

COTTAGE BAKERY FROM HOME

Can I sell from my kitchen in Dauphin 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	Varies	Varies	—

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

What you need

Dauphin 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.

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Pennsylvania permits PDF →

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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

Varies. No county-specific home occupation permit identified. Harrisburg and other municipalities in Dauphin County may have home occupation zoning requirements. Operator should verify with local municipality

Health

Yes. Initial inspection before license; annual renewal

Business license

Varies

Pickup / delivery

Direct and limited indirect sales; farmers markets and retail allowed

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.dauphincounty.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.dauphincounty.gov>

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

Dauphin County and nearby places

Regulation	Dauphin County	Cumberland County	Lebanon County
HOME KITCHEN ALLOWED	Yes	Yes	Yes
SEPARATE DEDICATED KITCHEN	No	No	No
PETS ALLOWED	Pets excluded from food production areas	Not specified in statute; home kitchen must meet sanitation requirements during inspection	Not explicitly prohibited by state statute, but kitchen must be maintained sanitary; pets excluded from production areas during food prepar...
INSPECTION REQUIRED	Yes	Yes	Yes
ON-SITE CUSTOMER PICKUP	Yes	Yes	Yes
ON-SITE SIGNAGE	Conditional	Conditional	Conditional
DELIVERY / PICKUP	Direct and limited indirect sales; farmers markets and retail allowed	Direct and some indirect sales allowed via Limited Food Establishment registration; markets, home sales, online, and some retail channels.	Direct sales permitted from home, farmers markets, roadside stands, restaurants, and retail stores. Some indirect sales channels allowed un...
HOME OCCUPATION PERMIT	Varies	Conditional	Varies
LOCAL BUSINESS LICENSE	Varies	Varies	Varies
RESTRICTIONS	PA LFE registration and initial kitchen inspection required; non-TCS foods only; labeling required	Non-TCS foods only; registration required (\$35 for 2-year term); initial on-site kitchen inspection required before registration issued; su...	Registration required with PA Department of Agriculture (\$35 for 2-year registration). Initial on-site inspection required before registrat...
FOOD STORAGE	Non-TCS foods stored in sanitary conditions	Non-TCS shelf-stable; no refrigerated finished products	Non-TCS (non-refrigerated finished products) only. Products stored in food-safe containers. Low-acid canned foods have additional requireme...
POPULATION	286,108	261,269	143,258

More pages for this place

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

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Pennsylvania cottage food law: crosodo.com/states/pennsylvania

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