

Declaration of exemption by a registered political party

Explanatory notes on completing form RP6

Parties which are registered (or which are applying to be registered) on the Great Britain register of parties, can submit a declaration of exemption stating that they do not intend to contest any Parliamentary general elections. Where a valid declaration of exemption has been submitted, parties are exempted from the requirement to submit weekly donation returns during the general election period for Parliamentary general elections. Parties which do not submit a declaration of exemption are required to submit weekly reports of donations (including nil returns) during this period.

Parties applying to be registered but which do not intend to contest Parliamentary elections should complete form RP6 as part of their registration application. This declaration is binding for any Parliamentary elections that take place in the year following the party's registration. The declaration must be renewed as part of the party's annual confirmation of registered details (the declaration can also be revoked as necessary).

Parties which are already registered can submit a declaration of exemption in respect of a specific Parliamentary election (i.e., the declaration will apply to a forthcoming Parliamentary election, but not to subsequent elections). This should be submitted within seven days of the date on which Her Majesty's intention to dissolve Parliament in connection with an election is announced (i.e., the start of the formal general election period).

A declaration of exemption can be withdrawn by notifying the Commission using form RP7. Parties which have made declarations of exemption and have not withdrawn them will be required to submit weekly donation reports if they field candidates at a Parliamentary election.

Each of the following notes corresponds to a numbered section on form RP6.

1 Details of registered party

Please insert the registered name of the party, and the party's reference number. Parties that complete form RP6 as part of their registration application should leave the party reference number section blank, as numbers are notified to parties *after* they are registered.

2 Declaration

Please delete the appropriate declaration. Parties which are submitting form RP6 as part of their registration application should delete the second declaration, while parties making a declaration in respect of a specific election should delete the first declaration and insert the date of the relevant Parliamentary election in the second.

3 Signatures

The form must be signed by the party leader and nominating officer. If the same person fills both these positions, the form should be signed by another registered officer of the party (e.g., party treasurer etc).

If either the party leader or nominating officer is unable to sign the form, an additional officer of the party must sign the form instead, making a declaration that he is authorised to sign in the registered officer's absence, and explaining why the registered officer is unable to sign the form.

Form RP6 should be returned to:

Party and Election Finance
The Electoral Commission
3 Bunhill Row
London
EC1Y 8YZ

Tel: 020 7271 0616

Fax: 020 7271 0505

Email: pef@electoralcommission.org.uk

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Important: the accompanying explanatory notes should be read before completing this form.

1 Details of registered party

Party name

Party reference

2 Declaration (delete as applicable)

It is hereby declared that the above party does not intend to have any candidates at any parliamentary general elections.

It is hereby declared that the above party does not intend to have any candidates at the Parliamentary General Election to be held on

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dd	mm	yyyy

3 Signatures

Registered officer of the party

Signed

Printed name

Date

<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>
dd	mm	yyyy

Registered officer of the party

Signed

Printed name

Date

<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>
dd	mm	yyyy

Additional officer (if applicable)

I declare that I am authorised to sign on behalf of (name)

the party's registered (position in party)

who is unable to sign this form because (state reason)

Signed

Date
dd mm yyyy

Printed name

Position in party

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Date of receipt
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Date entered in database
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