LICENSES, PERMITS & CERTIFICATIONS - KENTUCKY

Kentucky auto detailing licenses and requirements

What Kentucky 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 registration (6%; labor with parts taxable)
- Products taxed; ask about services
- County and city business tax licenses

We found no state detailing license.

Requirements at a glance

Sales tax on products; ask about services

Required - State - Kentucky Department of Revenue

Products you sell are taxable at 6%. Kentucky added many services to the sales tax in 2023; ask the Department whether your washing and detailing charges are taxable. We found no Kentucky State license for detailing.

Official agencies and links

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 I need a license to detail cars 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.