

## FUNDRAISING CONTRIBUTIONS

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Under Queensland's electoral laws a fundraising contribution is classified as a gift. As such, a fundraising contribution regardless of value is banned from being paid to a political party, an elected member or councillor, or a candidate in any election, by a person who is a prohibited donor.

A fundraising contribution includes an amount paid by a person as a:

- contribution, entry fee or ticket or other payment to permit a person to attend a fundraising event or function; or
- ticket in a raffle; or
- bid placed in a fundraising auction; or
- purchase of merchandise.

The payment of a fee by a prohibited donor to attend a fundraising event, even if it only covers the costs of their attendance, is a gift under the prohibition law and therefore is considered to be a political donation.

Furthermore, while it is permissible for a prohibited donor to attend a relevant fundraising event for free, prohibited donors cannot pay for:

- food and beverages, bartender/server labour fees or taxes; or
- venue costs: room rental, security deposit, insurance coverage, transport or parking; or

- audio-visual: microphones, screens and projectors, internet access or equipment; or
- entertainment: musicians or DJ, speaker fees or contract riders (food, lodging, transport); or
- decoration: lighting, flowers, centrepieces, balloons; or
- any other cost related to the coordination or operation of a fundraising event or function.

It is also unlawful for a person to make a political donation on behalf of a prohibited donor.

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### More information about prohibited donors

The rules and requirements applying to prohibited donors are determined in the *Electoral Act 1992* and the *Local Government Electoral Act 2011*, which are available at [www.legislation.qld.gov.au](http://www.legislation.qld.gov.au).

If you have further questions, or would like more information about the obligations relating to the Prohibited Donors Scheme, please visit [www.ecq.qld.gov.au](http://www.ecq.qld.gov.au), or contact ECQ on 1300 881 665 or by emailing [pds@ecq.qld.gov.au](mailto:pds@ecq.qld.gov.au).