

COTTAGE BAKERY FROM HOME

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

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

STATE FOOD PERMIT

Yes

HOME OCCUPATION

Varies

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

What you need

Somerset 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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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 state-level home occupation permit required beyond PA Limited Food Establishment registration (\$35 fee, 2-year). Somerset County may have local zoning home occupation requirements. No Somerset County-specific cottage food ordinance found.

Health

Yes. Initial on-site inspection required before Limited Food Establishment registration. Subsequent routine inspections apply.

Business license

Varies

Pickup / delivery

Direct and limited indirect sales permitted. Online sales within Pennsylvania 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.somersetcounty.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.somersetcounty.gov>

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

Somerset County and nearby places

Regulation	Somerset County	Bedford County	Fayette County
HOME KITCHEN ALLOWED	Yes	Yes	Yes
SEPARATE DEDICATED KITCHEN	No	No	No
PETS ALLOWED	Not explicitly stated, but kitchen must pass initial inspection.	Not specified in statute; home kitchen must meet sanitation standards during inspection	Not explicitly prohibited; kitchen sanitation required.
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 permitted. Online sales within Pennsylvania allowed.	Direct sales and limited indirect sales allowed under LFE registration; online sales permitted; internet sales included in registration sco...	Direct and limited indirect sales permitted under Limited Food Establishment registration.
HOME OCCUPATION PERMIT	Varies	Conditional	Varies
LOCAL BUSINESS LICENSE	Varies	Varies	Varies
RESTRICTIONS	Non-TCS foods that do not require refrigeration. Includes baked goods, jams/jellies, beverages, acid/acidified/fermented foods (with testin...	Non-TCS (non-time/temperature-controlled-for-safety) foods only; registration required (\$35/year); initial on-site kitchen inspection requi...	Registration required with PA Department of Agriculture (\$35 for 2-year registration). Initial on-site inspection required before registrat...
FOOD STORAGE	Shelf-stable non-TCS foods must be stored appropriately.	Non-TCS shelf-stable finished products; no refrigeration required for finished product	Non-TCS (non-refrigerated finished products) only. Stored in food-safe containers.
POPULATION	73,802	47,888	128,417

More pages for this place

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

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