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How to start an auto detailing business in Idaho

Form the business and get a seller's permit; 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 seller's permit

1. Choose a structure. LLCs and corporations file with the Idaho Secretary of State.
2. Get an Idaho seller's permit from the State Tax Commission and collect sales tax on parts and goods.
3. Check your city or county for business licenses and zoning.

3 Licenses

We found no Idaho 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 Tax Commission how your washing and detailing charges are treated.

5 Your first steps

1. Form the business and get a seller's permit.
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 - Idaho State Tax Commission

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Official agencies and links

Repair Shops (sales and use tax guide)

Idaho State Tax Commission

https://tax.idaho.gov/taxes/sales-use/guides-for-certain-groups/repair-shops/

Frequently asked questions

Do I need a license to detail cars in Idaho?

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/idaho/