

COTTAGE BAKERY FROM HOME

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

What you need

Lehigh 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

Conditional

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

Varies. Lehigh County municipalities (Allentown, Bethlehem, Emmaus, etc.) have their own zoning ordinances. Operators should verify local zoning allows food production as a home occupation in their residential zone.

Health

Yes. Initial on-site inspection required before registration; subsequent routine inspections by PA Dept. of Agriculture.

Business license

Varies

Pickup / delivery

Direct-to-consumer sales and limited indirect sales permitted. Online sales and in-state delivery 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.lehighcounty.org>

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.lehighcounty.org>

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

Lehigh County and nearby places

Regulation	Lehigh County	Berks County	Northampton County
HOME KITCHEN ALLOWED	Conditional	Conditional	Yes
SEPARATE DEDICATED KITCHEN	No	No	No
PETS ALLOWED	Standard food safety GMP requirements apply during production.	Standard food safety GMP requirements apply during production.	Pets excluded from food production areas
INSPECTION REQUIRED	Yes	Yes	Yes
ON-SITE CUSTOMER PICKUP	Conditional	Conditional	Yes
ON-SITE SIGNAGE	Conditional	Conditional	Conditional
DELIVERY / PICKUP	Direct-to-consumer sales and limited indirect sales permitted. Online sales and in-state delivery permitted.	Direct-to-consumer sales and some limited indirect sales permitted. Online sales and in-state delivery permitted.	Direct and limited indirect sales; farmers markets and retail allowed
HOME OCCUPATION PERMIT	Varies	Varies	Varies
LOCAL BUSINESS LICENSE	Varies	Varies	Varies
RESTRICTIONS	Pennsylvania requires a Limited Food Establishment (LFE) registration from PA Dept. of Agriculture (\$35 fee, 2-year registration). An initi...	Pennsylvania requires a Limited Food Establishment (LFE) registration from PA Dept. of Agriculture (\$35 fee, 2-year registration). An initi...	PA LFE registration and initial kitchen inspection required; non-TCS foods only; labeling required
FOOD STORAGE	Non-TCS, non-refrigerated finished products only.	Non-TCS, non-refrigerated finished products only.	Non-TCS foods stored in sanitary conditions
POPULATION	374,110	428,483	314,299

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