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# Indiana salvage yard licenses and permits

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

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- Registered Retail Merchant Certificate (sales tax)
- Automotive salvage recycler license
- $25,000 bond and zoning affidavit
- IDEM environmental rules
- Forklift operator training

## Requirements at a glance

### Indiana Registered Retail Merchant Certificate and sales tax

Required - State - Indiana Department of Revenue

Register with the Department of Revenue (INTIME) for a Registered Retail Merchant Certificate to collect Indiana sales tax on taxable sales.

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

Official application: https://www.in.gov/dor/files/sib60.pdf

### Automotive salvage recycler license

Required - State - Indiana Secretary of State, Auto Dealer Services Division

You need this license to sell used major component parts, wreck or crush vehicles for parts or scrap, rebuild wrecked vehicles for resale, or store and recycle vehicles or parts. Apply online with a background check, insurance certificate, location photos, Retail Merchant Certificate, zoning affidavit and the $25,000 bond.

Amount: $25,000 bond

Official application: https://www.in.gov/sos/dealer/license-applications/automotive-salvage-recycler/

### Environmental rules for auto salvage recyclers

Required in some cases - State - Indiana Department of Environmental Management

IDEM's Auto Salvage Recyclers Program explains how to handle fluids, batteries, mercury switches, tires and storm water. Ask IDEM which permits apply to your yard.

### 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

**Auto Salvage Recyclers Program workbook**

Indiana Department of Environmental Management

https://www.in.gov/idem/waste/files/waste_auto_salvage_workbook.pdf

**Sales Tax Information Bulletin #60 (March 2024)**
Indiana Department of Revenue
https://www.in.gov/dor/files/sib60.pdf

**Auto Dealer Services Division: Automotive Salvage Recycler**
Indiana Secretary of State
https://www.in.gov/sos/dealer/license-applications/automotive-salvage-recycler/

## Frequently asked questions

Do I need a license to sell used car parts in Indiana?

Yes. Selling used major component parts requires an automotive salvage 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.

https://nearbycarcare.com/resources/licenses/salvage-yard-licenses-permits/indiana/