

Sales and Use Tax - Mobile Vendors

What is a mobile vendor and what taxes are collected?

Retailers who carry their inventory with them and make sales from that inventory directly to customers are classified as mobile vendors. Examples of a mobile business are tool supply trucks or food trucks.

Businesses that sell goods by mobile vehicle must obtain a sales tax license for the business. A mobile business pays a \$16 license fee and \$50 deposit. Appropriate state and local taxes for the areas where sales are made must be collected and remitted to the Colorado Department of Revenue.

See the publication [DR 1002 Colorado Sales/Use Tax Rates](#) for local tax rates. A separate return must be filed for each jurisdiction where sales are made. Home rule areas must be contacted directly for rules and remittance procedures regarding mobile sales made within their jurisdictions.

Sales of vegetables, fruits and other groceries sold for home consumption by mobile markets or door-to-door vendors are exempt from Colorado state sales tax. An example of this would be a produce truck selling apples or peaches. However, local sales taxes may apply.