

COTTAGE BAKERY FROM HOME

Can I sell from my kitchen in Orleans 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	Conditional	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 Orleans Parish. Confirm each step with Planning, Health, and the license office before you sell.

What you need

Orleans 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

Conditional

LOCAL HEALTH

No

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.

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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

Conditional. City of New Orleans has home occupation provisions and requires compliance with New Orleans City Code/zoning for home-based businesses. Orleans Parish also requires local sales tax certificate from the parish sales tax collector before selling. Contact: nola.gov.

Health

No. No routine inspection required under state cottage food statute.

Business license

Yes

Pickup / delivery

Direct-to-consumer sales. Most low-risk foods (except baked goods) may also be sold indirectly. Baked goods (breads/cakes/cookies/pies) are direct-to-consumer only. Local sales tax certificate from Orleans Parish 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://nola.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://nola.gov>

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

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

Orleans Parish and nearby places

Regulation	Orleans Parish	Jefferson Parish	St. Tammany Parish
HOME KITCHEN ALLOWED	Conditional	Conditional	Yes
SEPARATE DEDICATED KITCHEN	No	No	No
PETS ALLOWED	Pets excluded from bakery area during production of breads, cakes, cookies, and pies.	Pets excluded from bakery area during production of breads, cakes, cookies, and pies.	Pets must be excluded from preparation areas during production
INSPECTION REQUIRED	No	No	No
ON-SITE CUSTOMER PICKUP	Yes	Yes	Conditional
ON-SITE SIGNAGE	Conditional	Conditional	No
DELIVERY / PICKUP	Direct-to-consumer sales. Most low-risk foods (except baked goods) may also be sold indirectly. Baked goods (breads/cakes/cookies/pies) are...	Direct-to-consumer sales. Most low-risk foods (except baked goods) may also be sold indirectly. Baked goods (breads/cakes/cookies/pies) are...	Some indirect sales allowed for most low-risk foods; the four named baked-goods categories (breads/cakes/cookies/pies) have stricter direct...
HOME OCCUPATION PERMIT	Conditional	Conditional	Yes
LOCAL BUSINESS LICENSE	Yes	Yes	Yes
RESTRICTIONS	Louisiana allows low-risk foods prepared at home for sale under La. R.S. §40:4.9. No state permit required. Annual gross sales cap \$30,000....	Louisiana allows low-risk foods prepared at home for sale under La. R.S. §40:4.9. No state permit required. Annual gross sales cap \$30,000....	Low-risk non-TCS foods only; \$30,000 annual sales cap (raised from \$20,000 by HB 828, Act 357, 2022). Sales tax certificate from parish of ...
FOOD STORAGE	Perishable ingredients refrigerated at 45°F or below. Non-TCS finished products.	Perishable ingredients refrigerated at 45°F or below. Non-TCS finished products.	Non-TCS; refrigerated ingredients must be held at 45°F or below; finished products must be shelf-stable
POPULATION	380,408	436,171	266,168

More pages for this place

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

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

Louisiana cottage food law: crosodo.com/states/louisiana

Orleans Parish cottage food law: crosodo.com/states/louisiana/orleans-parish