

## Form RP9

### Application to deregister a political party

You should complete this form if you wish to remove your party from the register(s) of parties for Great Britain and/ or Northern Ireland.

You should note that once your party is deregistered, party candidates will not be able to use a description if standing at future elections, except for parish and community elections.



Important: your party ceases to be a registered party when the entry is removed from the register, but your reporting responsibilities do not end at that point.

If your party's gross income or total expenditure was **£25,000 or more** in your last financial year then you must continue to send us quarterly reports, annual statements of accounts and campaign expenditure reports for the year in which you deregister and the following year.

If your party's gross income and total expenditure were both **less than £25,000** in the last financial year then you must submit quarterly reports, an annual statement of accounts and campaign expenditure reports for the financial year in which you deregister.

### Completing and sending the form to us

You can type directly into the form and print it off to sign and send to us or you can print the form out, complete it by hand and send it to us.

**Please do not submit this form electronically.** The form needs a signature because it contains a declaration so you can either **post** or **fax it to us**.

### Explanatory notes

#### Section 1 – Details of registered party

Please insert your party's name and the unique reference number that we assigned when you registered the party.



See the **Definitions box** at the end of this document for an explanation of the legal terms used in this note.

## Section 2 – Declaration

Please tick the appropriate box to tell us which register you would like the party to be removed from. If you wish to be removed from both please tick both boxes.

## Section 3 – Signatures

You must sign this form if you are the party's:

- leader
- nominating officer
- treasurer

If one person holds all three posts the form must also be signed by the person registered as the party's additional officer.

## Section 4 – Declaration for an authorised signature

An additional officer of the party can sign this form making a declaration that they are authorised to sign in the registered officer's absence if the registered officer is unable to sign the form.



You will be making a declaration when you sign this form. You should be careful to ensure that you do not make a false declaration.

For more information see our [guidance on registering a political party](#).

Return the form by post or fax to:

Party Registration Team  
The Electoral Commission  
3 Bunhill Row  
London  
EC1Y 8YZ

Tel: 0333 103 1928  
Fax: 020 7271 0505

Email: [partyreg@electoralcommission.org.uk](mailto:partyreg@electoralcommission.org.uk)  
Web: [www.electoralcommission.org.uk](http://www.electoralcommission.org.uk)

We will acknowledge all notifications.

Electoral Commission use:

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## Section 1 Details of registered party

Name of party

Party reference

## Section 2 Declaration

The above named party is applying under section 33 of the Political Parties Elections and Referendums Act (PPERA) 2000 to be removed from the:

Great Britain (GB)

Northern Ireland (NI)

register(s) of political parties, and it declares that it does not intend to have any candidates at any relevant election. The party agrees to comply with the requirements received under the Parts III to V of PERA (accounting, donation and campaign expenditure), until the end of the party's financial year following that in which the party is removed from the register.

## Section 3 Signatures

### Registered party leader

Signed

Printed name

Date

**Section 3 continued**

**Registered nominating officer**

Signed

Printed name  Date

**Registered treasurer**

Signed

Printed name  Date

Additional signature if required

**Other registered officer**

Signed

Printed name  Date

## Section 4 Declaration for an authorised signature

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

Printed name

Position in party

For Electoral Commission use

Date of receipt

Checked by

Date entered in database

File reference number



## Definitions box

How the law defines the legal terms used in this note

### **Political party**

A party registered with us under Part II Political Parties Elections and Referendums Act 2000

### **Register of political parties**

The register of parties that intend to contest elections in England; Scotland and Wales which is maintained by the Electoral Commission and which is called the Great Britain register.

The register of parties that intend to contest elections in Northern Ireland which is maintained by the Electoral Commission and which is called the Northern Ireland register.

### **Annual statement of accounts**

A statement of accounts prepared by the treasurer of the party and approved by the registered party leader which reports on the party's financial year. The statement of accounts must be audited if the party has a gross income or expenditure of more than £250,000.

## Where can I get further advice?

If you have any questions about notifying the Commission about political contributions, and reporting the gifts made to unincorporated associations please contact us for further advice.

### **You can get further advice from:**

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](mailto:pef@electoralcommission.org.uk)

Web: [www.electoralcommission.org.uk](http://www.electoralcommission.org.uk)

## Privacy Statement

We will only use the information you give us to support our statutory functions. We will look after your personal information securely and we will follow data protection legislation. We will not share your personal information, or the personal information you may provide on other people, to anyone else unless we have to by law.

The lawful basis to collect the information in this form is that it is necessary for us to perform tasks carried out in the public interest and to exercise official authority vested in the Electoral Commission as set out in the Political Parties, Elections and Referendums Act 2000, the Representation of the People Act 1983, associated regulations and other electoral legislation.

Some of the information collected in this form is classified as special category personal data. We process this for reason of substantial public interest, which has a basis in UK law. To process this type of information the Data Controller must have a relevant policy document that sets out how this information will be handled.

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