

COTTAGE BAKERY FROM HOME

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

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

STATE FOOD PERMIT

Yes

HOME OCCUPATION

Varies by city

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

What you need

Sacramento 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

Varies by city

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/sacramento-county>

Sacramento County cottage food law page →

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

Varies by city. Sacramento County EMD notes that the CFO operator is responsible for any city permits, licenses, or registrations where the business is located — these must be submitted with the CFO application. For unincorporated Sacramento County, no separate county home occupation permit identified for CFOs.

Health

Conditional. Class A: no routine inspection; upon complaint only. Class B: inspection included as part of initial permit and annual renewal (\$513 includes inspection).

Health: <https://dhs.saccounty.gov>

Business license

Yes

Pickup / delivery

Direct/indirect sales within California only. Permit valid for one location; must apply for new permit if operator moves.

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://emd.saccounty.gov/us/en/environmental-health/eh-plan-review.html>

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://dhs.saccounty.gov>

<https://www.saccounty.gov>

<https://emd.saccounty.gov/EH/FoodProtect-RetailFood/Pages/CottageFood.aspx>

Sacramento County and nearby places

Regulation	Sacramento County	Contra Costa County	San Joaquin County
HOME KITCHEN ALLOWED	Yes	Yes	Yes
SEPARATE DEDICATED KITCHEN	No	No	No
PETS ALLOWED	State baseline applies	State baseline applies	Standard sanitation; no specific county guidance found
INSPECTION REQUIRED	Conditional	Yes	Conditional
ON-SITE CUSTOMER PICKUP	Yes	Yes	Yes
ON-SITE SIGNAGE	Conditional	Conditional	Conditional
DELIVERY / PICKUP	Direct/indirect sales within California only. Permit valid for one location; must apply for new permit if operator moves.	MEHKO: meals for dine-in, take-out, and delivery; MEHKO may also serve as a commissary for permitted food carts. CFO: direct/indirect sales...	Class A: direct sales only (in person, phone, internet; mail/third-party delivery permitted within California). Class B: direct and indirec...
HOME OCCUPATION PERMIT	Varies by city	Varies by city	Conditional
LOCAL BUSINESS LICENSE	Yes	Varies by city	Varies
RESTRICTIONS	Sacramento County Environmental Management Department (EMD) administers CFO Class A and Class B registrations/permits. Operators must also ...	Contra Costa County adopted a MEHKO ordinance (Ordinance 2024-05) approved by the Board of Supervisors on June 20, 2024, effective July 1, ...	San Joaquin County Environmental Health Department administers CFO permits. Class A: \$186 fee, direct sales only, up to current state cap (...)
FOOD STORAGE	State baseline applies	State baseline applies	Standard food storage per state approved foods list
POPULATION	1,579,211	1,162,648	779,445

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

Sacramento County cottage food law: crosodo.com/states/california/sacramento-county