# MORE ABOUT CONTRIBUTIONS

May an elector make a contribution if he or she has already made a contribution to another candidate?

**Yes.** The elector just needs to make sure that the total of all of his or her contributions does not exceed \$500 for the same leadership race.

An elector contributed the maximum amount during the last leadership race. Can the elector contribute again?

**Yes.** The maximum amount applies per leadership race.

An elector contributed \$100 to a party. Is the elector's limit for the party's leadership race now \$400?

**No.** An elector may contribute up to \$500 during a party's leadership race and also contribute \$100 to the party.

# NON-COMPLIANT CONTRIBUTION

When a financial representative has processed a contribution that is found to be non-compliant, the contribution cannot be reimbursed to the contributor. The contribution will be claimed from the financial representative and remitted to the Minister of Finance.

The elector will receive a letter informing him or her of the political financing rules. The Chief Electoral Officer may take additional steps depending on the nature of the non-compliance.

# YOU HAVE QUESTIONS?

Don't hesitate to contact a political financing coordinator.

By telephone

1-866-232-6494 (toll free) 418-644-3570 (Québec City area)

By email

financement-provincial@electionsquebec.qc.ca

By postal mail

Élections Québec

1045, avenue Wilfrid-Pelletier, bureau 200 Québec (Québec) G1W 0C6

### **SUBMITTING SLIPS**

Contribution slips must be submitted by mail every seven days up to election day, and every 30 days after that date.

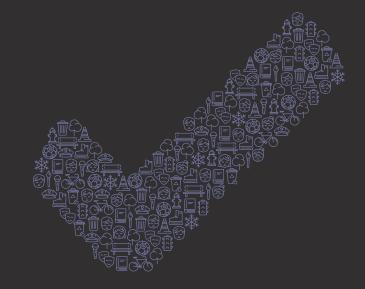
No later than five working days after receiving contribution slips, Élections Québec publishes on its website the names of electors who have made contributions, the name of the municipality and the postal code of a contributor's domicile, as well as the contribution amount and name of the candidate on whose behalf the contribution was made.

### **ANNUAL RECEIPT**

The Chief Electoral Officer issues annual receipts to all contributors who have made contributions in compliance with the law. The Chief Electoral Officer sends these receipts in February of the following year. The receipts are not eligible for an income tax credit.

Political contribution to a candidate in a provincial party leadership race

Explanatory pamphlet for financial representatives and solicitors





# **CONTRIBUTION SLIP**

You are **required** to complete and give a contribution slip to every person who makes a contribution using a method other than a credit card. Élections Québec provides you with contribution booklets each containing 25 contribution slips.

The mandatory spaces to fill in on contribution slips are marked with an **asterisk** (\*).



# COPIES OF A CONTRIBUTION SLIP

Each contribution slip comprises three copies. The information must be legible on each copy.

Must be kept by the financial representative for seven (7) years.

Must be submitted to the Chief Electoral Officer.

**COPY 3** Can be kept by the contributor.

## **QUALIFIED ELECTORS**

Only electors may make a contribution to one or several candidates.

A qualified elector is any person who:

- Is age 18 and older.
- Is a Canadian citizen.
- Has been domiciled in Québec for at least six (6) months.
- Has not lost their right to vote.

A person has lost their election rights when they have been convicted of an offence constituting a corrupt electoral practice within the last five years or when they have lost the right to vote because of a tutorship.

#### **SECTION 2** OF THE CONTRIBUTION SLIP

#### **ELECTOR'S DECLARATION**

In this section, contributors declare that their contribution has been made:

- From their own assets.
- Voluntarily.
- Without compensation or consideration.
- Without receiving or expecting to receive any reimbursement in any way.

The elector making the contribution is required to sign the declaration him or herself.

### MAXIMUM CONTRIBUTION

During the same party leadership race, an elector may contribute a maximum of \$500 to the candidates as a whole.

# COMPLIANCE OF CONTRIBUTIONS

All contributions are verified for compliance with the *Election Act* (CQLR, c. E-3.3).

When required information is missing from a contribution slip, the slip is returned to the financial representative for correction.

When information on a contribution slip does not match information on the permanent list of electors, requests in this regard may be sent to the elector, or to the financial representative. A confirmation signed by the elector may be required to validate some information.

The elector and the financial representative have 60 days to provide the information requested. After this deadline, the contribution is non-compliant.



### METHOD OF PAYMENT

All methods of payment are accepted for contributions of \$50 or less.

Contributions of more than \$50 may only be made by means of:

- → A cheque signed by the elector and drawn on the elector's account with a financial institution that has an office in Québec.
- → A **credit card**, on the Élections Québec website (electionsquebec.qc.ca).

All payment orders must be made to the financial representative of the candidate concerned.

**IMPORTANT:** A contribution of more than \$50 cannot be made in cash or by postal money order, bank draft or bank transfer. It is not permitted to evade the law by splitting a contribution over \$50 in order to allow it to be paid by one of these payment methods.