



Political Parties, Elections and Referendums Act 2000

2000 CHAPTER 41

PART II

REGISTRATION OF POLITICAL PARTIES

Registration

33 Party ceasing to be registered.

(1) Once a party is registered its entry may only be removed from the register in accordance with subsection (2) [^{F1}or (2A)].

(2) Where—

- (a) a party applies to have its entry removed from the register, and
- (b) the application includes a declaration on behalf of the party that it does not intend to have any candidates at any relevant election,

the Commission shall remove the party's entry from the register.

[^{F2}(2A) Where the Commission does not receive a notification required by virtue of section 32(1) or 34(3) on or before the specified day, the Commission shall remove the party's entry from the register.

(2B) In subsection (2A) “the specified day” means—

- (a) in relation to a notification required by virtue of section 32(1), the last day of the specified period for the purposes of that subsection;
- (b) in relation to a notification required by virtue of section 34(3), the day which falls six months after the relevant anniversary of the party's inclusion in the register.

(2C) In subsection (2B)(b), “relevant anniversary” means the anniversary in relation to which the notification is required to be given by virtue of section 34(3).]

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(3) On the removal of [^{F3}a party's entry from the register by virtue of subsection (2) or (2A)] the party shall cease to be a registered party.

(4) However, until [^{F4}the relevant time]—

- (a) the Commission shall, when considering applications made by other parties under this Part, treat the entry as if it were still contained in the register, and
- (b) the requirements of Parts III to V shall continue to apply to the party as if it were still registered.

[^{F5}(4A) In subsection (4), “the relevant time” means—

- (a) if—
 - (i) the party's entry is removed by virtue of subsection (2), and
 - (ii) its gross income or total expenditure in its financial year preceding the year in which the entry is removed is £25,000 or more, the end of the financial year of the party which follows that in which the entry is removed;
- (b) otherwise, the end of the financial year of the party in which the entry is removed.]

(5) Part IV of Schedule 4 applies to applications [^{F6}under subsection (2)].

Textual Amendments

- F1** Words in s. 33(1) substituted (11.9.2006) by [Electoral Administration Act 2006 \(c. 22\)](#), **ss. 51(2)**, 77(2); S.I. 2006/1972, **art. 3**, Sch. 1 para. 11 (subject to art. 4, Sch. 2)
- F2** S. 33(2A)-(2C) inserted (11.9.2006) by [Electoral Administration Act 2006 \(c. 22\)](#), **ss. 51(3)**, 77(2); S.I. 2006/1972, **art. 3**, Sch. 1 para. 11 (subject to art. 4, Sch. 2)
- F3** Words in s. 33(3) substituted (11.9.2006) by [Electoral Administration Act 2006 \(c. 22\)](#), **ss. 51(4)**, 77(2); S.I. 2006/1972, **art. 3**, Sch. 1 para. 11 (subject to art. 4, Sch. 2)
- F4** Words in s. 33(4) substituted (11.9.2006) by [Electoral Administration Act 2006 \(c. 22\)](#), **ss. 51(5)**, 77(2); S.I. 2006/1972, **art. 3**, Sch. 1 para. 11 (subject to art. 4, Sch. 2)
- F5** S. 33(4A) inserted (11.9.2006) by [Electoral Administration Act 2006 \(c. 22\)](#), **ss. 51(6)**, 77(2); S.I. 2006/1972, **art. 3**, Sch. 1 para. 11 (subject to art. 4, Sch. 2)
- F6** Words in s. 33(5) substituted (11.9.2006) by [Electoral Administration Act 2006 \(c. 22\)](#), **ss. 51(7)**, 77(2); S.I. 2006/1972, **art. 3**, Sch. 1 para. 11 (subject to art. 4, Sch. 2)

Commencement Information

- II** S. 33 wholly in force at 16.2.2001; s. 33 not in force at Royal Assent and in force for specified purposes at 14.12.2000, see s. 163(2)(4); s. 33 in force at 16.2.2001 by S.I. 2001/222, **art. 2**, **Sch. Pt. I** (subject to transitional provisions in **Sch. 1 Pt. II**)

