



Aggregation rules

Registered parties, associated entities and third party campaigners

- 1.1 Aggregation rules apply to amounts received from the same entity or person.
- 1.2 Registered political parties, associated entities and third party campaigners are required to aggregate amounts received from the same entity or person during a financial year (sections 192D and 192E of the [Electoral Act 2004](#) (the Act)).
- 1.3 Over the course of a financial year, you should keep a running total of amounts received from the same person. Once the total exceeds the disclosure threshold of \$1,500, the total amount will need to be reported in your next return. You will need to keep reporting any subsequent amounts received from that person during the financial year.

Example:

- (a) XYZ Party receives \$1,000 in September 2019 and \$400 in November 2019 from Joe Bloggs. Total for Joe Bloggs for FY 2019-20 is currently at \$1,400. No disclosure required yet.
- (b) In January 2020, Joe Blogg gives XYZ Party \$2,000. This brings the total amount received from Joe Bloggs during 2019-20, to \$3,400. For the return for the period 1 January 2020 to 31 March 2020, XYZ Party will disclose \$3,400 received from Joe Bloggs.

Candidates

- 1.4 Section 192D(1)(d) of the Act states that:
A return ... must state the following for the period to which the return applies:
... the cumulative total amount of gifts received from each person during the gift aggregation period for the return; ...
- 1.5 The aggregation rules are slightly different for candidates:
 - (a) Candidates are only required to report loans received over \$1,500 or gifts over \$200.
 - (b) Aggregation is over the course of the candidate's 'disclosure period'.

Example:

- 1.6 Jane Citizen is a candidate whose disclosure period commenced 1 July 2019.
- 1.7 In February 2020, Jane receives a gift of \$4,000 from Umbrella Co. In March 2020, Umbrella Co makes another gift of \$3,000 to Jane. In Jane's campaign donations return for the period 1 April to 31 March 2020, Jane will disclose \$7,000 received from Umbrella Co.
- 1.8 In April 2020, Umbrella Co makes another gift of \$1,000. Jane's return for the period 1 April to 30 June 2020 will disclose \$1,000.

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