

WHY IS A TRANSIENT VENDORS LICENSE REQUIRED FOR MOBILE FOOD VENDING

In Ohio, a [Regular Vendor's License](#) is required for selling taxable goods at a fixed location, while a [Transient Vendor License](#) covers sales at temporary events or multiple locations across the state.

Key Differences and Details:

- **Regular Vendor's License (ST-1):** Issued by the County Auditor for a fixed, permanent place of business (e.g., a brick-and-mortar store).
- **Transient Vendor License (ST-1T):** Issued by the Ohio Department of Taxation for vendors transporting goods to temporary locations (fairs, markets) where they have no fixed place of business. This license is valid statewide.
- **Costs:** Both licenses generally have a \$25–\$50 application fee.
- **Food Truck Requirements:**
 - **Tax License:** Usually a Transient Vendor License if moving between locations, or a Regular License if operating from a fixed, permanent base.
 - **Health & Safety:** Mobile Food Service Operation licenses from local health departments (often based on risk level).
 - **Local Permits:** City-specific permits for parking in the public right-of-way (street) or private property.



Both licenses are used for collecting and paying state sales tax, failing to have one is a violation of Ohio law.



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