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How to start a mobile mechanic business in Wisconsin

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

1. Choose a structure. LLCs and corporations file with the Wisconsin Department of Financial Institutions.
2. Get a seller's permit from the Department of Revenue and collect state and any county sales tax. Repair labor, cleaning and towing are taxable.
3. Check your city or county for local licenses and zoning.

3 Licenses

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

4 Sales tax on repairs

Wisconsin taxes parts and labor for repair, service and maintenance of vehicles, including installation of accessories. Collect sales tax on the whole repair bill.

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 parts and labor

Required - State - Wisconsin Department of Revenue

Wisconsin taxes parts and labor for repair, service and maintenance of motor vehicles, including installation of accessories (Publication 202). Collect state and any county sales tax on the whole repair bill.

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 Wisconsin 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

Publication 202: Sales and Use Tax Information for Motor Vehicle Sales, Leases, and R
Wisconsin Department of Revenue
https://www.revenue.wi.gov/DOR%20Publications/pb202.pdf

Frequently asked questions

Do mobile mechanics need a license in Wisconsin?
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-mobile-mechanic-business/wisconsin/