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Iowa auto detailing licenses and requirements

What Iowa requires of these businesses: registration, tax, licenses and the official links to check.

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1 The rules at a glance

- Sales tax permit (repair, wash and towing taxable)
- Vehicle wash and wax taxable
- Local zoning and wash water rules

We found no state detailing license.

Requirements at a glance

Sales tax on vehicle wash and wax

Required - State - Iowa Department of Revenue

Vehicle wash and wax is a taxable service in Iowa. We found no Iowa State license for detailing.

Official agencies and links

Iowa Sales and Use Tax: Taxable Services

Iowa Department of Revenue

https://revenue.iowa.gov/taxes/tax-guidance/sales-use-excise-tax/iowa-sales-and-use-tax-taxable-services

Frequently asked questions

Is car washing taxable in Iowa?

Yes. Vehicle wash and wax is a taxable service.

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.