

COTTAGE BAKERY FROM HOME

Can I sell from my kitchen in Providence County, Rhode Island?

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

\$50,000 / year

RHODE ISLAND RULES. OPEN THESE FIRST.

[Rhode Island permits PDF](#)[Rhode Island cottage food law page](#)[Rhode Island Department of Health cottage food program](#)[Statute: R.I. Gen. Laws §21-27-6.2](#)**NOT LEGAL ADVICE**

This is what it takes to sell from a home kitchen in Providence County. Confirm each step with Planning, Health, and the license office before you sell.

What you need

Providence County, Rhode Island. File every Yes. Confirm every Check or Ask. Stay under the sales cap.

STATE FOOD PERMIT

Yes

ANNUAL SALES CAP

\$50,000 / year

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

Rhode Island registration: Yes. Routine kitchen inspection: Yes. No wholesale or consignment sales permitted. Sales to grocery stores, restaurants, long-term care facilities, group homes, daycare facilities, and schools are prohibited. Internet/mail/phone sales are permissible but the operator or designee must personally deliver within the state. Farmers market and temporary event sales require an additional retail food peddler license.

Rhode Island permits PDF: crosodo.com/reports/pdf/permits/rhode-island.pdf

State law page: crosodo.com/states/rhode-island

Rhode Island Department of Health: <https://health.ri.gov/licenses/detail.php?id=257>

Statute: [R.I. Gen. Laws §21-27-6.2](#)

Zoning / home occupation

Conditional. State law does not preempt local ordinances. Producers should check with their city/town planning or zoning office. Some municipalities in Providence County may require a home occupation permit or zoning approval. HOA/lease restrictions may also apply.

Health

Yes. RIDOH may inspect home kitchens at any time to ensure compliance; inspection authority is ongoing not just upon complaint

Business license

Varies

Pickup / delivery

Direct sales within Rhode Island only. Pickup at residence and delivery by registrant or designee are allowed. Online and mail order permitted within state. Selling at farmers markets and temporary events requires a separate Retail Food Peddler License (\$65/yr, covers all events statewide).

If you rent a commissary kitchen

RIDOH licenses food establishments. Rhode Island cottage food is a home bakery path. A commissary is a food establishment licensed by RIDOH. Farmers-market sales may also need a peddler license.

Official source: [RIDOH food safety](#)

Local health office we have on file: <https://www.providenceri.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.providenceri.gov>

<https://health.ri.gov/food-safety/cottage-foods>

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

<https://web.uri.edu/risbdc/wp-content/uploads/sites/987/Cottage-Foods-101.pdf>

Providence County and nearby places

Regulation	Providence County	Kent County	Bristol County
HOME KITCHEN ALLOWED	Yes	Yes	Conditional
SEPARATE DEDICATED KITCHEN	No	No	No
PETS ALLOWED	Pets must be kept out of food preparation and storage areas during production	DOH inspection applies; pets likely required away from food prep areas.	Not specified in state law, but GMP requirements apply during inspection.
INSPECTION REQUIRED	Yes	Yes	Yes
ON-SITE CUSTOMER PICKUP	Yes	Yes	Yes
ON-SITE SIGNAGE	Conditional	Conditional	Conditional
DELIVERY / PICKUP	Direct sales within Rhode Island only. Pickup at residence and delivery by registrant or designee are allowed. Online and mail order permit...	Direct sales only within Rhode Island. Products may not be sold outside the state.	Direct-to-consumer sales only within Rhode Island. No wholesale, consignment, or sales to grocery stores, restaurants, long-term care facil...
HOME OCCUPATION PERMIT	Conditional	Conditional	Conditional
LOCAL BUSINESS LICENSE	Varies	Varies	Varies
RESTRICTIONS	Kitchen must meet housing code standards; must have adequate sinks, nonabsorbent surfaces, drainage, pest controls, and separation from bat...	Only non-refrigerated baked goods allowed (double crust pies, yeast breads, biscuits, brownies, cookies, muffins, cakes that do not require...	Rhode Island allows only non-refrigerated baked goods (double crust pies, yeast breads, biscuits, brownies, cookies, muffins, cakes that do...
FOOD STORAGE	Products must be stored in the primary residence following safe food handling guidelines	Non-refrigerated shelf-stable baked goods stored properly.	Products must not require refrigeration.
POPULATION	657,984	170,168	50,658

More pages for this place

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

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