

COTTAGE BAKERY FROM HOME

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

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

STATE FOOD PERMIT

Yes

HOME OCCUPATION

Conditional

BUSINESS LICENSE

Varies

SALES CAP

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

What you need

Cumberland 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. Cumberland County municipalities may require home occupation permits. Cumberland County has no county-wide zoning. Individual municipalities (Carlisle Borough, townships) have their own zoning ordinances. Carlisle is a borough — check with Carlisle Borough zoning.

Health

Yes. Initial on-site inspection required before registration issued; subsequent routine inspections apply

Business license

Varies

Pickup / delivery

Direct and some indirect sales allowed via Limited Food Establishment registration; markets, home sales, online, and some retail channels.

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.cumberlandcounty.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.cumberlandcounty.gov>

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

Cumberland County and nearby places

Regulation	Cumberland County	Dauphin County	Franklin County
HOME KITCHEN ALLOWED	Yes	Yes	Conditional
SEPARATE DEDICATED KITCHEN	No	No	No
PETS ALLOWED	Not specified in statute; home kitchen must meet sanitation requirements during inspection	Pets excluded from food production areas	Pets in the home are a concern under GMP requirements; animals may not be in food prep areas.
INSPECTION REQUIRED	Yes	Yes	Yes
ON-SITE CUSTOMER PICKUP	Yes	Yes	Yes
ON-SITE SIGNAGE	Conditional	Conditional	Conditional
DELIVERY / PICKUP	Direct and some indirect sales allowed via Limited Food Establishment registration; markets, home sales, online, and some retail channels.	Direct and limited indirect sales; farmers markets and retail allowed	Direct sales and limited indirect sales permitted. Online sales allowed within Pennsylvania. Wholesale to restaurants and food establishmen...
HOME OCCUPATION PERMIT	Conditional	Varies	Conditional
LOCAL BUSINESS LICENSE	Varies	Varies	Varies
RESTRICTIONS	Non-TCS foods only; registration required (\$35 for 2-year term); initial on-site kitchen inspection required before registration issued; su...	PA LFE registration and initial kitchen inspection required; non-TCS foods only; labeling required	Pennsylvania Limited Food Establishment registration required (\$35 fee, 2-year renewal). Initial on-site inspection required before registr...
FOOD STORAGE	Non-TCS shelf-stable; no refrigerated finished products	Non-TCS foods stored in sanitary conditions	Non-TCS foods only; proper storage to prevent contamination.
POPULATION	261,269	286,108	156,084

More pages for this place

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

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