

COTTAGE BAKERY FROM HOME

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

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

STATE FOOD PERMIT

Yes

HOME OCCUPATION

Yes

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

What you need

Delaware 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

Yes

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

Yes. Pennsylvania LFE application packet explicitly requires local municipality zoning approval before submitting state application. Delaware County is governed by 49 municipalities (townships, boroughs, cities), each with independent zoning codes. Delaware County has its own health department which may impose additional requirements. Must contact local township or borough for zoning approval.

Health

Yes. Routine inspection by Pennsylvania Department of Agriculture required before registration and on ongoing basis

Business license

Varies

Pickup / delivery

All venues permitted: direct from home, online, retail stores, restaurants, interstate. Retail Food Facility License may be required for farmers market and event sales. No annual sales cap.

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.delcopa.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.delcopa.gov>

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

<https://ij.org/issues/economic-liberty/homemade-food-seller/pennsylvania/>

Delaware County and nearby places

Regulation	Delaware County	Chester County	Montgomery County
HOME KITCHEN ALLOWED	Yes	Yes	Yes
SEPARATE DEDICATED KITCHEN	No	No	No
PETS ALLOWED	No specific state cottage food pet restriction; general sanitation standards apply per inspection	No specific state cottage food pet restriction; general sanitation standards apply per inspection	Not specified in state regulations; standard sanitation applies
INSPECTION REQUIRED	Yes	Yes	Yes
ON-SITE CUSTOMER PICKUP	Yes	Yes	Yes
ON-SITE SIGNAGE	Conditional	Conditional	Conditional
DELIVERY / PICKUP	All venues permitted: direct from home, online, retail stores, restaurants, interstate. Retail Food Facility License may be required for fa...	All venues permitted: direct from home, online, retail stores, restaurants, interstate. Retail Food Facility License may be required for fa...	Direct-to-consumer and limited indirect sales. Direct sales via home, markets, events, internet/online. Indirect retail sales permitted wit...
HOME OCCUPATION PERMIT	Yes	Yes	Conditional
LOCAL BUSINESS LICENSE	Varies	Varies	Varies
RESTRICTIONS	Must produce only non-hazardous foods not requiring finished-product refrigeration. Kitchen must pass state inspection. Registration requir...	Must produce only non-hazardous foods not requiring finished-product refrigeration. Kitchen must pass state inspection. Registration requir...	Pennsylvania Limited Food Establishment (LFE) registration required. Initial on-site kitchen inspection required before registration. \$35 r...
FOOD STORAGE	Food must be stored in compliant home kitchen conditions	Food must be stored in compliant home kitchen conditions	Standard food storage per LFE requirements; temperature control foods for finished product not permitted
POPULATION	575,312	536,474	856,399

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

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