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Washington vehicle wrap business requirements

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

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- Business license, retail sales tax (labor included) and B&O tax
- Retail sales tax on materials and installation
- USDOT marking rules

We found no state wrap installer license.

Requirements at a glance

Washington business license and retail sales tax

Required - State - Washington State Department of Revenue

Get a Washington business license through the Department of Revenue's Business Licensing Service, collect retail sales tax on taxable sales and services, and report B&O tax.

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

Official application: https://app.leg.wa.gov/WAC/default.aspx?cite=458-20-173

Retail sales tax on wraps and installation

Required - State - Washington State Department of Revenue

Installing, decorating or painting vehicles for consumers is a retail sale: collect retail sales tax on the total charge for materials and labor.

USDOT number marking on commercial motor vehicles

Required in some cases - Federal - Federal Motor Carrier Safety Administration

Vehicles that need a USDOT number show the carrier's name and USDOT number on both sides, readable from 50 feet in daylight (49 CFR 390.21).

Official agencies and links

49 CFR 390.21, Marking of self-propelled CMVs and intermodal equipment

Federal Motor Carrier Safety Administration (eCFR)

https://www.ecfr.gov/current/title-49/subtitle-B/chapter-III/subchapter-B/part-390/subpart-B/section-390.21

WAC 458-20-173, Installing, repairing, cleaning, altering or improving tangible perso

Washington State Department of Revenue (Washington State Legislature)

https://app.leg.wa.gov/WAC/default.aspx?cite=458-20-173

Frequently asked questions

Do wrap installers need a license in Washington?

We found no state license beyond the business 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.