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parties who are part of a large pact across several constituencies You are one of several parties who are part of a large pact across several constituencies Where two or more parties come together to form an electoral pact and do this on a larger scale the general non-party campaigner rules will sometimes be engaged. We are assuming that in this instance there will be some public announcement and some campaigning done by one party for another party or its candidates. Careful consideration should be given as to where the spending on the public facing and organisational activity should appear. In the first instance you should consider whether this is spending: promoting your party notional spending for a particular candidate notional spending for another party If the spending is not candidate or party spending, that is it is independent of the parties and candidates involved, it is likely to be non-party campaigner spending. You should then consider which non-party campaigning rules apply. There are rules around general campaigning by non-party campaigners and this includes for or against a category of candidates. Where there is a substantial network of electoral pacts, it is likely these rules that will cover this activity.

This means that spending on certain activities will be regulated and if you spend over £20,000 in England or £10,000 in Scotland, Wales or Northern Ireland you must register with us as a non-party campaigner. This is a separate registration from your party registration. It means you will need to do a separate return for your non-party campaigner spending. You do not need to report your donations separately. If there are several parties who are working together and some of those parties are acting as non-party campaigners you will need to carefully consider the joint campaigning rules. These rules apply where non-party campaigners are spending money as part of a common plan between two or more non-party campaigners. Last updated: 24 May 2021 Book traversal links for You are one of several parties who are part of a large pact across several constituencies You are party A and enter a pact with Party B, you announce it and then campaign