

COTTAGE BAKERY FROM HOME

Can I sell from my kitchen in Cheshire County, New Hampshire?

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

Tiered

NEW HAMPSHIRE RULES. OPEN THESE FIRST.

[New Hampshire permits PDF](#)[New Hampshire cottage food law page](#)[New Hampshire Department of Health and Human Services cottage food program](#)[Statute: RSA §143-A:12](#)**NOT LEGAL ADVICE**

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

What you need

Cheshire County, New Hampshire. File every Yes. Confirm every Check or Ask. Stay under the sales cap.

STATE FOOD PERMIT

Depends

ANNUAL SALES CAP

Tiered

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.

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

Where to file

State

New Hampshire registration: Depends. Routine kitchen inspection: Upon-complaint. Exempt operations (below sales cap) may sell at retail food stores without a license. Sales to restaurants, over the internet, by mail order, or to wholesalers/distributors require a Class H Homestead License under RSA 143-A:4. The department may inspect upon suspicion of imminent health hazard but does not conduct routine inspections of exempt operations.

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State law page: [crosodo.com/states/new-hampshire](https://www.crosodo.com/states/new-hampshire)

New Hampshire Department of Health and Human Services: <https://www.dhhs.nh.gov/programs-services/food-protection/homestead-food-licensing>

Statute: [RSA §143-A:12](#)

Zoning / home occupation

Conditional. No local home occupation permit required for exempt/below-threshold operations. Cheshire County does not appear to have a specific cottage food ordinance. Local zoning may apply.

Health

Upon-complaint. NH DHHS may inspect upon complaint. No routine inspection for below-threshold operations.

Business license

Varies

Pickup / delivery

Below sales threshold: may sell locally at homestead, farm stand, farmers markets, retail stores — no license needed. Above threshold or for internet/mail/restaurant/wholesale: Class H Homestead License required (\$150). 10-point font minimum for label text required.

If you rent a commissary kitchen

DHHS licenses food service. New Hampshire homestead food is not a food-service license. A commissary is a food service establishment licensed by DHHS.

Official source: [NH food protection](#)

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

<https://www.dhhs.nh.gov/programs-services/food-protection/homestead-food-licensing>

<https://law.justia.com/codes/new-hampshire/title-xi/section-143-a-12/>

Cheshire County and nearby places

Regulation	Cheshire County	Sullivan County	Hillsborough County
HOME KITCHEN ALLOWED	Yes	—	Conditional
SEPARATE DEDICATED KITCHEN	No	—	No
PETS ALLOWED	Not specified in state statute.	—	No specific restriction in state homestead food law beyond standard food safety practices.
INSPECTION REQUIRED	Upon-complaint	—	Upon-complaint
ON-SITE CUSTOMER PICKUP	Yes	—	Yes
ON-SITE SIGNAGE	Conditional	—	Conditional
DELIVERY / PICKUP	Below sales threshold: may sell locally at homestead, farm stand, farmers markets, retail stores — no license needed. Above threshold or fo...	—	Below threshold: sell from home, farm stand, farmers markets, retail stores. Above threshold or for internet/mail/restaurant/wholesale: Cla...
HOME OCCUPATION PERMIT	Conditional	—	Varies
LOCAL BUSINESS LICENSE	Varies	—	Varies
RESTRICTIONS	Non-potentially-hazardous homestead food products prepared in the operator's primary home kitchen. Below the sales threshold, may sell from...	—	New Hampshire 'Homestead Food' law (RSA §143-A:12) allows non-PHF foods produced in the operator's primary home kitchen. Below the annual s...
FOOD STORAGE	Non-potentially-hazardous shelf-stable products must be stored appropriately.	—	Non-TCS shelf-stable products only.
POPULATION	76,610	43,356	422,733

More pages for this place

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

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