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Iowa auto repair shop licenses and permits

What Iowa 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 permit (repair, wash and towing taxable)
- Parts and labor taxable
- EPA 609 for A/C work

We found no state repair shop license.

Requirements at a glance

Sales tax on repair labor and parts

Required - State - Iowa Department of Revenue

Iowa lists vehicle repair and motor repair as taxable services, so collect sales tax on repair labor as well as on parts.

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 Iowa 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

Iowa Sales and Use Tax: Taxable Services

Iowa Department of Revenue

https://revenue.iowa.gov/taxes/tax-guidance/sales-use-excise-tax/iowa-sales-and-use-tax-taxable-services

Frequently asked questions

Is repair labor taxable in Iowa?

Yes. Repairs to vehicles are taxable, labor included.

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.