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# Leaving a religious community under public law

Heruntergeladen am 26.06.2025

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Modul	Sachverhalt
Leistungsschlüssel	99073001000000
Leistungsbezeichnung I	Leaving a religious community under public law
Leistungsbezeichnung II	Declare resignation from the church
Typisierung	4a - Land: Regelung und Vollzug
Quellredaktion	Hamburg
Freigabestatus Katalog	unbestimmter Freigabestatus
Freigabestatus Bibliothek	unbestimmter Freigabestatus
Begriffe im Kontext	<div lang="en-x-mtfrom-de">Exit from religion</div>, <div lang="en-x-mtfrom-de">Cancellation of church membership</div>, <div lang="en-x-mtfrom-de">Termination of religious membership</div>
Leistungstyp	
Leistungsgruppierung	
Verrichtungskennung	
SDG-Informationsbereich	

Modul	Sachverhalt
Lagen Portalverbund	
Einheitlicher Ansprechpartner	Nein
Fachlich freigegeben am	13.06.2025
Fachlich freigegeben durch	
Handlungsgrundlage	<p>Law on withdrawal from religious societies under public law (RelGemAustrG  <a href="https://www.landesrecht-hamburg.de/bsha/document/jlr-RelGemAustrGHArAhmen">https://www.landesrecht-hamburg.de/bsha/document/jlr-RelGemAustrGHArAhmen</a> Hamburg Church Tax Act (HmbKiStG)  <a href="https://www.landesrecht-hamburg.de/bsha/document/jlr-KiStGHAV2P2/part/X">https://www.landesrecht-hamburg.de/bsha/document/jlr-KiStGHAV2P2/part/X</a></p>
Teaser	If you wish to leave the church or another religious community, you must submit a declaration.
Volltext	Churches, religious communities, and ideological communities are treated equally under German law. In the following, they are all referred to as religious communities. If you wish to leave a religious community under public law, you must declare your resignation to the responsible authority.
Erforderliche Unterlagen	Identity card or passport
Voraussetzungen	You submit the declaration in person. You are at least 14 years old. Before the child reaches the age of 14, the legal guardians must personally declare their withdrawal. If the child is at least 12 years old at the time of the declaration, they must be present in person when submitting the declaration.
Kosten	31.00 EUR per person leaving
Verfahrensablauf	You can make an appointment with the responsible office online or by calling 115. You appear in person at the agreed time and declare your withdrawal from the religious community. You pay the administration fee. You will receive a certificate of withdrawal.
Bearbeitungsdauer	If you have made an appointment in advance, processing can begin immediately.

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Frist	No
weiterführende Informationen	<a href="https://www.landesrecht-hamburg.de/bsha/document/jlr-RelGemVHAV13Anlage">https://www.landesrecht-hamburg.de/bsha/document/jlr-RelGemVHAV13Anlage</a> <a href="https://www.personenstandsrecht.de/Webs/PERS/DE/informationen/religionsgemeinschaften/_documents/kirche_hamburg.html">https://www.personenstandsrecht.de/Webs/PERS/DE/informationen/religionsgemeinschaften/_documents/kirche_hamburg.html</a>
Hinweise	<p>You can submit your declaration to a notary public. Additional fees apply. At the end of the month in which your withdrawal takes effect (this can take 1-2 months), your church tax liability ends. Starting from the following month, you will no longer be required to pay church tax. The tax office will be automatically notified of the change.</p>
Rechtsbehelf	Not applicable
Kurztext	<p>Churches, religious communities and ideological communities can be collectively referred to as religious communities Anyone who wishes to leave a religious community must submit a corresponding declaration.</p>
Ansprechpunkt	<p>If you want to find out exactly who is responsible for your request, please follow the link to</p> <p>Hamburg Service</p>
Zuständige Stelle	Hamburg services
Formulare	
Ursprungsportal	Hamburg Service, Hamburg Service (Currently this link is only available in german)