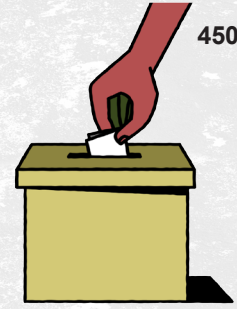


2026 General Local Elections



Candidate Campaign Accounts

This quick reference sheet outlines the requirement for candidates to have a dedicated bank account for their campaign. The *Local Elections Campaign Financing Act* (the Act) requires that all financial transactions in relation to the campaign must go through a separate campaign account.

To ensure you understand the rules and requirements under the Act, please review the forms, guides, training materials and other resources on our website. Contact us at 1-800-661-8683 or electoral.finance@elections.bc.ca if you have questions.

When to open a campaign account

- Elections BC encourages potential candidates to open their campaign accounts as early as possible to ensure that all financial transactions are made through the account.
- This could be several months before a candidate files nominations documents with their local jurisdiction (September 1, 2026 - September 11, 2026 for the 2026 General Local Elections).

Opening a campaign account

- Campaign accounts must be separate accounts. This means they cannot be used for any purpose other than campaign financing.
- Candidate campaign accounts and elector organization campaign accounts must be separate.
- Candidates running in more than one election must maintain a separate account for each campaign.
- The account must be in the name of the campaign.
- The Act does not regulate the type of account (e.g., personal or business). This is at the discretion of the candidate and their savings institution. [This letter](#) explains the financial requirements for candidates and can be provided to a savings institution if needed.

Using a campaign account

- All campaign funds (e.g., campaign contributions) must be deposited into the campaign account.
- All campaign expenses must be paid or reimbursed from the campaign account.

Resources

- [Local guides](#)
- [Local forms](#)
- [Online learning](#)
- [Information sessions](#)