
INFORMATION
CHIEF ELECTORAL OFFICER

TO: Potential Candidates for the 2015 Territorial General Election

RE: Information for Prospective Candidates in the 2015 Territorial General Election

This Information is issued pursuant to section 8 of the *Elections and Plebiscites Act* (the “Act”).

1. This Information replaces the Directive issued on August 19, 2015.
2. This Information refers only to the pre-election period, which is defined in the *Act* as commencing on the date three months before the issue of the writ of election and ending with the nomination of the candidate.
3. This Information does not refer to the campaign period, which is defined in the *Act* as the period beginning with the nomination of the candidate and ending on polling day for the election.
4. No person is a candidate in a Territorial General Election as defined in the *Act*, until such time as his or her nomination papers have been filed and accepted by the Returning Officer of his or her Electoral District pursuant to sections 1 and 83 of the *Act*.
5. Pursuant to section 239 of the *Act*, no person, association or organization shall make a contribution to promote a person’s candidacy before the campaign period begins. Penalties provided for in section 314 would apply to a breach of this provision.
6. Pursuant to section 244, the fair market value of any campaign advertising done by a person other than the prospective candidate, with the prospective candidate’s knowledge and consent or acquiescence, is a contribution and may only be done during the campaign period.
7. During the pre-election and campaign periods a prospective candidate may use his or her own funds not exceeding \$30,000 to promote his or her intended candidacy.
8. Note should be made of the offence and penalty provisions found in the *Act*.