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Changes and effects yet to be applied to the whole Act associated Parts and Chapters:

Whole provisions yet to be inserted into this Act (including any effects on those provisions):

- s. 2(2A) inserted by 2022 c. 37 s. 18(1)
- s. 4A-4E and cross-heading inserted by 2022 c. 37 s. 16
- s. 8(3)(d) inserted by 2011 c. 13 Sch. 10 para. 12
- s. 13ZA and cross-heading inserted by 2022 c. 37 s. 17(1)
- s. 54(1)(aa) inserted by 2009 c. 12 s. 9(1)
- s. 54(1)(aa) substituted by 2009 c. 12 s. 10(1)
- s. 54(2ZA)-(2ZC) inserted by 2009 c. 12 s. 10(3)
- s. 56(1A) inserted by 2009 c. 12 s. 10(5)
- s. 56(2)(aa) inserted by 2009 c. 12 s. 9(3)(b)
- s. 56(3B) inserted by 2009 c. 12 s. 9(4)
- s. 71H(3ZA) inserted by 2009 c. 12 Sch. 6 para. 19
- s. 71L(9A) inserted by 2009 c. 12 s. 11(2)
- Sch. 1 para. 2(1) Sch. 1 para. 2 renumbered as Sch. 1 para. 2(1) by 2022 c. 37 s. 19(2)
- Sch. 1 para. 2(2) inserted by 2022 c. 37 s. 19(4)
- Sch. 1 para. 2(1) words inserted by 2022 c. 37 s. 19(3)(a)
- Sch. 1 para. 2(1) words omitted by 2022 c. 37 s. 19(3)(b)
- Sch. 2 para. 2(1A) inserted by 2022 c. 37 s. 18(2)
- Sch. 2 para. 4 and cross-heading inserted by 2022 c. 37 s. 17(2)
- Sch. 7 para. 6(1)(aa) inserted by 2009 c. 12 Sch. 3 para. 1(1)
- Sch. 7 para. 8(1A) inserted by 2009 c. 12 Sch. 4 para. 2
- Sch. 7 para. 10(5)(aa) inserted by 2009 c. 12 Sch. 3 para. 2(5)(b)
- Sch. 7 para. 6(1)(aa) substituted by 2009 c. 12 Sch. 4 para. 1(1)
- Sch. 7 para. 10(5)(aa) words inserted by 2009 c. 12 Sch. 4 para. 3(3)
- Sch. 7A para. 8(9A) inserted by 2009 c. 12 s. 11(5)
- Sch. 7A para. 9(10)(ba) inserted by 2009 c. 12 s. 11(6)(b)
- Sch. 11 para. 4(3) inserted by 2009 c. 12 Sch. 6 para. 29(2)
- Sch. 11 para. 6(1)(aa) inserted by 2009 c. 12 Sch. 3 para. 4(1)
- Sch. 11 para. 7(2)(aa) inserted by 2009 c. 12 Sch. 4 para. 5
- Sch. 11 para. 6(1)(aa) substituted by 2009 c. 12 Sch. 4 para. 4(1)
- Sch. 11 para. 4(3) words inserted by 2009 c. 12 Sch. 6 para. 29(3)
- Sch. 15 para. 4(3)(4) inserted by 2009 c. 12 Sch. 6 para. 30(2)(b)
- Sch. 15 para. 6(1)(aa) inserted by 2009 c. 12 Sch. 3 para. 7(1)
- Sch. 15 para. 7(2)(aa) inserted by 2009 c. 12 Sch. 4 para. 8
- Sch. 15 para. 6(1)(aa) substituted by 2009 c. 12 Sch. 4 para. 7(1)
- Sch. 15 para. 4(3) words inserted by 2009 c. 12 Sch. 6 para. 30(3)