubbing, Excavating, and Stockpiling Permits	Any excavation or fill, the removal of vegetation from the surface of the ground, or the purposeful accumulation and set-aside of loose soil.	Statewide directly with the Counties. If grading is over five acres please refer to NPDES approval #31.	Oahu Dept. of Public Works- Engineering Div./Constr. Br. 523-4921 MDPW 243-7373 KPWE 241-6616 HDPWE 961-8327 DOH, CWB 587-4309
51	Sewer Permit	Connect or reconnect to, or disconnect from any line of a municipal sewer system.	Statewide	Oahu Dept. of Wastewater Management: 523-4420 MDPW 243-7373 Kauai Public Works, Sewer Div. 241-6616 HDPWE 961-8327
52	Building Permit	Erecting, constructing, enlarging, demolishing, or altering any building or structure.	Statewide	Oahu Bldg. Dept. MDPW 243-7373 Kauai Dept. Public Works-Bldg. Div. (KDPWB) 241-6657 Hawaii Dept. of Public Works- Bldg. Div. 961-8331
53	Community Noise Permit	Operation of stationary sources, such as air conditioning units; activities related to agricultural, commercial, construction and industrial operations.	Statewide	DOH, Noise, Radiation and Indoor Air Quality Branch, (NRB) 586-4700

Approval No.	Permit/Approval	Applicable Activities	Applicable Areas	Regulatory Agency/Phone No.
54	Air Conditioning Ventilation Permit	Installation, alteration or operation of an air conditioning or ventilating system.	Statewide	DOH, NRB 586-4700
55	Special Use Permit Picnic Permits Camping and Lodging	Organized activities & events. Groups over 25 Camping	Within a State Park	DLNR, State Parks 587-0300

Rules to be aware of:

- 1 Aquatic Rules & Permits Fishing Statewide Fresh & Salt Water DLNR, Division of Aquatic Resources, 587-0090
- 2 Endangered Species Prohibitions Harming, harassing or taking a member of an endangered species. Statewide DLNR, DOFAW 587-0166
- 3 Boating Rules Boating Statewide DLNR, DOBOR 587-1966

V. CHECKLIST OF APPROVALS FOR LAND AND WATER DEVELOPMENT

Note: The approval numbers referenced in this section correspond to the approval numbers listed in section four of this guide.

1. What is the land use district boundary classification of the project and is the proposed development allowed in that district?

- urban classification agriculture classification
 rural classification conservation classification

The appropriate agency listed under approval 10 can identify the classification and the activities allowed in the urban, agricultural and rural districts. If the project is located in the conservation district, then approvals 20 and 21 may be needed. If the activity is not allowed under the existing classification, then the applicant can seek approval 10.

2. Checklist of locations that may require an approval.

Location of proposed activity or structure:	approvals that may be necessary:	check if applicable
in a marine life conservation district	17	
in an ocean recreation management area	16	
on submerged lands	20, 21, 22	
at a boating facility (including small boat harbors, launching ramps and mooring areas)	14, 15	
in a wetland	1,2	
within 150 feet of the shoreline	21, 46, 47, 48	
near the coast (in a special management area)	48 (& 21 on O'ahu)	
in a flood zone	49	
in a state park	55	
in a forest reserve	25	
in a Natural Area Reserve	24	
at a historic site	21, 3, 1	
on federal land	1	
on state land	21, 22	
on county land	21	
in Kakaako	43	
in Waikiki	21	
next to or in a state highway right of way	19	
in a commercial harbor	18	
near an airport	6, 9	

3. Checklist of activities that may trigger an approval. (Note: A proposed use may indirectly involve a number of activities)

Activity:	approvals that may be necessary:	check if applicable
constructing or operating a quasi-public airport	1, 7, 8	
constructing or modifying a helicopter facility	21	
constructing a pier, groin, breakwater, artificial reef or any structure in the ocean or a navigable stream	1, 2, 11, 20, 21, 22, 46	
establishing anchorage or moorage	12	
placing, altering or removing buoys	1, 5	
constructing or modifying a bridge	1, 4	
organized ocean water events	13	
discharging dredged or fill material in the ocean, a stream or other waters	1, 2	
discharging any pollutant into the water	35	
constructing or operating a wastewater system	34	
connecting to or disconnecting from a municipal sewer system	51	
installing a cesspool or septic tank	34	
having an underground storage tank	32	
dealing with hazardous materials, hazardous waste or toxic substances	37, 38, 39, 40, 41	
selling or using a restricted pesticide	44	
agricultural burning	30	
constructing, installing, operating or modifying a source of air pollution	29	
making noise in excess of standards	53	
establishing, modifying or operating a solid waste facility	36	
installing, altering, or operating an air conditioning or ventilation system	54	
removing or managing asbestos	42	
geothermal drilling	23	
developing or using an underground injection well	33	
developing or modifying a water distribution system	31	
new use of groundwater from a designated groundwater management area (Moloka'i & most of O'ahu)	26	
drilling, modifying or abandoning a well	27	
altering a stream bed or diverting water from a stream	28	
grading	50	
building or demolishing any structure	52	
subdividing land	45	
state or county action	21	
federal action	1	