

COTTAGE BAKERY FROM HOME

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

What you need

Rapides 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

Varies

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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Rapides Parish cottage food law page →

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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

Varies. Rapides Parish may require a home occupation permit under parish zoning ordinance. Alexandria (city within Rapides Parish) has its own ordinances. Parish sales tax certificate required. No specific parish-level cottage food ordinance identified.

Health

No. LDH may investigate upon complaint.

Business license

Yes

Pickup / delivery

Indirect sales allowed for most low-risk foods. Direct sales from home, farmers markets, events permitted.

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.rapidescounty.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.rapidescounty.gov>

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

Rapides Parish and nearby places

Regulation	Rapides Parish	Vernon Parish	Avoyelles Parish
HOME KITCHEN ALLOWED	Yes	Yes	Yes
SEPARATE DEDICATED KITCHEN	No	No	No
PETS ALLOWED	Pets must be excluded from food preparation areas.	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	Yes	Yes	Yes
ON-SITE SIGNAGE	Conditional	Conditional	Conditional
DELIVERY / PICKUP	Indirect sales allowed for most low-risk foods. Direct sales from home, farmers markets, events permitted.	Indirect sales allowed for most low-risk foods. Direct sales permitted from home, farmers markets, events. No wholesaling to retail chains.	Direct-to-consumer (home, farmers markets, roadside stands, fairs, events, online within LA, mail within LA). Big Four direct-to-consumer o...
HOME OCCUPATION PERMIT	Varies	Varies	Varies
LOCAL BUSINESS LICENSE	Yes	Varies	Varies
RESTRICTIONS	Annual gross sales capped at \$30,000. For four named baked goods categories (breads, cakes, cookies, pies): no employee assistance, pets ex...	Annual gross sales capped at \$30,000. Sales of the four named baked goods categories (breads, cakes, cookies, pies) require: no employee as...	Annual sales cap \$30,000. No license, permit, or registration required (only sales tax certificates from LA Dept of Revenue and local paris...
FOOD STORAGE	Perishable ingredients at 45°F or below. Finished shelf-stable products in food-safe containers.	Perishable ingredients must be refrigerated at 45°F or below. Finished shelf-stable products stored in food-safe containers.	Refrigeration at 45°F or below for perishable ingredients; appropriate storage for shelf-stable products
POPULATION	129,536	48,452	39,529

More pages for this place

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

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