

COTTAGE BAKERY FROM HOME

Can I sell from my kitchen in Kern County, California?

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

STATE FOOD PERMIT

Yes

HOME OCCUPATION

Yes

BUSINESS LICENSE

Yes

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 Kern County. Confirm each step with Planning, Health, and the license office before you sell.

What you need

Kern 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

Yes

LOCAL HEALTH

Conditional

BUSINESS LICENSE

Yes

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](#)

CONTINUE ONLINE

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/kern-county>

Kern County cottage food law page →

<https://crosodo.com/states/california/kern-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

State law page: 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

Yes. Kern County requires a copy of home occupation permit from local zoning as part of CFO application. If in incorporated area: contact City Planning department (e.g., City of Bakersfield Planning). If in unincorporated area: contact Kern County Planning department at (661) 862-8600. A Fictitious Business Name (FBN) Statement or LLC/Articles of Organization also required.

Planning: <https://www.kerncounty.com/planning>

Health

Conditional. Class B requires home kitchen inspection before permit issuance. Class A is self-certified. Subsequent inspections upon complaint.

Health: <https://www.kernpublichealth.com/permitting-compliance/food/restaurants-markets-kitchens/cottage-food-operations>

Business license

Yes

Pickup / delivery

Class A: direct sales only (in person, phone, internet; mail or third-party delivery permitted). Class B: direct and indirect through restaurants and food markets. Both classes must remain within California. Annual caps: Class A \$75,000; Class B \$150,000.

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.kernpublichealth.com/permitting-compliance/food/restaurants-markets-kitchens/cottage-food-operations>

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.kernpublichealth.com/permitting-compliance/food/restaurants-markets-kitchens/cottage-food-operations>

<https://www.kerncounty.com/planning>

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Kern County and nearby places

Regulation	Kern County	Ventura County	Tulare County
HOME KITCHEN ALLOWED	Yes	Yes	Yes
SEPARATE DEDICATED KITCHEN	No	No	No
PETS ALLOWED	Standard sanitation applies; not specifically addressed in county guidance	Standard sanitation; not specifically stated in county materials	No specific state cottage food pet restriction beyond general sanitation
INSPECTION REQUIRED	Conditional	Conditional	Conditional
ON-SITE CUSTOMER PICKUP	Yes	Yes	Yes
ON-SITE SIGNAGE	Conditional	Conditional	Conditional
DELIVERY / PICKUP	Class A: direct sales only (in person, phone, internet; mail or third-party delivery permitted). Class B: direct and indirect through resta...	Class A: direct sales via in person, phone, internet; mail/ third-party delivery within California. Class B: direct plus indirect (restauran...	Class A: direct sales at residence, certified farmers markets, bake sales, community events. Class B: adds indirect sales to local shops an...
HOME OCCUPATION PERMIT	Yes	Yes	Yes
LOCAL BUSINESS LICENSE	Yes	Varies	Yes
RESTRICTIONS	Must be operator's primary residence. Kern County Environmental Health Department administers CFO permits. Class A (direct sales only, up t...	Ventura County Resource Management Agency (Environmental Health Division) administers CFO permits. Class A (direct sales only, up to \$75,00...	Class A: direct sales only, ~\$86,206 annual cap, registration with Tulare County Environmental Health. Class B: direct and indirect sales, ...
FOOD STORAGE	Standard food storage per state Approved Foods List requirements	Standard food storage per state approved foods list	Approved non-potentially hazardous food storage in home kitchen only
POPULATION	906,883	842,009	473,446

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

Kern County cottage food law: crosodo.com/states/california/kern-county