LICENSES, PERMITS & CERTIFICATIONS - ARIZONA

Arizona salvage yard licenses and permits

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

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1 The rules at a glance

- Arizona TPT license (state and city)
- ADOT automotive recycler license
- Surety bond of at least $20,000
- TPT on parts you sell
- Forklift operator training

Requirements at a glance

TPT on parts you sell

Required - State - Arizona Department of Revenue

Used parts and other goods you sell are taxable under the retail classification.

ADOT automotive recycler license

Required - State - Arizona Department of Transportation, Motor Vehicle Division

Buying vehicles to dismantle and sell the parts requires an automotive recycler license from ADOT, with a surety bond of at least $20,000 and a copy of your TPT license.

Amount: $20,000 bond

Official application:
https://apps.azdot.gov/files/mvd/mvm/dealer-licensing/Default.htm#CONTENT/Dealer_Licensing/Dealer_Community/1-Apply_New_Dealers/0-Applying_Landir

Forklift operator training (OSHA)

Required in some cases - Federal - Occupational Safety and Health Administration

If employees use forklifts, the employer must train and evaluate each operator before they operate one (29 CFR 1910.178(l)).

Official agencies and links

29 CFR 1910.178, Powered industrial trucks (operator training, paragraph (l))
Occupational Safety and Health Administration
https://www.osha.gov/laws-regs/regulations/standardnumber/1910/1910.178

Arizona Transaction Privilege Tax Ruling TPR 93-31 (services rendered in addition to
Arizona Department of Revenue
https://azdor.gov/sites/default/files/2023-03/RULINGS_TPT_1993_tpr93-31.pdf

Applying for a New Dealer License: Dealer License Types and Definitions
Arizona Department of Transportation, Motor Vehicle Division, Dealer Licensing
https://apps.azdot.gov/files/mvd/mvm/dealer-licensing/Default.htm#CONTENT/Dealer_Licensing/Dealer_Community/1-Apply_New_Dealers/0-Applying_Landing

Frequently asked questions

Does Arizona license salvage yards?

Yes. Businesses that buy vehicles to dismantle and sell parts need an ADOT automotive recycler license.

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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