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New Hampshire auto detailing licenses and requirements

Formation, no sales tax and local rules for detailing businesses in New Hampshire.

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1 The rules at a glance

- Form the business; no sales tax
- Local zoning and wastewater rules

We found no state detailing license.

Requirements at a glance

Form the business with the Secretary of State

Required - State - New Hampshire Secretary of State, Corporation Division

LLCs file a Certificate of Formation (Form LLC-1) with the Corporation Division, online or on paper. The certificate must state the primary nature of the business.

Fees: Form LLC-1: $100.

Official application: https://www.sos.nh.gov/corporations-0/forms-and-fees/limited-liability-companies

No general sales tax to collect

Optional - State - New Hampshire Department of Revenue Administration

New Hampshire has no general sales tax on goods, so automotive businesses do not register to collect sales tax on parts or services. The meals and rentals tax applies only to meals, rooms and motor vehicle rentals.

If you rent vehicles to customers, ask the Department about the meals and rentals tax license.

Local zoning and wastewater rules

Required in some cases - Municipal - Your city or town

We found no New Hampshire State license for detailing or car washes, and there is no general sales tax on the service. Check zoning and wastewater rules with your town.

Official agencies and links

Does New Hampshire have a sales tax?

New Hampshire Department of Revenue Administration

https://www.revenue.nh.gov/faq/does-new-hampshire-have-sales-tax

Limited Liability Companies: forms and fees (Form LLC-1 Certificate of Formation)

New Hampshire Secretary of State, Corporation Division

https://www.sos.nh.gov/corporations-0/forms-and-fees/limited-liability-companies

Frequently asked questions

Is car washing taxed in New Hampshire?

No. New Hampshire has no general sales tax.

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.