

Withdraw from the church

You would like to leave the Protestant or Catholic Church.

Competent Department

- [Bremische Evangelische Kirche](#)
- [Katholischer Gemeindeverband Bremen](#)
- [Infopunkt URBI](#)
- [Standesamt Bremen-Mitte](#)
- [Standesamt Bremen-Nord](#)

Basic information

Resignation from the Protestant or Catholic Church can be declared at the following offices in Bremen:

- Bremische Evangelische Kirche:
 - Haus der Kirche
Franziuseck 2-4
28199 Bremen
Tel: +49 421 5597 0
You can make an appointment easily and conveniently online. You can find the link to the Bremen Protestant Church appointment system under "Further information" - "Online appointment booking for the Bremen Protestant Church".
- Catholic Church:
 - Info point URBI
Hohe Straße 8/9
28195 Bremen
Tel.: +49 421 3694 0
 - In Bremen-North also at the respective Catholic parish offices in Bremen-North.

Alternatively, the signature on a declaration of resignation can be notarized by the following offices

- at all notaries,
- at the registry office Bremen-Mitte, if your zip code begins with the digits 281, 282 or 283 and
- at the Bremen-Nord registry office if your zip code begins with the digits 287

You will receive the declaration of resignation. Please send it to the relevant church.

What documents do I need?

- Identity card or passport

Procedure

You can declare your resignation directly at the respective churches or have the signature under your resignation certified by the notaries.

If your signature is to be notarized at the relevant registry office, you have the option of filling out the resignation form in advance and signing it at the registry office while presenting your ID card. The signature will be certified by the registrar for a fee.

Send the declaration by mail to the responsible church so that the withdrawal from the church becomes effective upon receipt by the church. Members of the Roman Catholic Church who reside in Bremen-North send the declaration of resignation to the responsible parish office, since Bremen-North belongs to the diocese of Hildesheim.

The obligation to pay church tax ends at the end of the calendar month in which the declaration of leaving the church became effective.

How long does it take to process

No specification possible.

What are the costs?

5,50 EUR for the certification of the signature