LICENSES, PERMITS & CERTIFICATIONS - DELAWARE

Delaware auto repair shop licenses and permits

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

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1 The rules at a glance

- Division of Revenue business license ($75 a year)
- Gross receipts tax .3983% after $100,000 a month
- No sales tax to collect
- Retailer license if parts sales top $8,500 a year
- EPA 609 for A/C work

Requirements at a glance

Division of Revenue business license and gross receipts tax

Required - State - Delaware Division of Revenue

Delaware has no sales tax. Every business needs a Division of Revenue business license and pays a gross receipts tax on what it takes in. For service businesses the license is $75 a year for the first location ($25 for each additional), and the gross receipts tax is .3983% after the first $100,000 a month. Product sales up to $8,500 a year can be reported under the service license; above that you need a retailer license.
Fees: $75 a year for the first location, $25 for each additional location
Form your LLC or corporation with the Delaware Division of Corporations first. Towns and counties may require their own business license.
Official application: https://revenue.delaware.gov/frequently-asked-questions/gross-receipts-tax-faqs/

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 separate Delaware State license for repair shops; automotive repair is listed among Division of Revenue service licenses.

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

Gross Receipts Tax FAQs
Delaware Division of Revenue
https://revenue.delaware.gov/frequently-asked-questions/gross-receipts-tax-faqs/

Tax Tips for Occupations / General Service
Delaware Division of Revenue
https://revenuefiles.delaware.gov/docs/services.pdf

Frequently asked questions

Do Delaware repair shops charge sales tax?
No. Delaware has no sales tax; the shop pays gross receipts tax instead.

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.

https://nearbycarcare.com/resources/licenses/auto-repair-licenses-permits/delaware/