LICENSES, PERMITS & CERTIFICATIONS - HAWAII

Hawaii roadside assistance licenses and permits

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

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- GET license and general excise tax (services included)
- Repair dealer license if you repair vehicles
- County towing rules if you tow

Requirements at a glance

Hawaii GET license and general excise tax

Required - State - Hawaii Department of Taxation

Get a general excise tax license ($20 one-time) and report GET on the gross income of your business, including services.

Fees: $20 one-time registration

Register your business with the DCCA Business Registration Division first.

Official application: https://tax.hawaii.gov/geninfo/get/

Repair dealer license if you repair vehicles

Required in some cases - State - Motor Vehicle Repair Industry Board

Repairing vehicles for compensation in Hawaii requires a motor vehicle repair dealer license from the Motor Vehicle Repair Industry Board for each repair facility. The dealer must be a licensed motor vehicle mechanic or employ at least one. Licenses renew every two years ($288 for repair dealers). Ask the Board whether your roadside services count as repairs.

Official application: https://cca.hawaii.gov/pvl/boards/motorrepair/

Official agencies and links

Motor Vehicle Repair Industry Board

Hawaii Department of Commerce and Consumer Affairs, Professional and Vocational Licensing

https://cca.hawaii.gov/pvl/boards/motorrepair/

General Excise Tax (GET) Information

Hawaii Department of Taxation

https://tax.hawaii.gov/geninfo/get/

Frequently asked questions

Do I need a license for roadside assistance in Hawaii?

If you repair vehicles for pay, a motor vehicle repair dealer license likely applies; ask the Board.

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.