START A BUSINESS - LOUISIANA

How to open an auto repair shop in Louisiana

We found no Louisiana State repair shop license; the key rule is sales tax: repair labor is taxable.

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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 register for sales tax

1. Choose a structure. LLCs and corporations file with the Louisiana Secretary of State.
2. Register with the Department of Revenue for state sales tax and with your parish for local sales tax. Repairs and maintenance to vehicles are taxable.
3. Check your city or county for local licenses and zoning.

3 Licenses

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

4 Sales tax on repairs

Louisiana taxes repairs and maintenance of vehicles, and labor to repair tangible personal property is generally taxable. Collect state and local tax on parts and labor, and ask the Department about any labor the law lets you separate.

5 A/C work

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

6 Your first steps

1. Form the business and register with the Department of Revenue.
2. Check local licenses and zoning.
3. Buy insurance and equipment.
4. List your business on Nearby Car Care

Requirements at a glance

Sales tax on repair labor and parts

Required - State - Louisiana Department of Revenue

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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 Louisiana 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

Are repairs and maintenance to tangible personal property taxable?

Louisiana Department of Revenue

https://revenue.louisiana.gov/tax-education-and-faqs/faqs/sales-tax-reform/are-repairs-and-maintenance-to-tangible-personal-property-taxable/

Frequently asked questions

Is repair labor taxable in Louisiana?

Yes. Repairs to vehicles are taxable, labor included.

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.

https://nearbycarcare.com/resources/business/open-auto-repair-shop/louisiana/