

COTTAGE BAKERY FROM HOME

Can I sell from my kitchen in El Dorado County, California?

Home kitchen sales. Not a shop or rented commercial kitchen. Last verified 2026-05-05.

STATE FOOD PERMIT

Yes

HOME OCCUPATION

Conditional

BUSINESS LICENSE

Varies

SALES CAP

Tiered

CALIFORNIA RULES. OPEN THESE FIRST.

[California permits PDF](#)

[California cottage food law page](#)

[California Department of Public Health cottage food program](#)

[Statute: Cal. Health & Safety Code §113758](#)

NOT LEGAL ADVICE

This is what it takes to sell from a home kitchen in El Dorado County. Confirm each step with Planning, Health, and the license office before you sell.

What you need

El Dorado County, California. File every Yes. Confirm every Check or Ask. Stay under the sales cap.

STATE FOOD PERMIT

Yes

ANNUAL SALES CAP

Tiered

HOME OCCUPATION / ZONING

Conditional

LOCAL HEALTH

Conditional

BUSINESS LICENSE

Varies

PICKUP AT THE HOUSE

Yes

HOME KITCHEN ONLY

If you want a shop or a rented commercial kitchen, these rows do not apply.

HOW THIS PLACE WORKS

California cottage food is registered at the county. CDPH does not issue cottage-food permits. Class A registration and Class B permits are handled by the county (or city) environmental health department where you live. If this file only has a county homepage, call Environmental Health and ask for the cottage-food (CFO) page. Class A is registration. Class B is a permit.

Official source: [CDPH Cottage Food Operations](#)

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California permits PDF →

<https://crosodo.com/reports/pdf/permits/california.pdf>

California cottage food law page →

<https://crosodo.com/states/california>

Permit page for this place →

<https://crosodo.com/what-permits/california/el-dorado-county>

El Dorado County cottage food law page →

<https://crosodo.com/states/california/el-dorado-county>

Not legal advice. Rules change. Confirm with the office before you file.

Where to file

State

California registration: Yes. Routine kitchen inspection: No. Class B permit holders may sell indirectly through retail stores and restaurants statewide; Class A registrants are limited to direct sales only and may not sell through any retail or wholesale venue.

California permits PDF: [crosodo.com/reports/pdf/permits/california.pdf](https://www.crosodo.com/reports/pdf/permits/california.pdf)

State law page: [crosodo.com/states/california](https://www.crosodo.com/states/california)

California Department of Public Health: https://www.cdph.ca.gov/Programs/CEH/DFDCS/CDPH%20Document%20Library/FDB/FoodSafetyProgram/Cottage%20Food%20Operations/CFO_Faq.pdf

Statute: [Cal. Health & Safety Code §113758](#)

Zoning / home occupation

Conditional. GOV §51035 preempts local zoning for cottage food. El Dorado County and municipalities (Placerville, South Lake Tahoe) may still require general home occupation business registration. Contact El Dorado County Planning Services or relevant city.

Health

Conditional. Class A: no routine inspection (registration only). Class B: annual inspection by El Dorado County Environmental Health. Both: inspection upon complaint.

Business license

Varies

Pickup / delivery

Class A: direct sales from home, at events, farmers markets, online (in-state only). Class B: same plus retail stores and restaurants in California. Event sales may require Temporary Food Facility permit. No out-of-state sales.

If you rent a commissary kitchen

CDPH does not permit commissaries. Counties do. California cottage food (Class A/B) is county environmental health. A commissary, restaurant, or shared kitchen is a retail food facility under CalCode, also at county environmental health, on a different application than the CFO form.

Official source: [CDPH food safety program](#)

Local health office we have on file: <https://www.edcgov.us>

This file is the home-kitchen path. A rented kitchen uses a different permit. Ask the kitchen manager which license they expect, then call the local health office.

SOURCES

<https://www.edcgov.us>

https://www.cdph.ca.gov/Programs/CEH/DFDCS/CDPH%20Document%20Library/FDB/FoodSafetyProgram/Cottage%20Food%20Operations/CFO_Faq.pdf

https://leginfo.legislature.ca.gov/faces/codes_displaySection.xhtml?lawCode=HSC§ionNum=113758

El Dorado County and nearby places

Regulation	El Dorado County	Amador County	Alpine County
HOME KITCHEN ALLOWED	Yes	True	True
SEPARATE DEDICATED KITCHEN	No	False	False
PETS ALLOWED	No explicit state-level pet restriction in California cottage food statute.	No specific county rule; CDPH guidance recommends pets excluded from food prep area during production	No specific county rule; CDPH guidance recommends pets excluded from food prep area during production
INSPECTION REQUIRED	Conditional	Class A: complaint-based only; Class B: annual inspection by county Environmental Health	Class A: complaint-based only; Class B: annual inspection by county Environmental Health
ON-SITE CUSTOMER PICKUP	Yes	True	True
ON-SITE SIGNAGE	Conditional	No commercial signage per typical CA home occupation rules; state law preempts restrictions on cottage food sales	No commercial signage per typical CA home occupation rules; state law preempts restrictions on cottage food sales
DELIVERY / PICKUP	Class A: direct sales from home, at events, farmers markets, online (in-state only). Class B: same plus retail stores and restaurants in Ca...	Direct sales and delivery within California only; no interstate sales per state law	Direct sales and delivery within California only; no interstate sales per state law
HOME OCCUPATION PERMIT	Conditional	True	True
LOCAL BUSINESS LICENSE	Varies	County unincorporated areas do not require a county business license; incorporated cities (Jackson, Sutter Creek, etc.) may require city bu...	Unlikely; Alpine County has no incorporated cities and minimal business licensing infrastructure; confirm with county
RESTRICTIONS	California two-tier cottage food system (Cal. Health & Safety Code §113758). Class A: registration with El Dorado County Environmental Heal...	—	—
FOOD STORAGE	State-approved non-TCS foods only. Standard GMP storage.	Standard food safety storage per CDPH approved foods list; all products must be non-potentially hazardous	Standard food safety storage per CDPH approved foods list; all products must be non-potentially hazardous
POPULATION	191,713	40,577	1,515

More pages for this place

These Crosodo pages cover the same home cottage-food path:

California permits PDF: crosodo.com/reports/pdf/permits/california.pdf

California cottage food law: crosodo.com/states/california

El Dorado County cottage food law: crosodo.com/states/california/el-dorado-county