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Louisiana car dealer licenses, bonds and permits

What Louisiana 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 (repairs taxable, labor included)
- Used Motor Vehicle Commission license ($400 for two years)
- Educational seminar
- Garage liability insurance ($55,000 minimum)
- $50,000 surety bond

Requirements at a glance

Louisiana sales tax registration

Required - State - Louisiana Department of Revenue

Register with the Department of Revenue to collect state sales tax, and with your parish for local sales tax. Repairs and maintenance to vehicles are taxable.

Form your LLC or corporation with the Louisiana Secretary of State first. Fees not verified here.

Official application:
https://revenue.louisiana.gov/tax-education-and-faqs/faqs/sales-tax/do-i-have-to-collect-sales-tax-on-charges-for-labor/

Used Motor Vehicle Commission dealer license

Required - State - Louisiana Used Motor Vehicle Commission

Used dealers apply to the Louisiana Used Motor Vehicle Commission. Register for and complete the educational seminar, show an established, properly zoned place of business with a permanent sign, and carry garage liability insurance with minimum limits of $55,000.

Fees: $400 for a two-year license; $200 per additional location

Official application: https://lumvc.louisiana.gov/wp-content/uploads/2025/11/Initial-Dealer-Packet-Rev-9-25.pdf

Used dealer surety bond ($50,000)

Required - State - Louisiana Used Motor Vehicle Commission

File a $50,000 surety bond on the Commission's form, bound to the State of Louisiana, and keep it in force for the whole license period.

Amount: $50,000

Official agencies and links

Do I have to collect sales tax on charges for labor?

Louisiana Department of Revenue
https://revenue.louisiana.gov/tax-education-and-faqs/faqs/sales-tax/do-i-have-to-collect-sales-tax-on-charges-for-labor/

Requirements to Become a Used Motor Vehicle Dealer (LUMVC 9/25)

Louisiana Used Motor Vehicle Commission
https://lumvc.louisiana.gov/wp-content/uploads/2025/11/Initial-Dealer-Packet-Rev-9-25.pdf

Frequently asked questions

How much is the Louisiana used car dealer bond?

$50,000.

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/dealer-licenses-permits/louisiana/