

COTTAGE BAKERY FROM HOME

Can I sell from my kitchen in Erie 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 Erie County. Confirm each step with Planning, Health, and the license office before you sell.

What you need

Erie 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. Erie County municipalities may require home occupation permits under local zoning. Erie County itself has no county-wide zoning. Individual municipalities (City of Erie, townships) have their own zoning ordinances. Check with local municipality.

Health

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

Business license

Varies

Pickup / delivery

Direct and some indirect sales allowed; Limited Food Establishment registration allows sales at markets, home, online, and to some retailers. No sales in Philadelphia County under this program.

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.eriecounty.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.eriecounty.gov>

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

Erie County and nearby places

Regulation	Erie County	Crawford County	Warren 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	Kitchen inspection evaluates overall conditions.	Standard food safety GMP requirements apply during production.
INSPECTION REQUIRED	Yes	Yes	Yes
ON-SITE CUSTOMER PICKUP	Yes	Yes	Conditional
ON-SITE SIGNAGE	Conditional	Conditional	Conditional
DELIVERY / PICKUP	Direct and some indirect sales allowed; Limited Food Establishment registration allows sales at markets, home, online, and to some retailer...	Pennsylvania LFE allows direct and limited indirect sales within Pennsylvania framework.	Direct-to-consumer sales permitted; some limited indirect sales allowed. Online sales and in-state delivery permitted.
HOME OCCUPATION PERMIT	Conditional	Varies	Varies
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...	Same as all PA counties (except Philadelphia): Limited Food Establishment registration (\$35, 2-year), initial kitchen inspection required, ...	Pennsylvania requires a Limited Food Establishment (LFE) registration from PA Dept. of Agriculture (\$35 fee, 2-year registration). An initi...
FOOD STORAGE	Non-TCS shelf-stable; no refrigerated finished products	No specific statutory storage requirements beyond general food safety.	Non-TCS, non-refrigerated finished products only. No foods requiring temperature control.
POPULATION	270,495	83,876	39,191

More pages for this place

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

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