

## COTTAGE BAKERY FROM HOME

# Can I sell from my kitchen in Queen Anne's County, Maryland?

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

STATE FOOD PERMIT

**Depends**

HOME OCCUPATION

**Conditional**

BUSINESS LICENSE

**Varies**

SALES CAP

**\$50,000 / year**

MARYLAND RULES. OPEN THESE FIRST.

[Maryland permits PDF](#)[Maryland cottage food law page](#)[Maryland Department of Health cottage food program](#)[Statute: MD COMAR 10.15.03.27](#)**NOT LEGAL ADVICE**

This is what it takes to sell from a home kitchen in Queen Anne's County. Confirm each step with Planning, Health, and the license office before you sell.

## What you need

Queen Anne's County, Maryland. File every Yes. Confirm every Check or Ask. Stay under the sales cap.

### STATE FOOD PERMIT

**Depends**

### ANNUAL SALES CAP

**\$50,000 / year**

### HOME OCCUPATION / ZONING

**Conditional**

### LOCAL HEALTH

**Upon-complaint**

### BUSINESS LICENSE

**Varies**

### PICKUP AT THE HOUSE

**Yes**

### HOME KITCHEN ONLY

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

### CONTINUE ONLINE

**Maryland permits PDF →**

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

**Maryland cottage food law page →**

<https://crosodo.com/states/maryland>

**Permit page for this place →**

<https://crosodo.com/what-permits/maryland/queen-anne-s-county>

**Queen Anne's County cottage food law page →**

<https://crosodo.com/states/maryland/queen-anne-s-county>

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

## Where to file

### State

Maryland registration: Depends. Routine kitchen inspection: Upon-complaint. Sales at retail food stores (indirect) are allowed but require prior submission of labels and documentation of ANSI-accredited food safety course completion to the Maryland Department of Health before any retail sales can commence. The Department must notify the producer in writing that requirements are met before retail sales begin.

Maryland permits PDF: [crosodo.com/reports/pdf/permits/maryland.pdf](https://crosodo.com/reports/pdf/permits/maryland.pdf)

State law page: [crosodo.com/states/maryland](https://crosodo.com/states/maryland)

Maryland Department of Health: <https://health.maryland.gov/phpa/OEHFP/OFPCHS/Pages/Cottage-Food.aspx>

Statute: [MD COMAR 10.15.03.27](#)

### Zoning / home occupation

Conditional. Queen Anne's County may require a home occupation permit for home-based businesses in residential zoning districts. County is largely rural/suburban on the Eastern Shore. Recommend verifying with Queen Anne's County Planning and Zoning.

### Health

Upon-complaint. No routine inspection. Maryland DOH may inspect upon complaint.

### Business license

Varies

### Pickup / delivery

Direct-to-consumer and some indirect sales allowed. Retail store sales permitted with food handler certification; online/mail permitted. No out-of-state sales.

### If you rent a commissary kitchen

**MDH and local health license food facilities.** Maryland cottage food is not a food-service facility license. A commissary is a food service facility licensed by the local health department.

Official source: [MDH food protection](#)

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.

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### SOURCES

<https://health.maryland.gov/phpa/OEHFP/OFPCHS/Pages/Cottage-Food.aspx>

<https://regs.maryland.gov/us/md/exec/comar/10.15.03.27>

## Queen Anne's County and nearby places

| Regulation                 | Queen Anne's County                                                                                                                             | Talbot County                                                                                                                                   | Caroline County                                                                                                                                 |
|----------------------------|-------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|-------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|-------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| HOME KITCHEN ALLOWED       | Yes                                                                                                                                             | Yes                                                                                                                                             | Yes                                                                                                                                             |
| SEPARATE DEDICATED KITCHEN | No                                                                                                                                              | No                                                                                                                                              | No                                                                                                                                              |
| PETS ALLOWED               | Not specified in state cottage food regulations.                                                                                                | Local health department standards apply; typically animals must be excluded from food prep areas.                                               | Local health department standards apply; typically animals must be excluded from food prep areas.                                               |
| INSPECTION REQUIRED        | Upon-complaint                                                                                                                                  | Upon-complaint                                                                                                                                  | Upon-complaint                                                                                                                                  |
| ON-SITE CUSTOMER PICKUP    | Yes                                                                                                                                             | Yes                                                                                                                                             | Yes                                                                                                                                             |
| ON-SITE SIGNAGE            | Conditional                                                                                                                                     | Conditional                                                                                                                                     | Conditional                                                                                                                                     |
| DELIVERY / PICKUP          | Direct-to-consumer and some indirect sales allowed. Retail store sales permitted with food handler certification; online/mail permitted. No...  | Direct-to-consumer sales permitted. Retail store sales require prior MDH approval.                                                              | Direct-to-consumer sales permitted. Retail store sales require prior MDH approval. Food safety training recommended but not required for st...  |
| HOME OCCUPATION PERMIT     | Conditional                                                                                                                                     | Varies                                                                                                                                          | Varies                                                                                                                                          |
| LOCAL BUSINESS LICENSE     | Varies                                                                                                                                          | Varies                                                                                                                                          | Varies                                                                                                                                          |
| RESTRICTIONS               | Non-potentially hazardous foods only. Annual revenue cap \$50,000. Non-PHF baked goods, candy, acid-fruit jellies/jams, dry goods, snacks pe... | Annual gross sales capped at \$50,000. Must produce in residential kitchen in Maryland. Must comply with all applicable county and municipal... | Annual gross sales capped at \$50,000. Must produce in residential kitchen in Maryland. Must comply with all applicable county and municipal... |
| FOOD STORAGE               | Products must not require refrigeration; non-PHF only.                                                                                          | Products must be stored on premises of the cottage food business. Shelf-stable non-potentially hazardous foods only.                            | Products must be stored on premises of the cottage food business. Shelf-stable non-potentially hazardous foods only.                            |
| POPULATION                 | 50,316                                                                                                                                          | 37,663                                                                                                                                          | 33,320                                                                                                                                          |

## More pages for this place

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

Maryland permits PDF: [crosodo.com/reports/pdf/permits/maryland.pdf](https://crosodo.com/reports/pdf/permits/maryland.pdf)

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