

Making a Political Contribution

Making democracy work for Alberta's future

In campaigns, parties and candidates need money to get their message out.

In addition to participating actively in the political process, or if you don't have the time or inclination, you might want to consider making a donation to the political party or candidate of your choice. Your contribution will serve as a tangible expression of support, and you will recoup a big chunk of that contribution when you file your income taxes.



- Determine which registered party, constituency association or candidate you wish to support.
- Contact Elections Alberta to find out if the party, association or candidate is registered, and to obtain the relevant contact information. Elections Alberta can be reached at 310-0000, info@elections.ab.ca or www.elections.ab.ca.
- Contact the party, association or candidate for instructions on how to contribute.
- Write your cheque, provide your credit card number or fill out a preauthorized withdrawal form. NOTE: Elections Alberta stipulates that total provincial political contributions cannot exceed \$4,000 per calendar year. Contributions totalling more than \$250 in the aggregate for any given reporting period are required to be publicly disclosed on the Elections Alberta website.
- Wait for your income tax receipt, which should arrive by February of the following calendar year.
- Claim your tax credit when you file your income taxes.
- Expect to receive ongoing communication from the party, association or candidate to which you contributed.
- Seek out other ways to become politically engaged.

Tax Credits for Political Donations

Total Donations	Tax credit	Your Net Cost
\$100	\$75	\$25
\$200	\$150	\$50
\$400	\$250	\$150
\$1000	\$550	\$450

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