START A BUSINESS - COLORADO

How to start an auto detailing business in Colorado

Form the business and get a sales tax license; we found no state detailing license, so check local rules and ask how your services are taxed.

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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 get a sales tax license

1. Choose a structure. LLCs and corporations file with the Colorado Secretary of State.
2. Get a Colorado sales tax license and collect state, local and special district sales taxes. Some home-rule cities collect their own sales tax.
3. Check your city or county for business licenses and zoning.

3 Licenses

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

4 Sales tax

Products you sell are taxable. Ask the Department of Revenue how your washing and detailing charges are treated.

5 Your first steps

1. Form the business and get a sales tax license.
2. Get local business licenses and check zoning.
3. Buy insurance and equipment.
4. List your business on Nearby Car Care

Requirements at a glance

Sales tax on products you sell; ask about services

Required - State - Colorado Department of Revenue

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Official agencies and links

Sales and Use Tax Topics: Auto Repairs

Colorado Department of Revenue, Taxation

https://tax.colorado.gov/sales-use-tax-topics-auto-repairs

Frequently asked questions

Do I need a license to detail cars in Colorado?

We found no state license.

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/colorado/