



Blood Bank of Hawaii

HIGHLIGHTS OF NEW ELIGIBILITY CRITERIA EFFECTIVE APRIL 1, 2014

	Old	New
Cancer (except for leukemia and lymphoma)	Accept if: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Completed treatment with no recurrence - Cancer-free for 5 years or more, not including melanoma 	Accept if: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Completed treatment with no recurrence - Cancer-free for 1 year or more, including melanoma
Tattoos	1 year waiting period	Accept if performed at a state-regulated tattoo shop
Piercings	1 year waiting period for non-professionally done ear piercings and all body piercings	Accept if: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Professionally done piercings using a sterile procedure or gun method with new jewelry - No signs of infection
Heart Conditions or Stroke	Permanent deferral	Accept if: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Seen by a physician - At least 3 months with no symptoms or activity restrictions
Lung Conditions	Many were permanent deferrals	Accept if no symptoms and feeling well on day of donation
Autoimmune Disorders	Permanent deferral	Accept if no symptoms
Medication	Most medications were acceptable. Deferrals were usually based on why you were taking the medication and not the medication itself.	Only a few medications result in a deferral. See the complete list of these medications at BBH.org

ACTION STEPS

Should donors think they may be eligible under the new criteria and inquire how to change their eligibility status if they were previously deferred, please ask them to call **848-4745 after April 1, 2014**. Donors will be asked relevant information to complete their request for an eligibility review and will be notified within 6 weeks.