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How to start a roadside assistance company in Florida

Form the business and register for sales tax; repairs with parts are fully taxable, and if you repair vehicles for pay, ask FDACS about registration.

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1 Is roadside assistance right for you?

Roadside companies help stranded drivers with jump starts, tire changes, fuel delivery, lockouts and winch-outs. It suits people who like driving and stay calm next to traffic.

2 Form the business and register for sales tax

1. Choose a structure. LLCs and corporations file with the Florida Division of Corporations (Sunbiz).
2. Register with the Department of Revenue to collect sales tax: 6% state plus any county surtax.
3. Get your local business tax receipt from your county and city and check zoning.

3 Licenses

We found no Florida State license for roadside assistance. Get your county and city business tax receipts and check zoning.

4 Sales tax on repairs

When you supply parts, the total charge, parts and labor, is taxable at 6% plus any county surtax, even if the parts are free. Labor-only repairs are not taxed if your records show no parts were attached.

5 Your first steps

1. Form the business and register for sales tax.
2. Get local business tax receipts and check zoning.
3. Buy insurance and equipment.
4. List your business on Nearby Car Care

Requirements at a glance

Sales tax on repairs with parts

Required - State - Florida Department of Revenue

In Florida, when you supply parts in a repair, the total charge, parts and labor, is taxable at 6% plus any county surtax, even if the parts are free. Labor-only repairs are not taxable if your records show no parts were attached.

If you repair vehicles for pay on the roadside, ask FDACS whether you must register as a motor vehicle repair shop. We found no separate state roadside assistance license.

Official agencies and links

Sales and Use Tax on Repair of Tangible Personal Property (GT-800010)

Florida Department of Revenue

https://floridarevenue.com/Forms_library/gt800010.pdf

Frequently asked questions

Do I need a license for roadside assistance in Florida?
We found no state roadside license; if you repair vehicles for pay, ask FDACS about repair shop registration.

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.