

EXPENDITURE CAPS - 2021 UPDATE

This fact sheet relates to all candidates, registered political parties and third parties contesting State elections and by-elections that take place **after 30 November 2020**.

Under part 11, division 9 of Queensland's *Electoral Act 1992*, expenditure caps were introduced for the 2020 State general election. Under section 281F, a CPI increase is applied to the expenditure cap amounts 30 days after each general election. For general elections and by-elections that take place after the 2020 election, **new expenditure cap amounts and new capped expenditure periods apply**.

Election participant	Election		Expenditure cap for 2020 State general election	NEW expenditure cap for elections held after 30 November 2020
Registered political parties	General Election	Generally	\$92,000.00	\$95,964.09
		For each electoral district	\$92,000.00	\$95,964.09
	By-Election		-	-
Endorsed candidates	General Election	Generally	-	-
		For each electoral district	\$58,000.00	\$60,499.10
	By-Election		\$87,000.00	\$90,748.65
Independent candidates	General Election	Generally	-	-
		For each electoral district	\$87,000.00	\$90,748.65
	By-Election		\$87,000.00	\$90,748.65
Registered third parties	General Election	Generally	\$1,000,000.00	\$1,043,087.97
		For each electoral district	\$87,000.00	\$90,748.65
	By-Election		\$87,000.00	\$90,748.65

When is the capped expenditure period for elections held after 30 November 2020?

Under section 280, for **general elections**, the capped expenditure period starts on the first business day after the last Saturday in the preceding March and ends at 6pm on the polling day for the election.

For **by-elections**, the capped expenditure period commences on the day the writ for the election is issued and ends at 6pm on the polling day for the election.

More information

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