

COTTAGE BAKERY FROM HOME

Can I sell from my kitchen in Calcasieu Parish, Louisiana?

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	Yes	Yes	\$30,000 / year

LOUISIANA RULES. OPEN THESE FIRST.

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[Louisiana cottage food law page](#)

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

[Statute: La. R.S. §40:4.13](#)

NOT LEGAL ADVICE

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

What you need

Calcasieu Parish, Louisiana. File every Yes. Confirm every Check or Ask. Stay under the sales cap.

STATE FOOD PERMIT

No

ANNUAL SALES CAP

\$30,000 / year

HOME OCCUPATION / ZONING

Yes

LOCAL HEALTH

No

BUSINESS LICENSE

Yes

PICKUP AT THE HOUSE

Conditional

HOME KITCHEN ONLY

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

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

Where to file

State

Louisiana registration: No. Routine kitchen inspection: No. Most low-risk foods may be sold indirectly (to restaurants, retail stores), but breads, cakes, cookies, and pies specifically may NOT be sold to any retail business or individual for resale — they are direct-to-consumer only.

Louisiana permits PDF: crosodo.com/reports/pdf/permits/louisiana.pdf

State law page: crosodo.com/states/louisiana

Louisiana Department of Health: <https://ldh.la.gov/page/cottage-food-laws>

Statute: [La. R.S. §40:4.13](#)

Zoning / home occupation

Yes. Calcasieu Parish requires a home occupation permit for home-based businesses as an accessory use in residential zones. A business license is also typically required. Business must be secondary to residential use; no external signage; limited customer visits; no hazardous materials. Cities within Calcasieu Parish (Lake Charles, Sulphur, Westlake) have their own separate rules.

Health

No. No routine inspection required under Louisiana cottage food law. Louisiana Department of Health may investigate upon complaint.

Business license

Yes

Pickup / delivery

Louisiana cottage food law permits sales at events, farmers markets, from home, and through indirect channels for most low-risk foods (except four baked goods categories which are direct-sale only). A sales tax certificate from the parish of sale required before selling.

If you rent a commissary kitchen

LDH permits retail food. Louisiana cottage food is a home path. A commissary is a retail food establishment permitted by the Louisiana Department of Health.

Official source: [LDH retail food](#)

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

<https://ldh.la.gov/page/cottage-food-laws>

<https://www.legis.la.gov/Legis/Law.aspx?d=98863>

<https://www.cityrulelookup.com/home-business/cottage-food/calcasieu-parish-la>

<https://www.cityrulelookup.com/home-business/zoning/calcasieu-parish-la>

Calcasieu Parish and nearby places

Regulation	Calcasieu Parish	Beauregard Parish	Jefferson Davis Parish
HOME KITCHEN ALLOWED	Yes	Yes	Yes
SEPARATE DEDICATED KITCHEN	No	No	No
PETS ALLOWED	Louisiana law requires pets to be excluded from preparation areas for baked goods (breads/cakes/cookies/pies). Pets must be excluded at all...	Pets must be excluded from food preparation areas	Pets must be excluded from food preparation areas.
INSPECTION REQUIRED	No	No	No
ON-SITE CUSTOMER PICKUP	Conditional	Yes	Yes
ON-SITE SIGNAGE	No	Conditional	Conditional
DELIVERY / PICKUP	Louisiana cottage food law permits sales at events, farmers markets, from home, and through indirect channels for most low-risk foods (exce...	Direct-to-consumer (home, farmers markets, roadside stands, fairs, events, online within LA, mail within LA). Big Four direct-to-consumer o...	Indirect sales allowed for most low-risk foods. Direct sales permitted from home, farmers markets, events. No wholesaling to retail chains.
HOME OCCUPATION PERMIT	Yes	Varies	Varies
LOCAL BUSINESS LICENSE	Yes	Varies	Varies
RESTRICTIONS	Louisiana cottage food law allows low-risk non-perishable foods (baked goods, candies, jams, pickles, spices, etc.) with no food license re...	Annual sales cap \$30,000. No license, permit, or registration required (only sales tax certificates from LA Dept of Revenue and local paris...	Annual gross sales capped at \$30,000. Sales of the four named baked goods categories (breads, cakes, cookies, pies) require: no employee as...
FOOD STORAGE	Refrigeration must be maintained at 45°F or below for perishable ingredients in baked goods categories. Equipment sanitation requirements a...	Refrigeration at 45°F or below for perishable ingredients; appropriate storage for shelf-stable products	Perishable ingredients must be refrigerated at 45°F or below. Finished shelf-stable products stored in food-safe containers.
POPULATION	210,770	36,553	32,277

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

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