LICENSES, PERMITS & CERTIFICATIONS - ALABAMA

Alabama auto repair shop licenses and permits

What Alabama 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 (state plus local rates)
- Parts taxed; itemized labor not taxed
- EPA 609 for A/C work

We found no state repair shop license.

Requirements at a glance

Sales tax on parts; itemize labor

Required - State - Alabama Department of Revenue

Parts used in repairs are retail sales and taxable. Labor and installation charges are taxable only when they are not separately stated, so list parts and labor separately and keep books that separate them. Paint, lubricants and tools are taxed when you buy them.

EPA Section 609 certification for air conditioning work

Required in some cases - Federal - U.S. Environmental Protection Agency

Anyone who repairs or services a motor vehicle air conditioning system for payment or bartering must be certified by an EPA-approved Section 609 program. We found no Alabama State license for repair or body shops.

Official agencies and links

Section 609 Technician Training and Certification Programs

U.S. Environmental Protection Agency

https://www.epa.gov/mvac/section-609-technician-training-and-certification-programs

Rule 810-6-1-.07, Sales of automotive vehicle parts by repair shops and garages

Alabama Department of Revenue

https://www.revenue.alabama.gov/wp-content/uploads/2021/12/810-6-1-.07.pdf

Frequently asked questions

Is repair labor taxable in Alabama?

No, when it is itemized separately from the parts. An unitemized bill is fully taxable.

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.

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