

# Cottage Food

## Municipal Zoning

Be sure to contact the city, town, and county to see if you can operate the business in your chosen location. It is common for local zoning restrictions or ordinances to prevent certain types of businesses from operating in a specific area.

## Federal

- Federal Employer Identification Number (EIN) [irs.gov](https://www.irs.gov)

## State

- Register your LLC, LLP, or Corporation (SCSOS) - [sos.sc.gov](https://sos.sc.gov)
- [State License \(Sales Tax\)](#) Contact SCDOR if questions about sales tax or the retail license @ (803) 898-5000
- [Retail Food Establishment Permit-DHEC](#) Contact DHEC @ (803) 896-0640. If you are using your own home kitchen, you may be exempt from this registration but contact DHEC to be sure.
- [Information with regards to the Cottage Food Law Requirements](#)

## Municipal

- County Business License [more info](#)
- City Business License [more info](#)

## Hiring Employees

- Obtain an EIN (IRS) – [irs.gov](https://www.irs.gov)
- Register w/E-Verify (report within 3 days of employment) (DHS) – [e-verify.gov](https://e-verify.gov)
- Register w/SC New Hire (report within 20 days after employees first day of work) (SCDSS) - [newhire.sc.gov](https://newhire.sc.gov)
- Register with SC Dept of Revenue for Withholding (SCDOR) – [dor.sc.gov](https://dor.sc.gov)
- Register with SC Dept of Employment & Workforce for Unemployment Insurance (SCDEW) – [dew.sc.gov](https://dew.sc.gov)
- Order or Print employment workplace posters (LLR) – [llr.state.sc.us](https://llr.state.sc.us)
- Obtain Workers Compensation Insurance (if required, [click here for more info](#))

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