



STARTING YOUR MOBILE MECHANIC BUSINESS ON PITSTOPR

A PRACTICAL GUIDE TO GETTING SET UP

This guide is for educational purposes only and is not legal or tax advice. Requirements vary by location and are reviewed during onboarding.



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STEP 1: Operate as an Independent Business

Technicians on PitStopr operate as independent contractors, not employees. You are responsible for running your own business.

Most technicians operate as:

Sole Proprietors (simplest setup)

Single-Member LLCs (commonly used for liability protection)

**YOU SHOULD ALSO BE ABLE TO
ACCEPT PAYMENTS AND MAINTAIN
BASIC BUSINESS RECORDS.**

How to get set up:

Sole Proprietor:

You may not need to file formally, depending on your state. Some technicians register a DBA (Doing Business As).

LLC:

File through your state's Secretary of State website. This can usually be completed online in under 30 minutes. Fees vary by state.

STEP 2: Required Insurance Coverage

To operate on PitStopr, technicians **must carry their own insurance.**

Required policies:

General Liability Insurance

Covers bodily injury or property damage related to your work.

Garagekeepers Insurance

Covers damage to a customer's vehicle while it is in your care, custody, or control.

BOTH POLICIES ARE REQUIRED TO PROTECT YOU, YOUR CUSTOMERS, AND THE PLATFORM.

How to obtain coverage:

Search for “mobile mechanic general liability and garagekeepers insurance”

Many technicians obtain coverage through:

- Small business insurance marketplaces
- Commercial auto or trade-specific insurers

Policies are often available within 24–48 hours and billed monthly

MINIMUM COVERAGE AMOUNTS AND DOCUMENTATION ARE REVIEWED DURING ONBOARDING.

STEP 3: Taxes & Business Compliance

As an independent business, you are responsible for complying with applicable tax and licensing laws.

This may include:

Reporting income earned through PitStopr

Paying self-employment or business taxes

Understanding sales tax requirements in your state

Sales tax considerations:

Some states require sales tax on labor

Some require tax on parts only

Some exempt certain automotive services

Some require exemption certificates or registration

How to research your state's rules:

Visit your state's Department of Revenue [website](#)

Search: “Does my state charge sales tax on auto repair labor?”

Look for guidance on:

- Registration requirements
- Exemption certificates
- Filing and remittance schedules

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STEP 5: Payments & Payouts

PitStopr facilitates customer payments through the platform.

You are responsible for:

**Providing
accurate
payout
information**

**Managing
your own
finances**

**Tracking
income and
expenses
for tax
reporting**

PAYOUT SCHEDULES AND DETAILS ARE PROVIDED DURING ONBOARDING.



STEP 6: Quality & Professional Standards

Technicians operating on PitStopr are expected to:



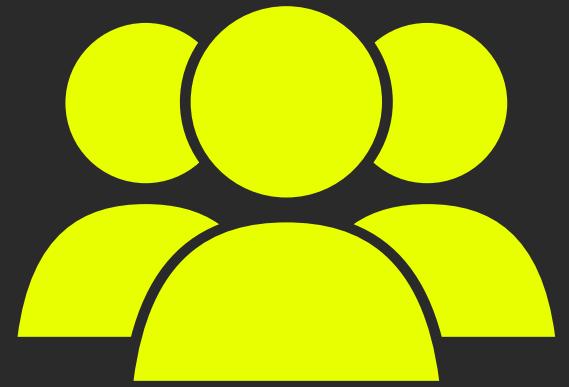
Communicate professionally with customers

Follow platform service and safety standards

Provide accurate service documentation

FAILURE TO MEET PLATFORM STANDARDS MAY IMPACT
ACCESS TO THE PLATFORM.

WHAT PITSTOPR PROVIDES



Access to
customer
demand



Scheduling
and workflow
tools



Secure
payment
processing



Platform
support
and dispute
processes

NEED HELP GETTING SET UP?

If you're new to operating independently, PitStopr can help clarify what's required before you apply.

Request a business consult to speak with our onboarding team.



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