

WAC 390-05-215 Receipt of a campaign contribution. "Receipt" of a campaign contribution, as that term is used in chapter 42.17A RCW, shall be deemed to occur as follows:
~~at the earliest of the following:~~

(1) For online or credit card contributions, the contribution is considered received at the time the transfer is made from the merchant account to a candidate or political committee account, except that a contribution made to a candidate who is a state official or legislator outside the restriction period established in RCW 42.17A.560, but transferred to the candidate's account within the restricted period, is considered received outside of the restriction period.

(2) For all other contributions, receipt shall be deemed to occur at the earliest of the following:

(a) The date that the candidate, treasurer, deputy treasurer, campaign manager, campaign chairperson or similarly situated campaign official obtains possession of the contribution;

(b) The date that the candidate, treasurer, deputy treasurer, campaign manager, campaign chairperson or similarly situated campaign official is informed of the contribution, or becomes aware that the campaign, or in the case of an earmarked contribution, the intermediary or conduit, has possession of the contribution; or

(c) The date that the contribution becomes available for use by the candidate or committee.

WAC 390-05-290 Political advertising definitions. (1) "Mass communication" means a communication, digital or otherwise, intended to reach a large audience through any of the following methods:

~~**WAC 390-05-295 Definition—Promise or promise to pay.** For the purposes of the definition of "expenditure" found in RCW 42.17A.005, "promise" or "promise to pay" includes any oral or written order placed, debt or obligation to purchase goods or services or anything of value, or any offer to purchase advertising space, broadcast time or other advertising related product or service.~~

WAC 390-05-400 Changes in dollar amounts. Pursuant to the requirement in RCW 42.17A.125 that the commission biennially revise the dollar amounts found in Initiative 134 and RCW 42.17A.410 to reflect changes in economic conditions, the following revisions are made:

Code Section	Subject Matter	Amount Enacted or Last Revised	2016 Revision
.005	Definition of "Independent Expenditure"	\$950	\$1,000*
.445(3)	Reimbursement of candidate for loan to own campaign	\$5,500	\$6,000
.630(1)	Report— Applicability of provisions to Persons who made contributions Persons who made independent	\$19,000	\$20,000

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	Expenditures	\$950	\$1,000
.405(2)	Contribution Limits—		
	Candidates for state leg. office	\$950	\$1,000
	Candidates for county office	\$950	\$1,000
	Candidates for other state office	\$1,900	\$2,000
	Candidates for special purpose districts	\$1,900	\$2,000
	Candidates for city council office	\$950	\$1,000
	Candidates for mayoral office	\$950	\$1,000
	Candidates for school board office	\$950	\$1,000
	Candidates for hospital district	\$950	\$1,000
.405(3)	Contribution Limits—		
	State official up for recall or pol comm. supporting recall—		
	State Legislative Office	\$950	\$1,000
	Other State Office	\$1,900	\$2,000
.405(4)	Contribution Limits—		
	Contributions made by political parties and caucus committees		
	State parties and caucus committees	.95 per voter	\$1.00 per registered voter
	County and leg. district parties	.50 per voter	.50 per registered voter
	Limit for all county and leg. district parties to a candidate	.50 per voter	.50 per registered voter
.405(5)	Contribution Limits—		
	Contributions made by pol. parties and caucus committees to state official up for recall or committee supporting recall		
	State parties and caucuses	.95 per voter	\$1.00 per registered voter
	County and leg. district parties	.50 per voter	.50 per registered voter
	Limit for all county and leg. district parties to state official up for recall or pol. comm. supporting recall	.50 per voter	.50 per registered voter
.405(7)	Limits on contributions to political parties and caucus committees		
	To caucus committee	\$950	\$1,000
	To political party	\$5,000	\$5,500
.410(1)	Candidates for judicial office	\$1,900	\$2,000
.475	Contribution must be made by written instrument	\$95	\$100

* Chapter 304, Laws of 2018 amended the definition of independent expenditure, changing the dollar-threshold element of that definition to one-half the contribution limit from an individual per election.