
WHAT IS A CHARTERED GEOGRAPHIC SUBDIVISION?

A chartered geographic subdivision is a shire, duchy, archduchy, or kingdom. These are based on geography, and have received charters (permission to exist) from the Imperial Crown (and been ratified by the Imperial Estates).

WHAT IS A CANTON?

A canton is a part of a chartered geographic subdivision. Sometimes there are clusters of members that are far removed from the rest of the populace of a region. The Crown of that region may form a canton to help that cluster grow and prosper. That is the usual reason for creating a canton, but not the only reason.

IS A CANTON AN ESTATE?

No. A canton is a geographic grouping of members. An estate is a free-association political grouping of members.

CAN A CANTON VOTE ON THE ESTATES?

No. A canton exists as an extension of the local Crown, and at the will of the local Crown. A canton is administrative. An estate is political.

HOW DO I FORM A CANTON?

A member of the populace cannot form a canton. The local Crown has the power to create a canton, and appoint a viceroy (to govern in their stead), and to appoint any ministers (who usually act as deputy ministers to the Crown ministers).

WHO IS A MEMBER OF A CANTON?

Anyone living in within its boundaries.

CAN I BE A MEMBER OF A CANTON, AND A MEMBER OF THE KINGDOM AT THE SAME TIME?

Yes. You have no choice. You are a member of the kingdom (or duchy, or whatever) by living within their boundaries. You are a member of the canton by living within its boundaries, too. Think of it this way: If you live in the city of Los Angeles, you are a part of Los Angeles County. You are also a part of the state of California, and also a part of the United States of America. All because you live within the boundaries of each of those regions.

CAN I BE A MEMBER OF A CANTON, AND A MEMBER OF AN ESTATE AT THE SAME TIME?

Yes. They are two separate things. You are a part of a canton because of where you live. You are a part of an estate because you choose to join that estate.

WHERE CAN I FIND THE RULES FOR HOW A CANTON WORKS?

You can't. Beyond these definitions and descriptions, it is up to the local Crown and its estates to administer a canton so that it best fits their own needs.