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# New Hampshire salvage yard licenses and permits

The town license, NHDES practices and the DMV recycling dealer license for New Hampshire salvage yards.

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## 1 The rules at a glance

- Form the business; no sales tax
- Town junk yard or automotive recycling yard license, after a hearing
- Certification of NHDES best management practices
- DMV automotive recycling dealer license ($125) with a $25,000 bond
- Forklift operator training

## Requirements at a glance

### Form the business with the Secretary of State

Required - State - New Hampshire Secretary of State, Corporation Division

LLCs file a Certificate of Formation (Form LLC-1) with the Corporation Division, online or on paper. The certificate must state the primary nature of the business.

Fees: Form LLC-1: $100.

Official application: https://www.sos.nh.gov/corporations-0/forms-and-fees/limited-liability-companies

### No general sales tax to collect

Optional - State - New Hampshire Department of Revenue Administration

New Hampshire has no general sales tax on goods, so automotive businesses do not register to collect sales tax on parts or services. The meals and rentals tax applies only to meals, rooms and motor vehicle rentals.

If you rent vehicles to customers, ask the Department about the meals and rentals tax license.

### Town or city junk yard / automotive recycling yard license

Required - Municipal - Your city or town governing body

Under RSA 236:111-129 your municipality licenses junk yards and automotive recycling yards. The local governing body holds a hearing and considers your ability to meet fencing and other rules and any larceny or stolen goods convictions. Your application must certify that the yard follows NHDES best management practices.

### DMV automotive recycling dealer license

Required in some cases - State - New Hampshire Division of Motor Vehicles

For businesses that buy secondhand vehicles to take apart or rebuild and sell parts. You need town or city approval, an inspection station service agreement, a $25,000 dealer surety bond, a lease, criminal background checks, the title/dealer class, 37.5 business hours a week, a sign with 10 inch letters and record books of purchases and sales.

Amount: $25,000 bond

Fees: $125 license fee; recycler plates from January 1, 2026: $120 for the first 7,000 lbs, then $2.88 per 100 lbs.

Official application: https://www.dmv.nh.gov/dmv-partners/auto-recycling-dealers

### 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

**Motor Vehicle Salvage Yards**
New Hampshire Department of Environmental Services
https://www.des.nh.gov/waste/solid-waste/regulated-facilities/motor-vehicle-salvage-yards

**Does New Hampshire have a sales tax?**
New Hampshire Department of Revenue Administration
https://www.revenue.nh.gov/faq/does-new-hampshire-have-sales-tax

**Auto Recycling Dealers**
New Hampshire Division of Motor Vehicles
https://www.dmv.nh.gov/dmv-partners/auto-recycling-dealers

**Limited Liability Companies: forms and fees (Form LLC-1 Certificate of Formation)**
New Hampshire Secretary of State, Corporation Division
https://www.sos.nh.gov/corporations-0/forms-and-fees/limited-liability-companies

## Frequently asked questions

Do New Hampshire salvage yards follow state environmental rules?
Yes. The town license application certifies compliance with NHDES best management practices.

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/new-hampshire/