START A BUSINESS - VERMONT

How to start a mobile mechanic business in Vermont

Form the business and open a tax account; we found no state license for mobile repair, and itemized labor is not taxed.

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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 Vermont Secretary of State.
2. Register for a Vermont Business Tax Account with the Department of Taxes so you can collect Vermont's 6% sales tax on parts and other goods.

3 Licenses

We found no Vermont State license for mobile mechanics. Check zoning and local permits with your town.

4 Sales tax on repairs

Parts and accessories you sell are taxable at 6%; installation and labor are not, as long as the bill itemizes them. If you do not itemize, the whole bill is taxable, and a flat-price service such as a flat oil change is fully taxable. A Vermont state inspection charge is not taxable. Tools and shop supplies are taxed when you buy them.

5 A/C work

Servicing vehicle air conditioning for pay requires EPA Section 609 certification.

6 Your first steps

1. Form the business and open a tax account.
2. Set up invoices that itemize parts and labor.
3. Buy insurance and tools.
4. List your business on Nearby Car Care

Requirements at a glance

Sales tax on parts; itemize labor

Required - State - Vermont Department of Taxes

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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 Vermont 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

Vermont Sales and Use Tax Guide for the Automotive Repairs Industry (GB-1161)

Vermont Department of Taxes

https://tax.vermont.gov/sites/tax/files/documents/GB-1161.pdf

Frequently asked questions

Do mobile mechanics need a license in Vermont?

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.

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