

# Microenterprise Home Kitchens Permit Process

*The Microenterprise Home Kitchens Permit is for individuals wanting to prepare or cook ready to eat foods in a non-commercial kitchen in their private home in the District of Columbia to serve and sell in an approved street vending zone.*

To obtain a Microenterprise Home Kitchens Permit you must provide or obtain the following documentation from each respective District government agency:



1. A Home Occupancy issued by the Department of Buildings (DOB) (original only)



2. Proof of successfully passing a nationally accredited Certified Food Protection Manager (CFPM) course approved by DC Health.
3. A District-issued Certified Food Protection Manager Certificate obtained by the owners(s) of the microenterprise home kitchen business. The Certificate is valid for three years from the date of the exam.
4. A list of food products the microenterprise home kitchen business intends to produce. DC Health may request a copy of recipes if deemed necessary.
5. Packaged food products labeled with the information specified in Section 106 for each food product.
6. Written Standard Operating Procedures, and
7. Paid a permit fee in the amount of \$100 for a Microenterprise Home Kitchen Permit that is valid for a one (1) year period.

**ALL**  
Microenterprise  
Home Kitchens are  
subject to inspections  
by DC Health  
and DLCP.



8. For food sold by weight, proof of calibrated scales that comply with the Department of Licensing and Consumer Protection (DLCP) regulations.

For more information visit [dchealth.dc.gov/mehk-program](https://dchealth.dc.gov/mehk-program) or e-mail [food.safety@dc.gov](mailto:food.safety@dc.gov).