

## COTTAGE BAKERY FROM HOME

# Can I sell from my kitchen in Berks County, Pennsylvania?

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

STATE FOOD PERMIT

**Yes**

HOME OCCUPATION

**Varies**

BUSINESS LICENSE

**Varies**

SALES CAP

**—**

PENNSYLVANIA RULES. OPEN THESE FIRST.

[Pennsylvania permits PDF](#)[Pennsylvania cottage food law page](#)[Pennsylvania Department of Agriculture cottage food program](#)[Statute: 3 Pa.C.S. §§5721–5737](#)**NOT LEGAL ADVICE**

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

## What you need

Berks County, Pennsylvania. File every Yes. Confirm every Check or Ask. Stay under the sales cap.

STATE FOOD PERMIT

**Yes**

ANNUAL SALES CAP

**—**

HOME OCCUPATION / ZONING

**Varies**

LOCAL HEALTH

**Yes**

BUSINESS LICENSE

**Varies**

PICKUP AT THE HOUSE

**Conditional**

### HOME KITCHEN ONLY

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

### CONTINUE ONLINE

**Pennsylvania permits PDF →**

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

**Pennsylvania cottage food law page →**

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

**Permit page for this place →**

<https://crosodo.com/what-permits/pennsylvania/berks-county>

**Berks County cottage food law page →**

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

## Where to file

### State

Pennsylvania registration: Yes. Routine kitchen inspection: Yes. Registration includes sales direct from the production site including internet sales. However, a separate Retail Food Facility License may be required for sales at events or Farmers Markets. Businesses aiming to sell across state lines might also need FDA registration. The registration covers home-based operations in residential kitchens as well as residential-style kitchens in alternate locations such as churches, fire halls, or remodeled garages. Not available in Philadelphia County.

Pennsylvania permits PDF: [crosodo.com/reports/pdf/permits/pennsylvania.pdf](https://crosodo.com/reports/pdf/permits/pennsylvania.pdf)

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

Pennsylvania Department of Agriculture: <https://www.pa.gov/agencies/pda/food/limited-food-establishment.html>

Statute: [3 Pa.C.S. §§5721-5737](#)

### Zoning / home occupation

Varies. Berks County municipalities (Reading, Wyomissing, Muhlenberg Township, etc.) have their own zoning ordinances governing home occupations. Operators should verify local zoning allows food production as a home occupation in their residential zone. Berks County government does not administer cottage food permits.

### Health

Yes. Initial on-site inspection required before registration; subsequent routine inspections by PA Dept. of Agriculture.

### Business license

Varies

### Pickup / delivery

Direct-to-consumer sales and some limited indirect sales permitted. Online sales and in-state delivery permitted.

### If you rent a commissary kitchen

**PDA Limited Food Establishment is still not a retail commissary.** Pennsylvania Limited Food Establishment covers certain residential-style kitchens. A retail commissary or shared kitchen typically needs a Retail Food Facility license as well. Ask PDA and the local health department.

Official source: [PDA limited food establishment](#)

Local health office we have on file: <https://www.co.berks.pa.us>

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://www.co.berks.pa.us>

<https://www.pa.gov/agencies/pda/food/limited-food-establishment.html>

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## Berks County and nearby places

| Regulation                 | Berks County                                                                                                                                    | Lehigh County                                                                                                                                   | Chester County                                                                                                                                 |
|----------------------------|-------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|-------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| HOME KITCHEN ALLOWED       | Conditional                                                                                                                                     | Conditional                                                                                                                                     | Yes                                                                                                                                            |
| SEPARATE DEDICATED KITCHEN | No                                                                                                                                              | No                                                                                                                                              | No                                                                                                                                             |
| PETS ALLOWED               | Standard food safety GMP requirements apply during production.                                                                                  | Standard food safety GMP requirements apply during production.                                                                                  | No specific state cottage food pet restriction; general sanitation standards apply per inspection                                              |
| INSPECTION REQUIRED        | Yes                                                                                                                                             | Yes                                                                                                                                             | Yes                                                                                                                                            |
| ON-SITE CUSTOMER PICKUP    | Conditional                                                                                                                                     | Conditional                                                                                                                                     | Yes                                                                                                                                            |
| ON-SITE SIGNAGE            | Conditional                                                                                                                                     | Conditional                                                                                                                                     | Conditional                                                                                                                                    |
| DELIVERY / PICKUP          | Direct-to-consumer sales and some limited indirect sales permitted. Online sales and in-state delivery permitted.                               | Direct-to-consumer sales and limited indirect sales permitted. Online sales and in-state delivery permitted.                                    | All venues permitted: direct from home, online, retail stores, restaurants, interstate. Retail Food Facility License may be required for fa... |
| HOME OCCUPATION PERMIT     | Varies                                                                                                                                          | Varies                                                                                                                                          | Yes                                                                                                                                            |
| LOCAL BUSINESS LICENSE     | Varies                                                                                                                                          | Varies                                                                                                                                          | Varies                                                                                                                                         |
| RESTRICTIONS               | Pennsylvania requires a Limited Food Establishment (LFE) registration from PA Dept. of Agriculture (\$35 fee, 2-year registration). An initi... | Pennsylvania requires a Limited Food Establishment (LFE) registration from PA Dept. of Agriculture (\$35 fee, 2-year registration). An initi... | Must produce only non-hazardous foods not requiring finished-product refrigeration. Kitchen must pass state inspection. Registration requir... |
| FOOD STORAGE               | Non-TCS, non-refrigerated finished products only.                                                                                               | Non-TCS, non-refrigerated finished products only.                                                                                               | Food must be stored in compliant home kitchen conditions                                                                                       |
| POPULATION                 | 428,483                                                                                                                                         | 374,110                                                                                                                                         | 536,474                                                                                                                                        |

## More pages for this place

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

Pennsylvania permits PDF: [crosodo.com/reports/pdf/permits/pennsylvania.pdf](https://crosodo.com/reports/pdf/permits/pennsylvania.pdf)

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