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Counties are regions within a State in the USA. Some Counties require that Taxes need to be collected on a County level rather than just at the State Level.

Any shop which has defined taxes at the County level will find that County must be selected at Checkout. The reason is because in order to calculate Tax (which is done at this point), the customer must select the County.

To remove the County from Checkout, taxes need to be defined at a State Level only. Caution: This is not recommended if you have to collect Taxes at a county level

Here is an example to Illustrate, tax rates are factious and for illustration purposes only.

1. I am located in Orange County in the State of California and I ship all over the world.

2. I must collect 2% tax for any customer that purchases products from my store if they are located in my county - Orange.

3. I must collect 5% tax for anyone who purchases products from my store if they are located in the State of California (my State).

4. Anyone located located in California pays 5% tax and anyone in Orange county pays 5% tax plus and additional 2% county tax.

5. Anyone located outside California pays not tax at all.

6. I charge a flat rate of postage of \$10 per order regardless of location and it includes Tax

I set my shop up as follows:

California State tax 5% which applies only to California - Click the radio button "USA/California" when defining this tax.

Tax Wizard		\times
 automatically a Name of Tax rate 	e tax details and define, to which products the tax should be blied. Tax: This tax name will be shown to your customers. This is the tax rate you will charge in percent of the price. ShopFactory uses this imatically calculate the taxes.	
Name of the tax Enter the tax rate	California State Tax 5.000%	
Apply the tax to shipping	all existing and new products all new products all existing products create tax only	
Where does the tax apply? O United States O United States, California	O United States, California, Orange	
	< Back Next > Cancel Help	

Orange County Tax of 2%. Click the radio button "United States, California, Orange" to add this tax.

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Name of the tax Enter the tax rate	Orange County Tax 2.000%	
Tax applies to Apply the tax to shipping	all existing and new products all new products oreate tax only	
Where does the tax apply? O United States O United States, California	 United States, California, Orange Other region 	
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So Now at Checkout It shows like this. Customers who are located in California but not in Orange county must choose Other for their County and only the State tax applies.

Scroll down to checkout.				Continue shopping
			Shopping cart S	ecure checkout Send order
My cart				Products: \$20.80
This is a product P10 \$5:94 \$4.16 Option 1 (\$1.95) Option 2: Choice 1	x 5 Calculate			\$20.80 X
Where and how do you want this delivered? United States * California * Other *				
Select a payment method				
Enter address and payment details on the next pag	ges.			
Bank transfer	PayPar PayPal	\bigcirc c	ift card	
O Pay on invoice	Pick up and pay	F	ayment on account	
		I am eligible for tax exemption	Californi	a State Tax 5%: \$1.04 Total: \$21.84
			Secure	erms and conditions. e checkout ersonal details on the next page

At Checkout Customers who are located in Orange County must choose Orange in the list and two taxes will apply, California State Tax and Orange County tax

			Shopping cart Secure checkout Send order		
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Where and how do you want this delivered?					
Select a payment method					
Enter address and payment details on the next page	5.				
🔘 🔞 Bank transfer	PayPar PayPal	\bigcirc (Sift card		
O Pay on invoice	O Pick up and pay	○ F	Payment on account		
	_	California State Tax 5%: \$1.04			
		I am eligible for tax exemption	Orange County Tax 2%: \$0.42		
			Total : \$22.26		
			Laccept the terms and conditions.		
			Secure checkout		
			You will be asked for your personal details on the next page		

Customers outside California do not pay tax and see the following at checkout, they do not have to select County:

		Shopping cart Secure checkout Send order
My cart		Products: \$20.80
This is a product P10 \$5:94 \$4.16 x Option 1 (\$1.95) Option 2: Choice 1	5 Calculate	\$20.80 x
Where and how do you want this delivered? United States Arizona		
Select a payment method		
Enter address and payment details on the next pages		
Bank transfer	PayPar PayPal	O Gift card
O Pay on invoice	Pick up and pay	O Payment on account
		Total : \$20.80
		Laccept the terms and conditions.
		Secure checkout
		You will be asked for your personal details on the next page

If you do not want to display County at Checkout then you must setup only State Taxes that apply at the state level only (in this example California) - again this is not recommended if you have to collect County taxes. Please check with your Authorized tax agent regarding this.