



Summary of Reporting Periods, Filing Requirements and Deadlines (updated April 2020)

Political Entity	Party					Constituency Association (CA)					Political Third Party Advertiser (P-TPA)				Election Third Party Advertiser (E-TPA)			Nomination Contestant	Candidate	Leadership Contestant		
Event	Annual Return (EFCDA, s. 42)	Quarterly Contributions Report (EFCDA, s. 32)				Campaign Return (EFCDA, s. 43, 41.2)	Annual Return (EFCDA, s. 42)	Quarterly Contributions Report (EFCDA, s. 32)				Annual Return (EFCDA, s. 44.82)	Quarterly Contributions Report (EFCDA, s. 44.82)				Annual Return (EFCDA, s. 44.9, 44.91)	EAP Return (EFCDA, s. 44.9, 44.91, 44.11)	Weekly Contributions Report (EFCDA, s. 44.81)	Campaign Return (EFCDA, s. 43.01, 41.4)	Campaign Return (EFCDA, s. 43, 41.3)	Campaign Return (EFCDA, s. 43.02)
		Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4			Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4		Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4						
Period Start/End	Jan 1 to Dec 31	Jan 1 - Mar 31	Apr 1 - Jun 30	Jul 1 - Sep 30	Oct 1 - Dec 31	Feb 1 (or date of writ) to 2 mth after election day	Jan 1 - Dec 31	Jan 1 - Mar 31	Apr 1 - Jun 30	Jul 1 - Sep 30	Oct 1 - Dec 31	Jan 1 - Dec 31	Jan 1 - Mar 31	Apr 1 - Jun 30	Jul 1 - Sep 30	Oct 1 - Dec 31	Jan 1 - Dec 31 Only report financial activity outside EAP if there was any activity outside EAP	Dec 1 to election day	Duration of EAP	Date contestant registers (under s. 9.3) to 2 mth after contest selection date	Feb 1 to 2 mth after election day	Date contestant registers (under s. 9.2) to 2 mth after contest vote date
Filing Deadline	Mar 31	Apr 15	Jul 15	Oct 15	Jan 15	6 mth after election day	Mar 31	Apr 15	Jul 15	Oct 15	Jan 15	Mar 31	Apr 15	Jul 15	Oct 15	Jan 15	Mar 31 If any financial activity outside of return period	6 mth after election day	Due every Thursday at 11:59pm during EAP	4 mth after nomination contest	4 mth after election day	4 mth after date fixed for leadership vote(s)
Audit required	Yes, unless party revenue & expenses do not each exceed \$1,000	No	No	No	No	Yes, unless party revenue & expenses do not each exceed \$1,000	No	No	No	No	No	No	No	No	No	No	Yes if election advertising expenses are \$100,000 or more	Yes, if election advertising expenses are \$100,000 or more	No	No	No	Yes, if campaign expenses exceed \$25,000
Election Expense Limit	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	Writ-day to election day: PGE \$2,121,368 & BE \$24,396	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	No	No	No	No	No	No	Dec 1 to day before writ-day: \$159,103 Writ-day to election day: \$159,103 Per ED: \$3,182	n/a	Official call date to selection date of contest \$10,000	Writ-day to election day \$53,034	No

Key Terms/Abbreviations:

CAMPAIGN PERIOD - For a general election held in accordance with section 38.1(2) of the *Election Act*, the campaign period starts on Feb 1 of the election year and ends 2 months after election day. In all other cases, the campaign period starts on writ-day and ends 2 months after election day.

ELECTION ADVERTISING PERIOD - For a general election held in accordance with section 38.1(2) of the *Election Act*, the election advertising period starts on Dec 1 in the year immediately preceding the election year and ends on election day. In all other cases, the election advertising period starts on writ-day and ends on election day.

ELECTION PERIOD - The election period starts on writ-day and ends on election day.

PGE - Provincial General Election / **BE** - By-election

EAP - Election Advertising Period / **DRP** - Deficit Retirement Period

EFCDA - Election Finances and Contributions Disclosures Act

Notes:

1. Section references refer to the *Election Finances and Contributions Disclosure Act* unless otherwise specified.
2. DRP #2 is by request only, before end of DRP #1
3. Contributions made by an individual contributor shall not exceed \$4,243 in the aggregate for the calendar year to any combination of the following: Parties, constituency associations, candidates, nomination contestants, and leadership contestants. The contribution limit is effective Jan 1 2020 per EFCDA sec. 41.5. In 2019 and previous years the limit was \$4,000.
4. If the deadlining for the filing of any forms or returns falls on a day where the Office is not open during its regular hours, the deadline falls on the next day on which the office is open.
5. Expense limits shown in the table are effective Jan 1 2020 per EFCDA sec. 41.5.

RESTRICTIONS ON GOVERNMENT ADVERTISING: See Section 134.1 of the *Election Act*

... (4) During an election period, the name, voice or image of a candidate who was a member of the Legislative Assembly immediately before the writ of election is issued for that election shall not appear in the advertising or publication by a department or a Provincial corporation of any information about its programs or activities.

DRP #1 (EFCDA, s. 43.1)	3 mth period beginning day after campaign filing deadline	3 mth period beginning day after campaign filing deadline	3 mth period beginning day after campaign filing deadline
DRP #1 Filing Deadline (EFCDA, s. 43.1)	One mth after DRP #1 ends	One mth after DRP #1 ends	One mth after DRP #1 ends
DRP #2 (EFCDA, s. 43.1)	3 mth period beginning day after DRP #1 ended	3 mth period beginning day after DRP #1 ended	3 mth period beginning day after DRP #1 ended
DRP #2 Filing Deadline (EFCDA, s. 43.1)	One mth after DRP #2 ends	One mth after DRP #2 ends	One mth after DRP #2 ends