LICENSES, PERMITS & CERTIFICATIONS - COLORADO

Colorado auto repair shop licenses and permits

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

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1 The rules at a glance

- Colorado sales tax license (state, local, special districts)
- 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; separate labor

Required - State - Colorado Department of Revenue

In Colorado, parts and accessories installed in vehicles are taxable; separately stated service or labor charges are not. If parts and labor are lumped into one price, the whole charge can be taxable. Colorado has state, local and special district sales taxes.

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 Colorado 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

Sales and Use Tax Topics: Auto Repairs

Colorado Department of Revenue, Taxation

https://tax.colorado.gov/sales-use-tax-topics-auto-repairs

Frequently asked questions

Is repair labor taxable in Colorado?

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.