

Weekly nil return by a registered political party (NI)

The party treasurer must sign and submit this return.

You can complete and submit your return by using [PEF Online](#), our online database system. This means you can review your return at any time before submitting it and there is [help](#) if you need it. You will need a user account to do this.

Alternatively, you can fill in your weekly return by using [this form](#) and submit it by post.

Who this form is for:

Political parties registered in Northern Ireland who are:

- contesting the 2024 UK Parliamentary general election; or
- not contesting the 2024 UK Parliamentary general election and have not submitted the declaration of exemption

You must complete this form if you have not received any donations or entered into any regulated transactions in the relevant reporting period. If you have received any donation with a value over £11,180 or entered into a regulated transaction with a value over £11,180 you must complete a [donations report](#).

There is a separate form for [Great Britain](#). A declaration that your party is not contesting the 2024 UK Parliamentary general election can be found [here](#).

You will be making a declaration when you sign this form. It is a criminal offence to make a false declaration knowingly or recklessly.

What is a donation?

A donation is money, goods or services given to a party without charge or on non-commercial terms, with a value of over £500. Donations over £11,180 must be reported.

What is a reportable regulated transaction?

A regulated transaction is a loan, credit facility or connected transaction with a value of over £500. Regulated transactions over £11,180 must be reported.

Loan

Any loan with a value of more than £11,180 entered into by the party headquarters where all participants are permissible lenders.

Credit facility

Any credit facility with a value of more than £11,180, such as a bank overdraft or credit card.

Connected transactions

Securities or guarantees for a party's obligations to someone else with a value of more than £11,180.

Weekly reporting timetable

You must submit a weekly return of donations and regulated transactions once Parliament has been dissolved. If you have not received any donations or entered into any regulated transactions in the relevant reporting period, you must complete a nil return.

You must submit the form within 7 days of the end of the relevant week.

We will update [our guidance](#) with the reporting periods and reporting deadlines once the election is announced.

Explanatory notes

Section 1 Registered party details

Please insert the name, reference number of the party and the dates of the period to which the report relates.

Section 2 Statement of nil return

Please read the statement carefully and complete the reporting period.

Section 3 Declaration and Signatures

The declaration must be signed by the person registered as the party treasurer.

It is an offence to knowingly or recklessly make a false declaration.

Completing and sending the form to us

The party treasurer must send the weekly return to us by the relevant deadline.

You may be liable for a penalty if you don't submit your reports on time.

Submit the forms online

We encourage you to complete your returns and declarations by using [PEF Online](#), our online database system. Guidance on how to set-up an account on PEF Online can be found [here](#).

Submit your return by post

If you are not submitting your return online, you can send it to us by post at:

The Electoral Commission
The Boat
49 Queen's Square
Belfast
BT1 3FG

Or

Compliance and Transparency Team
The Electoral Commission
3 Bunhill Row
London
EC1Y 8YZ

If you have any problems submitting your return, you can contact us by phone on:

- Northern Ireland 0333 103 1928 or email inforthernireland@electoralcommission.org.uk
- England: 0333 103 1928 or email pef@electoralcommission.org.uk