What do you need to do when you receive a donation? | Electoral Commission donations and loans in Northern Ireland You are in the donations and loans in Northern Ireland section Home donations and loans in Northern Ireland View the navigation tree Go to main guidance section: donations and loans in Northern Ireland Terms we use in this guidance Which donations are covered by the rules? What do you need to do when you receive a donation? Donations on behalf of others and from unidentified sources When do you receive and accept a donation? How do you work out the value of a donation? Crowdfunding Auction prizes Sponsorship What must you record when you accept a donation? What do you do if you receive a donation from an impermissible or unidentifiable source? Which loans are covered by the rules? What do you need to do before you enter into a loan? How do you work out the value of a loan? What must you record when you enter into a loan? What do you do if you have a loan from an impermissible source? Who can you accept donations and loans from? Which donations and loans do you need to report? How to report donations and loans What do you need to do when you receive a donation? Checks on donations Donations can only be accepted from certain sources, which are mainly UK-based. Please see Who can you accept donations and loans from? for details on which sources are permissible. Before your party accepts any donation of more than £500, you must take all reasonable steps to: make sure you know the true identity of the donor check that the donation is from a permissible source How long do you have to check permissibility? When you receive a donation, you have 30 days to decide if you can accept it. Even if you have made a permissibility check in connection with an earlier donation or loan from the same source, you should consider whether to make a fresh check for each subsequent donation. You should keep a record of all your permissibility checks to show that you have followed the rules. If the donation isn't from a permissible donor, or for any reason you can't be sure of the true identity of the source, please read What do you do if you receive a donation from an impermissible or unidentifiable source? for further guidance on the actions you must take. Last updated: 31 March 2022 Book traversal links for What do you need to do when you receive a donation? Which donations are covered by the rules? Donations on behalf of others and from unidentified sources