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Virginia auto detailing licenses and requirements

What Virginia 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 with Virginia Tax (5.3% to 7% by locality)
- Products taxed; ask about services
- Local business license, zoning and wash water rules

We found no state detailing license.

Requirements at a glance

Sales tax on products you sell; ask about services

Required - State - Virginia Department of Taxation

Products you sell are taxable at your locality's rate. Ask Virginia Tax how your washing and detailing charges are treated. We found no Virginia State license for detailing.

Official agencies and links

Retail Sales and Use Tax

Virginia Department of Taxation

https://www.tax.virginia.gov/retail-sales-and-use-tax

Frequently asked questions

Do I need a license to detail cars in Virginia?

We found no state license; get your local business 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.