

COTTAGE BAKERY FROM HOME

Can I sell from my kitchen in Butler County, Pennsylvania?

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

STATE FOOD PERMIT	HOME OCCUPATION	BUSINESS LICENSE	SALES CAP
Yes	Conditional	Varies	—

PENNSYLVANIA RULES. OPEN THESE FIRST.

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[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 Butler County. Confirm each step with Planning, Health, and the license office before you sell.

What you need

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

STATE FOOD PERMIT

Yes

ANNUAL SALES CAP

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HOME OCCUPATION / ZONING

Conditional

LOCAL HEALTH

Yes

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

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

State law page: 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

Conditional. Butler County and municipalities (Butler City, Cranberry Township, Mars, etc.) may require home occupation permits. Contact Butler County Planning Commission or relevant municipal zoning office.

Health

Yes. Initial on-site inspection required before registration issued. Subsequent routine inspections under PA Department of Agriculture oversight.

Business license

Varies

Pickup / delivery

PA LFE permits direct-to-consumer and limited indirect sales. Home pickup, delivery, and farmers markets 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.butlercounty.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.butlercounty.gov>

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

Butler County and nearby places

Regulation	Butler County	Beaver County	Mercer County
HOME KITCHEN ALLOWED	Yes	Yes	Yes
SEPARATE DEDICATED KITCHEN	No	No	No
PETS ALLOWED	PA inspectors verify GMP compliance; pet presence in food preparation areas addressed as GMP issue during inspection.	Home kitchen inspected; pets should be kept away from food prep areas.	Standard food safety GMP practices apply; inspection will assess kitchen cleanliness.
INSPECTION REQUIRED	Yes	Yes	Yes
ON-SITE CUSTOMER PICKUP	Yes	Yes	Yes
ON-SITE SIGNAGE	Conditional	Conditional	Conditional
DELIVERY / PICKUP	PA LFE permits direct-to-consumer and limited indirect sales. Home pickup, delivery, and farmers markets permitted.	Direct sales and internet sales from production site. Farmers market sales may require separate license.	Pennsylvania allows direct sales and limited indirect sales. Online sales permitted with in-state delivery.
HOME OCCUPATION PERMIT	Conditional	Conditional	Varies
LOCAL BUSINESS LICENSE	Varies	Varies	Varies
RESTRICTIONS	Pennsylvania Limited Food Establishment (LFE) program requires registration (\$35 for 2-year registration) and initial on-site inspection be...	Registration required (\$35 for 2-year registration). Initial on-site inspection required before registration. Non-hazardous foods not requi...	Pennsylvania requires a Limited Food Establishment registration with PA Department of Agriculture. Mercer County is outside Philadelphia Co...
FOOD STORAGE	Non-refrigerated, non-TCS finished products only. Standard GMP storage.	Non-refrigerated foods stored in sanitary conditions; assessed during inspection.	Non-TCS shelf-stable products. Acidified/fermented foods have specific testing requirements.
POPULATION	194,562	167,629	110,600

More pages for this place

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