

COTTAGE BAKERY FROM HOME

Can I sell from my kitchen in Hawaii County, Hawaii?

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

STATE FOOD PERMIT	HOME OCCUPATION	BUSINESS LICENSE	SALES CAP
No	Conditional	Varies	—

HAWAII RULES. OPEN THESE FIRST.

[Hawaii permits PDF](#)

[Hawaii cottage food law page](#)

[Hawaii Department of Health cottage food program](#)

[Statute: HAR §11-50-3](#)

NOT LEGAL ADVICE

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

What you need

Hawaii County, Hawaii. File every Yes. Confirm every Check or Ask. Stay under the sales cap.

STATE FOOD PERMIT

No

ANNUAL SALES CAP

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HOME OCCUPATION / ZONING

Conditional

LOCAL HEALTH

No

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.

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Hawaii permits PDF →

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

Where to file

State

Hawaii registration: No. Routine kitchen inspection: Upon-complaint. Hawaii prohibits online sales, mail order, consignment, wholesale, restaurant, and retail store sales; only in-person direct sales at home, farmers markets, roadside stands, and events are allowed.

Hawaii permits PDF: crosodo.com/reports/pdf/permits/hawaii.pdf

State law page: crosodo.com/states/hawaii

Hawaii Department of Health: <https://health.hawaii.gov/san/home-bakery-permit/>

Statute: [HAR §11-50-3](#)

Zoning / home occupation

Conditional. Hawaii County (Big Island) may require a home occupation permit from Hawaii County Planning Department for home-based food businesses. Contact Hawaii County Planning Department (hawaiicounty.gov/planning) to verify whether food production from a home constitutes a home occupation requiring a county permit.

Planning: <https://www.hawaiicounty.gov/planning>

Health

No. HMF operations not routinely inspected by DOH. DOH investigates consumer complaints and potential foodborne illness outbreaks. Some farmers markets or events may require a Special Event permit.

Business license

Varies

Pickup / delivery

Hawaii HMF program allows direct-to-consumer sales only. Home pickup permitted. No internet sales, mail order, consignment, or wholesale allowed. Some events may require a Special Event Food Establishment Permit from DOH if unpackaged samples are served.

If you rent a commissary kitchen

DOH permits food establishments. Hawaii food establishments (including commissaries) are permitted by the Department of Health Sanitation Branch. Homemade food under HAR 11-50 is a different path.

Official source: [Hawaii DOH sanitation / food](#)

Local health office we have on file: <https://www.hawaiicounty.gov>

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.hawaiicounty.gov/planning>

<https://www.hawaiicounty.gov>

<https://health.hawaii.gov/san/files/2019/09/HMF-HANDOUT.pdf>

<https://health.hawaii.gov/san/home-bakery-permit/>

<https://nationalaglawcenter.org/wp-content/uploads/assets/cottagefood/Hawaii.pdf>

https://data.capitol.hawaii.gov/sessions/session2024/bills/HB520_HD1_.htm

Hawaii County and nearby places

Regulation	Hawaii County	Maui County	Kauai County
HOME KITCHEN ALLOWED	Yes	Conditional	Yes
SEPARATE DEDICATED KITCHEN	No	No	No
PETS ALLOWED	No explicit pet restriction in HAR §11-50-3, but DOH retains authority to inspect for complaints and foodborne illness investigations. Stan...	Pets must be excluded from food preparation areas during production.	Not specified in state statute.
INSPECTION REQUIRED	No	Upon-complaint	Upon-complaint
ON-SITE CUSTOMER PICKUP	Yes	Conditional	No
ON-SITE SIGNAGE	Conditional	Conditional	No
DELIVERY / PICKUP	Hawaii HMF program allows direct-to-consumer sales only. Home pickup permitted. No internet sales, mail order, consignment, or wholesale al...	Direct sales only. No online/ mail-order delivery. Customers may pick up at home or operator may sell at markets, events. No wholesale or in...	State law allows sales at non-profit and for-profit events, craft fairs, farmers markets, and online. Kauai County Home Business rules rest...
HOME OCCUPATION PERMIT	Conditional	Conditional	Conditional
LOCAL BUSINESS LICENSE	Varies	Yes	Yes
RESTRICTIONS	Hawaii Homemade Food Operation (HMF) program (HAR §11-50-3) allows non-potentially hazardous (non-PHF) foods produced in the operator's pri...	Hawaii requires a mandatory food safety training course (free on-island workshop or ANSI-accredited online course ~\$10, valid 3 years) befo...	Non-potentially hazardous (non-PHF) foods only. Permitted products include breads, rolls, mochi, cakes, cookies, pastries, candies, confect...
FOOD STORAGE	Only non-PHF (not potentially hazardous) foods. No fermented foods, acidified foods, canned or bottled foods (except jams/ jellies), dried m...	All cottage food must be stored away from non-food items; no TCS foods permitted.	Non-PHF products must be stored appropriately. Items that require refrigeration must be handled accordingly.
POPULATION	202,163	164,765	73,511

More pages for this place

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

Hawaii permits PDF: crosodo.com/reports/pdf/permits/hawaii.pdf

Hawaii cottage food law: crosodo.com/states/hawaii

Hawaii County cottage food law: crosodo.com/states/hawaii/hawaii-county