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DC mobile mechanic licenses and requirements

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

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1 The rules at a glance

- DC sales tax registration and Clean Hands (repairs taxable, labor included)
- Ask DLCP about the auto repair license for mobile work
- EPA 609 for A/C work

Requirements at a glance

Sales tax on repairs, labor included

Required - State - DC Office of Tax and Revenue

In DC, charges for repairing tangible personal property, or installing parts as repairs or replacements, are retail sales whether or not parts are transferred, so collect sales tax on repair labor as well as parts.

DLCP Consumer Goods (Auto Repair) license: ask about mobile work

Required in some cases - State - DC Department of Licensing and Consumer Protection

Repair, servicing, painting, cleaning and similar vehicle work in DC needs a Consumer Goods (Auto Repair) basic business license from DLCP: certificate of occupancy, tax registration and Clean Hands certification, written estimates, a final bill and a surety bond for the two-year license ($2,000 with five or fewer employees, $5,000 with more). Apply online at BOSS. Ask DLCP how the certificate of occupancy rule applies to mobile work.

Amount: $2,000 or $5,000 bond

Official application: https://dlcp.dc.gov/node/1618741

EPA Section 609 certification for air conditioning work

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

Required to repair or service motor vehicle air conditioning systems for payment or bartering.

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

D.C. Code 47-2001, Sales tax definitions (retail sales of services)
Council of the District of Columbia
https://code.dccouncil.gov/us/dc/council/code/sections/47-2001

Consumer Goods (Auto Repair) business license
DC Department of Licensing and Consumer Protection
https://dlcp.dc.gov/node/1618741

Frequently asked questions

Do mobile mechanics need a license in DC?

Ask DLCP; its auto repair license covers vehicle repair and servicing and normally needs a certificate of occupancy.

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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