START A BUSINESS - KENTUCKY

How to start a mobile mechanic business in Kentucky

Form the business and register for sales tax; we found no state license for mobile repair, and repair labor is taxable.

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1 Is mobile repair right for you?

Mobile mechanics fix cars at customers' homes and workplaces. It suits experienced technicians who want lower overhead than a shop.

2 Form the business and register for sales tax

1. Choose a structure. LLCs and corporations file with the Kentucky Secretary of State.
2. Register with the Department of Revenue to collect Kentucky's 6% sales tax. Labor charged with taxable parts is taxable.
3. Check your city or county for local licenses and zoning.

3 Licenses

We found no Kentucky State license for mobile mechanics. Check your city or county for licenses and zoning.

4 Sales tax on repairs

Since 2018, when a repair includes taxable parts, the labor is taxable too (6%). List parts separately; if you do not, the whole charge is presumed to be taxable property.

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 repairs with parts, labor included

Required - State - Kentucky Department of Revenue

Since July 1, 2018, when a vehicle repair includes taxable parts, the labor is taxable too, at Kentucky's 6% sales tax. List parts separately from labor; if you do not, the whole charge is presumed to be the price of taxable property.

EPA Section 609 certification for air conditioning work

Required in some cases - Federal - U.S. Environmental Protection Agency

Required to repair or service motor vehicle air conditioning systems for payment or bartering. We found no Kentucky State license for mobile mechanics.

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

Labor Charges for Installation (TAXANSWERS)

Kentucky Department of Revenue

https://taxanswers.ky.gov/Sales-and-Excise-Taxes/Pages/Labor-Charges-for-Installation-FAQs.aspx

Frequently asked questions

Do mobile mechanics need a license in Kentucky?

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.