START A BUSINESS - ARKANSAS

How to start an auto detailing business in Arkansas

Arkansas taxes cleaning and refinishing of motor vehicles; get a retail permit and check local rules. We found no state detailing license.

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1 Is detailing right for you?

Detailers clean and protect vehicles inside and out. It suits careful, patient people and can start small with a mobile setup.

2 Form the business and register for sales tax

1. Choose a structure. Register your business with the Arkansas Secretary of State.
2. Get a retail permit from the Department of Finance and Administration. Arkansas taxes repair, cleaning and towing of vehicles.
3. Check your city or county for local licenses and zoning.

3 Licenses

We found no Arkansas State license for detailing or car washes. Check your city or county for licenses and zoning.

4 Sales tax

Cleaning and refinishing motor vehicles are taxable services in Arkansas.

5 Your first steps

1. Form the business and register with the Department of Finance and Administration.
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 vehicle cleaning

Required - State - Arkansas Department of Finance and Administration

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Official agencies and links

26 CAR 30-502, Services subject to tax: taxable services

Code of Arkansas Rules (Department of Finance and Administration)

https://codeofarrules.arkansas.gov/Rules/Rule?levelType=section&titleID=26&chapterID=33&subChapterID=241&partID=971&subPartID=9363&sectionID=629

Frequently asked questions

Is car detailing taxable in Arkansas?

Yes. Cleaning and refinishing motor vehicles are taxable services.

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/start-auto-detailing-business/arkansas/