

## COTTAGE BAKERY FROM HOME

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

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

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

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

## What you need

Carbon 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

**Varies**

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.

### 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 →**

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**Carbon 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. Carbon County in eastern Pennsylvania (Pocono area). Local township or borough zoning may apply. Contact Carbon County Planning & Development at (570) 325-2521.

### Health

Yes. Initial inspection before registration; routine inspections thereafter

### Business license

Varies

### Pickup / delivery

Direct and indirect sales allowed with limitations. No sales cap. Online and mail order 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.carboncounty.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.carboncounty.gov>

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

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## Carbon County and nearby places

| Regulation                 | Carbon County                                                                                                                                   | Schuylkill County                                                                                                                               | Monroe County                                                                                                                                   |
|----------------------------|-------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|-------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|-------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| HOME KITCHEN ALLOWED       | Yes                                                                                                                                             | Yes                                                                                                                                             | Yes                                                                                                                                             |
| SEPARATE DEDICATED KITCHEN | No                                                                                                                                              | No                                                                                                                                              | No                                                                                                                                              |
| PETS ALLOWED               | Good manufacturing practice applies; home kitchen inspection by PA Department of Agriculture                                                    | Not explicitly prohibited by state statute; kitchen must be sanitary during production.                                                         | Home kitchen inspected; pets likely required away from food prep areas during production.                                                       |
| INSPECTION REQUIRED        | Yes                                                                                                                                             | Yes                                                                                                                                             | Yes                                                                                                                                             |
| ON-SITE CUSTOMER PICKUP    | Yes                                                                                                                                             | Yes                                                                                                                                             | Yes                                                                                                                                             |
| ON-SITE SIGNAGE            | Conditional                                                                                                                                     | Conditional                                                                                                                                     | Conditional                                                                                                                                     |
| DELIVERY / PICKUP          | Direct and indirect sales allowed with limitations. No sales cap. Online and mail order permitted.                                              | Direct sales from home, farmers markets, roadside stands, restaurants, and retail stores permitted under the Limited Food Establishment reg...  | Direct sales from production site and internet sales included in registration. Farmers market sales may require separate Retail Food Facili...  |
| HOME OCCUPATION PERMIT     | Varies                                                                                                                                          | Varies                                                                                                                                          | Conditional                                                                                                                                     |
| LOCAL BUSINESS LICENSE     | Varies                                                                                                                                          | Varies                                                                                                                                          | Varies                                                                                                                                          |
| RESTRICTIONS               | Pennsylvania Limited Food Establishment registration required (\$35 fee, 2-year term). Initial on-site inspection required. Must submit 60 d... | Registration required with PA Department of Agriculture (\$35 for 2-year registration). Initial on-site inspection required before registrat... | Registration required with PA Department of Agriculture (\$35 for 2-year registration). Initial on-site inspection required before registrat... |
| FOOD STORAGE               | Non-TCS shelf-stable foods; proper storage required                                                                                             | Non-TCS (non-refrigerated finished products) only. Stored in food-safe containers.                                                              | Non-refrigerated foods stored in sanitary conditions; assessed during inspection.                                                               |
| POPULATION                 | 65,018                                                                                                                                          | 143,201                                                                                                                                         | 168,128                                                                                                                                         |

## 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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