



Elections Alberta
Summary of Filing Dates for Political Entities
 (Updated November 2018)

Political Entity	Party					Constituency Association (CA)					Political Third Party Advertiser (P-TPA)				Election Third Party Advertiser (E-TPA)			Nomination Contestant	Candidate	Leadership Contestant			
	Annual Return (EFCDA, Sec 42)	Quarterly Contributions Report (EFCDA, Sec 32)				Campaign Return (EFCDA, Sec 43, 41.2)	Annual Return (EFCDA, Sec 42)	Quarterly Contributions Report (EFCDA, Sec 32)				Annual Return (EFCDA, Sec 44.82)	Quarterly Contributions Report (EFCDA, Sec 44.82)				Annual Return (EFCDA, Sec 44.9, 44.91)	Election Advertising Period Return (EFCDA, Sec 44.9, 44.91, 44.11)	Weekly Contributions Report (EFCDA, Sec 44.81)	Campaign Return (EFCDA, Sec 43.01, 41.4)	Campaign Return (EFCDA, Sec 43, 41.3)	Campaign Return (EFCDA, Sec 43.02)	
Event	Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4		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 months after polling 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 to Nov 30	Dec 1 to polling day	Duration of Election Advertising Period	Date contestant registered (under sec. 9.3) to 2 months after date which a nomination contestant was selected	Feb 1 to 2 months after polling day	Date contestant is required to register (under section 9.2) to 2 months after date which leadership contestant was selected	
Filing Deadline	Mar 31	Apr 15	Jul 15	Oct 15	Jan 15	6 months after polling 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 months after polling day	Due every Thursday at 11:59pm during the Election Advertising Period.	4 months after nomination contest	4 months after polling day	4 months 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	Yes \$2,000,000 for PGE & \$23,000 for BE	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	No	No	No	No	No	No	Dec 1 to day before writ: \$150k Writ to polling day: \$150k Per electoral division: \$3,000	n/a	Yes \$10,000	Yes \$50,000	No	

Key Terms/Abbreviations:

CAMPAIGN PERIOD - In the case of a general election held in accordance with section 38.1(2) of the Election Act, the period commencing on Feb 1 in the year in which the election is held and ending 2 months after polling day, as per Sec. 1(b)(i). In all other cases, the campaign period is the period commencing with the issue of a writ for the election and ending 2 months after polling day.

ELECTION ADVERTISING PERIOD - In the case of a general election held in accordance with section 38.1(2) of the Election Act, the period commencing December 1 in the year immediately preceding the year in which a general election is held and ending at the end of the polling day, as per Sec 44.1(1)(d.). In all other cases, the election advertising period is the period commencing with the issue of a writ for the election and ending at the end of polling day.

ELECTION PERIOD - The period commencing the day the writ of election is issued for an election and ending at the end of the polling day, as per Sec. 1(f)(f.1).

EFCDA - Election Finances and Contributions Disclosures Act

BE - By-election

DRP - Deficit Retirement Period

PGE - Provincial General Election

Notes:

- Section references refer to the *Election Finances and Contributions Disclosure Act* unless otherwise specified.
- DRP #2 is by request only, before end of DRP #1
- Contributions shall not exceed \$4,000 in the aggregate to any of the following or to any combination of them: Parties, constituency associations, candidates, nomination contestants, and/or leadership contestants, as per Sec. 17(1). This section does not apply to political third party advertisers and election third party advertisers.
- If the deadline 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.

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, Sec 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, Sec 43.1)	One mth after DRP #1 ends	One mth after DRP #1 ends	One mth after DRP #1 ends
DRP #2 (EFCDA, Sec 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, Sec 43.1)	One mth after DRP #2 ends	One mth after DRP #2 ends	One mth after DRP #2 ends