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to do before you enter into a loan? You can only enter into a loan with certain
permissible sources. Please see Who can you accept donations and loans from? for the
full list of permissible sources. You must complete permissibility checks before you
enter into a loan as entering into a loan with an impermissible source is a criminal
offence. You must satisfy yourselves that the source is permissible each time a loan
is made, even if you have made permissibility checks for past loans from the same
source. You should also carry out regular checks throughout the term of the loan to
make sure that the source is still permissible. This is because the source must
remain permissible for the whole period of the loan. You should keep a record of all
your permissibility checks to show that you have followed the rules. If a source
isn't permissible or they become impermissible at any point during the loan period,
the transaction is void under the Political Parties, Elections and Referendums Act
2000 (PPERA). You must still repay a loan that is void and the Commission may apply
to the courts to recover the money if it is not repaid. If you have entered into an
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