REGISTERING A HOMEMADE TRAILER:
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PURPOSE: TO REGISTER A HOMEMADE TRAILER – 100% MADE FROM SCRATCH
(NOT MANUFACTURED)

REQUIRED DOCUMENTS:
1. Receipts for major components – Materials used in the construction of a homemade frame, purchase of axles, suspension components, wheels and tires, brakes, trailer hitch, fenders/body items, lights, reflectors, wiring etc..

2. If trailer bought from builder/previous owner, a notarized bill of sale from seller with full description of trailer (type of trailer, dimensions, materials used, etc.) will be required.

3. Weight slip from certified scale showing Curb (unloaded) weight of trailer. If trailer is built to carry a specific item (boat, etc.), then a second weight slip from a certified scale (boat and trailer together) is required to determine GVW (loaded) weight.


5. Make an appointment with the Motor Vehicle Control Inspector (241-4197) at Driver’s License to inspect trailer

6. DFL-1 Card with assigned VIN # (you will be given this upon approval of trailer)

7. Have your trailer inspected by a certified Hawaii safety inspection station, failed for “registration” only. Call ahead for an appointment with the inspection station of your choice. Inspection fee for PMVI inspection of trailers is set at $17.00 + tax.

8. Make an appointment with the Motor Vehicle Registration (MVR) Department (go to Kauai.gov, click “Get in Line on Line” button). Submit DFL-1 card, bill of sale (if applicable), receipts for major components, weight slip(s) and safety inspection form. Pay all applicable registration fees.

9. Return to safety inspection station with trailer (license plate attached) to complete safety inspection.