

# MOTOR VEHICLE SERVICE STATION / TRUCK STOP & TOWING SERVICE

## Checklist

- Auto repair activities are regulated by Ohio's Auto Repairs and Services Law. Contact the Ohio Attorney General's Office at (877) 244-6446 or (614) 466-8831. Information is available at <http://www.ohioattorneygeneral.gov>.
- Service stations and truck stops must comply with safety, equipment, and operational rules enforced by the State Fire Marshal. Contact the State Fire Marshal at (614) 752-8200 or visit <http://www.com.ohio.gov/fire/>.
- Motor vehicle service stations and truck stops are regulated by the Ohio Environmental Protection Agency (EPA). Contact the Ohio EPA at (614) 644-3020 or (800) 329-7518. Information is available at [www.epa.state.oh.us](http://www.epa.state.oh.us).
- Retail sales, tobacco sales, and convenience store operations require a Vendor's License from your County Auditor or the Ohio Department of Taxation. Information is available at <http://business.ohio.gov>.
- Motor vehicle fuel dealers must obtain a motor fuel dealer's license and pay applicable fuel taxes. Contact the Ohio Department of Taxation Motor Fuel Tax Section at (614) 466-3921 or <http://tax.ohio.gov>.
- If food service or restaurants are operated on-site, contact the local health department for licensing and inspections.
- Lottery ticket sales require registration with the Ohio Lottery Commission. Information is available at [www.ohiolottery.com](http://www.ohiolottery.com).
- Alcohol sales require appropriate permits from the Ohio Department of Liquor Control. Contact the division at (614) 644-2360 or visit <http://www.com.ohio.gov/liqr/>.
- Weighing and measuring devices must be inspected by the Ohio Department of Agriculture, Division of Weights and Measures at (614) 728-6290 or your County Auditor.
- Motor vehicle towing companies must register with the Public Utilities Commission of Ohio (PUCO), Motor Carrier Division. Contact PUCO at (800) 686-7826 or visit [www.puco.ohio.gov](http://www.puco.ohio.gov).
- Depending on vehicle size and towing capacity, operators may require a Commercial Driver's License. Contact the Ohio Bureau of Motor Vehicles at (614) 752-7500 or visit [www.bmv.ohio.gov](http://www.bmv.ohio.gov).
- Oversize towing requires a special hauling permit from the Ohio Department of Transportation. Contact ODOT at (614) 466-7170 or visit <http://www.dot.state.oh.us>.

*For more help, contact your local Small Business Development Center (SBDC) at [www.ohiosbdc.net](http://www.ohiosbdc.net). Also, remember to check Federal, State and local government agencies. This checklist is about state requirements. Funded in part through a grant with the U.S. Small Business Administration.*



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- Motor vehicle towing services are taxable and require a Vendor's License. Sales tax guidance is available from the Ohio Department of Taxation at (888) 405-4039, (888) 405-4089, or (800) 282-1782.
- Applicable laws are found in the Ohio Revised Code (ORC) and Ohio Administrative Code (OAC), including ORC Sections 1901.26, 3741.14, and 5735.023. The codes are available at <http://codes.ohio.gov>.

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