



**Evangelical
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of the Canton of
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Enlighten us

State your religion
to the Resident's
Registration office.

Why is that?

In the canton of Vaud, Churches and State have official links which are written in the Constitution.

The Evangelical Reformed Church and the Roman Catholic Church are both "institutions governed by public law established with legal personality" and receive from the State the means necessary to accomplish their mission for the service of everyone in the canton (article 170). The Jewish community, as it is established in the canton, is recognized as an institution of public interest (Vaud Constitution, article 171, religious communities of public interest).



How much does it cost me?

Nothing. Practice differs from one canton to another. Neither the canton of Vaud nor the communes receive an ecclesiastical tax. The canton of Vaud does not grant any deduction to citizens who declare themselves "without confession". It should be noted that for the canton of Vaud, funding for Churches is as high as 0,8% of the State budget.



What does it mean for Churches?

The Resident's Registration office gives the addresses to each Church; which is then in a position to inform you about its services and activities. It is also for that reason that we recommend you register your children as soon as they are born.



How to do it?

When registering at the Resident's Registration office, tick off one of the four boxes related to your "Religious affiliation":

1. Evangelical Reformed Church of Canton de Vaud / Protestant Church
2. Catholic Church in the canton of Vaud
3. Jewish Community of Lausanne and the Canton of Vaud
4. Other



Change religious affiliation?

Yes, it is possible. If you wish to change your religious affiliation, all you have to do is to make contact again with the Resident's Registration office of your commune.