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**2019 Local Government Elections Candidate Handbook 2 2 OCT 2019** Te Puka Aratohu Kaitono mõ te Põtitanga Mana ā-Rohe 2019



# 2. Return of Electoral Donations And Expenses

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## **3. Electoral Expenses & Donations**

The following sections of the Act cover requirement provisions for electoral donations, expenses and returns which all candidates should be aware of.

#### 111 Maximum amount of electoral expenses

- 1) The total electoral expenses (inclusive of goods and services tax) of a candidate must not—
  - (a) exceed \$3,500 if any local government area over which the election is held has a population smaller than 5 000:
  - (b) exceed \$7,000 if any local government area over which the election is held has a population smaller than 10 000 and larger than 4 999:
  - (c) exceed \$14,000 if any local government area over which the election is held has a population smaller than 20 000 and larger than 9 999:
  - (d) exceed \$20,000 if any local government area over which the election is held has a population smaller than 40 000 and larger than 19 999:
  - (e) exceed \$30,000 if any local government area over which the election is held has a population smaller than 60 000 and larger than 39 999:
  - (f) exceed \$40,000 if any local government area over which the election is held has a population smaller than 80 000 and larger than 59 999:
  - (g) exceed \$50,000 if any local government area over which the election is held has a population smaller than 100 000 and larger than 79 999:
  - (h) exceed \$55,000 if any local government area over which the election is held has a population smaller than 150 000 and larger than 99 999:
  - exceed \$60,000 if any local government area over which the election is held has a population smaller than 250 000 and larger than 149 999:
  - (j) exceed \$70,000 if any local government area over which the election is held has a population smaller than 1 000 000 and larger than 249 999:
  - (k) exceed the sum referred to in subsection (1A) if any local government area over which the election is held has a population of 1 000 000 or more.
- 1A) The sum is—
  - (a) \$100,000 plus the amount prescribed under section 139(1)(ha) for each elector; or
  - (b) \$100,000 plus 50 cents for each elector, if no amount is prescribed under section 139(1)(ha).
- 2) Despite subsection (1), if a candidate is a candidate for more than 1 election held at the same time, the total electoral expenses (inclusive of goods and services tax) of that candidate must not exceed the highest amount permitted under subsection (1) in respect of any one of the elections for which the person is a candidate.

#### **112** Apportionment of electoral expenses

- If any activity of the kind described in paragraphs (a) to (d) of the definition of the term electoral activity (as set out in section 104) is, in relation to a candidate at an election, carried on both before and within the applicable period before the close of polling day,—
  - (a) the expenses incurred in respect of the activity (being expenses incurred by or on behalf of the candidate) must be properly apportioned so that a fair proportion of those expenses is attributed to the carrying on of the activity in the applicable period before the close of polling day; and
  - (b) the fair proportion of those expenses are electoral expenses.
- 2) If any election activity relates exclusively to campaigns for the election of 2 or more candidates, any electoral expenses in respect of that electoral activity must be apportioned equitably in relation to each of those candidates.

#### 112AA Offence to pay electoral expenses in excess of relevant prescribed maximum

- This section applies to any candidate or other person who directly or indirectly pays or knowingly aids or abets any person in paying for or on account of any electoral expenses any sum in excess of the relevant maximum amount prescribed by section 111.
- 2) The candidate or person commits an offence and is liable on conviction—
  - (a) to a term of imprisonment not exceeding 2 years, or a fine not exceeding \$10,000, if he or she knew the payment was in excess of the relevant prescribed maximum amount; or
  - (b) to a fine not exceeding \$5,000 in any other case, unless he or she proves that he or she took all reasonable steps to ensure that the electoral expenses did not exceed the relevant prescribed maximum amount.

#### 112A Return of electoral donations and expenses

- Within 55 days after the day on which the successful candidates at any election are declared to be elected, every candidate at the election must file a return of electoral donations and expenses.
- 2) However, in any case where a candidate is outside New Zealand on the day on which the successful candidates are declared to be elected (election result day), the return must be filed within 76 days after election result day.
- 3) The return of electoral donations and expenses must set out-
  - (a) the details specified in subsection (4) in respect of every electoral donation (other than a donation of the kind referred to in paragraph (c)) received by the candidate that, either on its own or when aggregated with all other donations made by or on behalf of the same donor for use in the same campaign, exceeds \$1,500 in sum or value; and