START A BUSINESS - ALASKA

How to open an auto repair shop in Alaska

Alaska has no statewide sales tax and we found no state repair shop license; check local licenses and zoning and get EPA 609 for A/C work.

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1 Is a repair shop right for you?

Repair shops diagnose and fix vehicles, from maintenance and brakes to engines and collision repair. It suits experienced technicians who price fairly and keep good records.

2 Form the business and get an Alaska business license

1. Choose a structure. LLCs and corporations register with the Alaska Division of Corporations.
2. Get an Alaska business license ($50 a year or $100 for two years). Alaska has no statewide sales tax, but many cities and boroughs levy a local sales tax.
3. Check your city or borough for local sales tax, licenses and zoning.

3 Licenses

We found no Alaska State license for repair or body shops. Check your city or county for business licenses and zoning.

4 No statewide sales tax; local taxes vary

Alaska does not levy a statewide sales tax, but many cities and boroughs levy a local sales tax with their own rates and exemptions. Ask your municipality whether you collect it on parts, labor or services.

5 A/C work

Servicing vehicle air conditioning for pay requires EPA Section 609 certification.

6 Your first steps

1. Form the business and get an Alaska business license.
2. Check local sales tax, licenses and zoning.
3. Buy insurance and equipment.
4. List your business on Nearby Car Care

Requirements at a glance

Alaska business license; local sales tax where levied

Required - State - Alaska Division of Corporations, Business and Professional Licensing;

Get an Alaska business license ($50 a year or $100 for two years) before doing business. Alaska does not levy a statewide sales tax, but many cities and boroughs levy a local sales tax with their own rates and exemptions. Ask the municipality where you do business whether you must collect it on parts, labor or services.

Fees: $50 a year or $100 for two years

LLCs and corporations register with the Division of Corporations first.

Official application: https://www.commerce.alaska.gov/web/cbpl/BusinessLicensing/BusinessLicensingFAQs

EPA Section 609 certification for air conditioning work

Required in some cases - Federal - U.S. Environmental Protection Agency

Anyone who repairs or services a motor vehicle air conditioning system for payment or bartering must be certified by an EPA-approved Section 609 program. We found no Alaska State license for repair or body shops.

Official agencies and links

Section 609 Technician Training and Certification Programs

U.S. Environmental Protection Agency

https://www.epa.gov/mvac/section-609-technician-training-and-certification-programs

Business Licensing

Alaska Division of Corporations, Business and Professional Licensing

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Frequently asked questions

Do Alaska repair shops charge sales tax?

Alaska has no statewide sales tax, but many cities and boroughs levy a local sales tax; check yours.

This guide is general information, not legal advice. Rules change and can depend on your city or county, so confirm with the official agencies linked below before you apply.