

COTTAGE BAKERY FROM HOME

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

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

STATE FOOD PERMIT

No

HOME OCCUPATION

Conditional

BUSINESS LICENSE

Yes

SALES CAP

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

What you need

Kauai 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

Yes

PICKUP AT THE HOUSE

No

HOME KITCHEN ONLY

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

CONTINUE ONLINE

Hawaii permits PDF →

<https://crosodo.com/reports/pdf/permits/hawaii.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 state program exempts HMF producers from DOH food establishment permits. However, Kauai County Planning Department requires a Home Business permit for home-based businesses. Key Kauai County Home Business requirements (Planning Dept, Ordinance No. 164, Article 1, §8-1.5): business conducted entirely within dwelling; only by inhabitants; incidental to dwelling use; NO selling of commodities on the premises; business by phone or mail only (no frequent public visits); NO employees; NO exterior signs; must not rely on frequent public visits. This means on-site customer pickup and retail signage are NOT permitted under Kauai's Home Business rules.

Planning: <https://www.kauai.gov/Government/Departments-Agencies/Planning/Zoning-Land-Use-Permits>

Health

Upon-complaint. DOH may inspect upon complaint or illness investigation. No routine inspection under HAR §11-50.

Business license

Yes

Pickup / delivery

State law allows sales at non-profit and for-profit events, craft fairs, farmers markets, and online. Kauai County Home Business rules restrict sales to phone/mail only from home — no on-site sales or frequent public visits to the home. Operators should use off-site venues (farmers markets, events) for direct sales.

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.kauai.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.kauai.gov/Government/Departments-Agencies/Planning/Zoning-Land-Use-Permits>

<https://www.kauai.gov>

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

https://www.kauai.gov/files/assets/public/v/1/planning-department/documents/home_business_requirements.pdf

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Kauai County and nearby places

Regulation	Kauai County	Kalawao County	Maui County
HOME KITCHEN ALLOWED	Yes	Conditional	Conditional
SEPARATE DEDICATED KITCHEN	No	No	No
PETS ALLOWED	Not specified in state statute.	Pets must be excluded from food preparation areas during production.	Pets must be excluded from food preparation areas during production.
INSPECTION REQUIRED	Upon-complaint	Upon-complaint	Upon-complaint
ON-SITE CUSTOMER PICKUP	No	Conditional	Conditional
ON-SITE SIGNAGE	No	Unknown	Conditional
DELIVERY / PICKUP	State law allows sales at non-profit and for-profit events, craft fairs, farmers markets, and online. Kauai County Home Business rules rest...	Direct-to-consumer sales and wholesale to permitted food establishments allowed under updated HAR §11-50. Online sales allowed. No dried me...	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	Unknown	Conditional
LOCAL BUSINESS LICENSE	Yes	Unknown	Yes
RESTRICTIONS	Non-potentially hazardous (non-PHF) foods only. Permitted products include breads, rolls, mochi, cakes, cookies, pastries, candies, confect...	Hawaii requires a mandatory food safety training course (free on-island DOH workshop or ANSI-accredited online course ~\$10, valid 3 years) ...	Hawaii requires a mandatory food safety training course (free on-island workshop or ANSI-accredited online course ~\$10, valid 3 years) befo...
FOOD STORAGE	Non-PHF products must be stored appropriately. Items that require refrigeration must be handled accordingly.	All cottage food must be stored away from non-food items; no TCS foods permitted.	All cottage food must be stored away from non-food items; no TCS foods permitted.
POPULATION	73,511	86	164,765

More pages for this place

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

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