

**ALL ELECTION PARTICIPANTS****Approved statements for political donation receipts**

Unless otherwise stated, all references to legislation are to the *Electoral Act 1992* (EA). The information in this fact sheet does not replace legislation. If you are concerned about your circumstances, you should seek independent legal advice.

Registered political parties, candidates and associated entities are required to provide donors who have made a political donation with a receipt. This receipt must include an ECQ-approved statement. The statement varies depending upon the recipient of the donation.

This fact sheet contains the approved statement for each election participant.

Please see [Fact sheet 5 – Definition of gifts, loans and political donations](#) and [Fact sheet 6 – Political donation caps](#) for more information about political donations.

**Approved statement for registered political parties**

The below statement is approved for use by registered political parties.

‘This gift has been accepted as a political donation. It is an offence to make political donations totalling more than \$4,800 to, or for the benefit of, the same registered political party between 26 November 2024 and 27 November 2028.

If you have already made \$4,800 in political donations to this political party during that period, you must not make further political donations to this registered political party.

If you believe you have exceeded the \$4,800 political donation cap, you may request a refund of the excess political donation within 6 weeks of the gift being made. Alternatively, we may refund you the excess amount within that timeframe to avoid breaching the donation cap laws.’

**Approved statement for endorsed candidates and electoral committees**

The below statement is approved for use by:

- candidates who are endorsed by a registered political party
- electoral committees that are established by a registered political party to help elect a candidate in an electoral district.

‘This gift has been accepted as a political donation. It is an offence to make political donations totalling more than \$7,200 to, or for the benefit of, candidates endorsed by the same registered political party, during a candidate’s donation cap period.

If you have already made \$7,200 in political donations to endorsed candidates of the same registered political party during that period, you must not make further political donations to candidates endorsed by the party.

If you believe you have exceeded the \$7,200 political donation cap, you may request a refund of the excess political donation within 6 weeks of the gift being made.

Alternatively, a candidate (or candidates) may refund you the excess amount within that timeframe to avoid breaching the donation cap laws.’

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**More information**

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## Approved statement for independent candidates

The below statement is approved for use by candidates who are not endorsed by a registered political party.

'This gift has been accepted as a political donation. It is an offence to make political donations totalling more than \$7,200 to, or for the benefit of, an independent candidate for an election during a candidate's donation cap period.

If you have already made \$7,200 in political donations to me during that period, you must not make further political donations to me.

If you believe you have exceeded the \$7,200 political donation cap, you may request a refund of the excess political donation within 6 weeks of the gift being made.

Alternatively, I may refund you the excess amount within that timeframe to avoid breaching the donation cap laws.'

## Approved statement for associated entities of a registered political party

The below statement is approved for use by associated entities of a registered political party.

'This gift has been accepted as a political donation. As an associated entity, we are treated as being part of <<NAME OF ASSOCIATED POLITICAL PARTY>>. Because of this, it is an offence to make political donations totalling more than \$4,800 to, or for the benefit of, us or our associated registered political party between 26 November 2024 and 27 November 2028.

If you have already made \$4,800 in political donations during that period, you must not make further political donations.

If you believe you have exceeded the \$4,800 political donation cap, you may request a refund of the excess political donation within 6 weeks of the gift being made.

Alternatively, we may refund you the excess amount within that timeframe to avoid breaching the donation cap laws.'

## Approved statement for associated entities of a candidate

The below statement is approved for use by associated entities of a candidate.

'This gift has been accepted as a political donation. As an associated entity of <<NAME OF CANDIDATE>>, we are treated as one entity. Because of this, it is an offence to make political donations totalling more than \$7,200 to, or for the benefit of, us, <<NAME OF CANDIDATE>>, or any other candidate endorsed by <<NAME OF REGISTERED POLITICAL PARTY>> during a candidate's donation cap period.

If you have already made \$7,200 in political donations during that period, you must not make further political donations.

If you believe you have exceeded the \$7,200 political donation cap, you may request a refund of the excess political donation within 6 weeks of the gift being made.

Alternatively, the associated entity (or entities) or candidate (or candidates) may refund you the excess amount within that timeframe, to avoid breaching the donation cap laws.'

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## Record keeping

All election participants must keep records for 5 years. This is required to demonstrate compliance in relation to all electoral expenditure, disclosure, and reporting requirements. Refer to [Fact sheet 4 – Record keeping requirements](#) for information about record keeping requirements.

## Compliance

The ECQ is responsible for administering and enforcing the EA, which includes penalties for election participants who breach their notification obligations. The compliance framework is available on the ECQ's website.

## For further information

This fact sheet mainly refers to part 11, division 6 of the EA. The Act is available in full at [legislation.qld.gov.au](http://legislation.qld.gov.au). Participants in the electoral process should ensure they understand their obligations under the EA.



### RELATED FACT SHEETS

Fact sheet 4 – Record keeping requirements

Fact sheet 5 – Definition of gifts, loans and political donations

Fact sheet 6 – Political donation caps

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