

ESTIMATED MAXIMUM CAMPAIGN EXPENSES [SECTION 88.20(6)]

There are three forms that need to be completed:

1. EL37(A) Certificate of Maximum Expenses – Candidates;
 2. EL37(B) Certificate of Maximum Amount of Contributions – Own Campaign
 3. EL37(C) Certificate of Maximum Expenses for Parties, etc. – Candidates.
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1. EL37(A) *MEA* s.33.02, s.88.9.1

Preliminary Certificate: The Clerk shall calculate the estimated maximum campaign expenses for each office on the “Estimated Maximum Campaign Expenses” and provide a preliminary certificate to the candidate or his/her agent the day that the Nomination Paper is filed in accordance with Section 33.0.1 (1). The Clerk’s calculation is final.

The estimated maximum campaign expenses for the current election **at the time of filing the Nomination Paper** are based upon the number of electors on the Voters’ List as of Nomination Day for the **previous election**.

Secondary Certificate: The Clerk shall, after determining from the Voters' List the number of electors eligible to vote for each office as of September 15, 2018 including changes made that day, in the 2018 election calculate the maximum amount of campaign expenses that may be incurred by a candidate and prepare a certificate of this amount. A copy of this secondary certificate is to be delivered to each candidate no later than September 25, 2018.

The higher of the two calculations (preliminary and secondary) shall be the final spending limit for the office.

2. EL37(B) (New in 2018) *MEA* s.33.0.2, s.88.9.1

Maximum Amount of Contributions – Own Campaign

A new *MEA* section requires the Clerk, upon the filing of a person's nomination, to give a certificate of the applicable maximum of contributions to a candidate's own campaign. The Clerk's calculation is final.

The maximum contributions to a candidate's own election campaign has a transition period for the 2018 election, *MEA*. S.88.9.1(7).

The contributions, combined, cannot exceed an amount equal to the lesser of:

- a) The amount calculated by adding:
 - i) Head of Council - \$7,500 plus 20 cents/elector, or
 - ii) Candidate (other than Head) - \$5,000 plus 20 cents/electors; and
- b) \$25,000.

The number of electors is determined from the Voters' List from the 2014 election, as it existed on Nomination Day of the 2014 election, adjusted for s.24, s.25 changes approved that day.

3. EL37(C) (New in 2018) *MEA* s.33.0.2, s.88.9.1

Maximum Amount of Contributions – Candidates - Parties

Also new for 2018 is the requirement of the Clerk to provide a Certificate of Maximum Expenses for Parties etc. The spending limit for this certificate will be set out in a regulation which as of the date of writing has not been established by the Province.