

DIRECTIVE NO.	CEODIR-2016-004
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SUBJECT	CAPITAL ASSET TREATMENT– CANDIDATE ELECTION EXPENSE RETURN
REFERENCE	N/APP
INTENT	TO DEFINE TREATMENT AND RECOGNITION OF CAPITAL ASSETS PURCHASED OR DONATED FOR USE IN AN ELECTION.
AUDIENCE	CHIEF OFFICIAL AGENTS, BUSINESS MANAGERS

A candidate's activities are generally short-term in nature, encompassing only the events during the election period. In contrast to the ongoing activities of a registered party, the activities of a candidate have a definite ending period and the candidate, therefore, should not be viewed as a going concern. For the purposes of this CEO Directive, a capital asset is defined as a non-financial asset having physical substance that has a useful economic life extending beyond the reporting period and an acquisition value greater than \$250.

## A. CAPITAL ASSETS DONATED FOR USE IN AN ELECTION

1. A business manager may receive a donated capital asset for use by the candidate, business manager or any other person who is hired or who volunteers for the campaign during the election period.

The amount that should be recorded as an election expense on the Candidate Election Return is:

- a) 20% of the item's fair market value.

The treatment on the Candidate Election Expense Return is:

- a) Recognition of a non-reimbursable election expense; and
- b) Recognition of a donation-in-kind for the equivalent amount (must also include a donor statement).

## B. CAPITAL ASSETS PURCHASED FOR USE IN AN ELECTION

1. A business manager may purchase or construct a tangible capital asset for use by the candidate, business manager or any other person who is hired or who volunteers for the campaign during the election period.

The amount that should be recorded as an election expense on the Candidate Election Return is:

- a) 20% of the item's total acquisition cost.

The treatment on the Candidate Election Expense Return is:

- a) Recognition of a reimbursable election expense of 20% of the item's acquisition cost.

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PROVINCE OF SASKATCHEWAN  
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