

Prohibited Donors Scheme Fact Sheet 10



PENALTIES FOR MAKING UNLAWFUL POLITICAL DONATIONS

In Queensland:

- It is unlawful for a prohibited donor to make a political donation.
- It is unlawful for a person to make a political donation on behalf of a prohibited donor.
- It is unlawful for a person to accept a political donation that was made (wholly or in part) by or on behalf of a prohibited donor.
- It is unlawful for a prohibited donor to solicit a person to make a political donation.
- It is unlawful for a person to solicit, on behalf of a prohibited donor, another person to make a political donation.

Penalties may be imposed for breaches. Under the *Electoral Act 1992* and the *Local Government Electoral Act 2011*, the following maximum penalties apply:

Offence	Maximum penalty
Knowingly makes or accepts an unlawful political donation	Maximum 400 penalty units (\$52,220 as of 1 July 2018) or 2 years in prison
Knowingly seek to circumvent the laws on political donations from prohibited donors	Maximum 1500 penalty units (\$195,825 as of 1 July 2018) or 10 years in prison
Knowingly provide false or misleading information relating to a determination	Maximum 400 penalty units (\$52,220 as of 1 July 2018) or 2 years in prison.

The Electoral Commission of Queensland administers and enforces these laws.

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.

If you have further questions, or would like more information about the obligations relating to the Prohibited Donor Scheme, please visit www.ecq.qld.gov.au, or contact ECQ on 1300 881 665 or by emailing pds@ecq.qld.gov.au.