START A BUSINESS - HAWAII

How to start an auto detailing business in Hawaii

Hawaii's general excise tax applies to services, including detailing; get a GET license and check county 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 get a GET license

1. Choose a structure. Register your business with the DCCA Business Registration Division.
2. Get a general excise tax (GET) license from the Department of Taxation. GET applies to the gross income of virtually all business activity, services included.
3. Check your city or county for local licenses and zoning.

3 Licenses

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

4 General excise tax

Income from washing and detailing services is gross income subject to GET.

5 Your first steps

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

Requirements at a glance

General excise tax on detailing services

Required - State - Hawaii Department of Taxation

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Official agencies and links

General Excise Tax (GET) Information

Hawaii Department of Taxation

https://tax.hawaii.gov/geninfo/get/

Frequently asked questions

Is detailing taxable in Hawaii?

Yes. Income from detailing services is gross income subject to GET.

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/hawaii/