

Permissible sources You are in the Donations and loans section Home Donations and loans On this page Permissible sources in Great Britain Permissible sources in Northern Ireland First published: 16 May 2023 Last updated: 16 May 2023 Summary Anyone can give a donation or loan to a political party, individual or other organisation. There is no limit on how much someone can give if they are a permissible source. It is up to the political party, individual or other organisation to check if the donation or loan is from a permissible source, and if they can accept it or not.

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