

COTTAGE BAKERY FROM HOME

Can I sell from my kitchen in Honolulu 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 by city	—

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

What you need

Honolulu 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

Upon-complaint

BUSINESS LICENSE

Varies by city

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 →

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

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Permit page for this place →

<https://crosodo.com/what-permits/hawaii/honolulu-county>

Honolulu County cottage food law page →

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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/Honolulu does not have a specific home occupation permit for cottage food operations. However, some farmers markets and events may require a Special Event permit. DOH will review and sign off on Special Event permit applications for HMF operators.

Health

Upon-complaint. DOH may conduct inspections to investigate consumer complaints and potential foodborne illness outbreaks. No routine inspection.

Business license

Varies by city

Pickup / delivery

Updated rules (January 2026): wholesale to retailers now allowed. Direct-to-consumer sales at events, markets, online also allowed. Prior rule (pre-2026): direct-to-consumer only, no internet/mail/wholesale.

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.honolulu.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.honolulu.gov>

<https://health.hawaii.gov/san/files/2019/09/hmf-foods-01.29.2026.pdf>

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

Honolulu County and nearby places

Regulation	Honolulu County	Hawaii County	Maui County
HOME KITCHEN ALLOWED	Yes	Yes	Conditional
SEPARATE DEDICATED KITCHEN	No	No	No
PETS ALLOWED	State baseline applies	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.
INSPECTION REQUIRED	Upon-complaint	No	Upon-complaint
ON-SITE CUSTOMER PICKUP	Yes	Yes	Conditional
ON-SITE SIGNAGE	Conditional	Conditional	Conditional
DELIVERY / PICKUP	Updated rules (January 2026): wholesale to retailers now allowed. Direct-to-consumer sales at events, markets, online also allowed. Prior r...	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...
HOME OCCUPATION PERMIT	Conditional	Conditional	Conditional
LOCAL BUSINESS LICENSE	Varies by city	Varies	Yes
RESTRICTIONS	Hawaii Homemade Food Operations (HMF) are exempt from a DOH food establishment permit under HAR Chapter 11-50. Honolulu County (City and Co...	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...
FOOD STORAGE	State baseline applies	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.
POPULATION	1,010,100	202,163	164,765

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

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