

Application to register an associated entity

Electoral Disclosure and Funding Act 2023 section 121

What is an associated entity?

An associated entity is a corporation or other entity that operates solely for the benefit of one or more parties registered for parliamentary elections in Tasmania. The *Electoral Disclosure and Funding Act 2023* defines an associated entity as an incorporated, or unincorporated, body of persons that is any of the following:

- » controlled by one or more registered parties
- » operated wholly, or to a significant extent, for the benefit of one or more registered parties
- » a financial member of a registered party
- » an entity on whose behalf another person is a financial member of a registered party
- » has voting rights in a registered party, or
- » an entity on whose behalf another person has voting rights in a registered party.

If an entity does not satisfy the criteria to be an associated entity, the entity may be a third-party campaigner or a significant political donor.

Why register as an associated entity?

An associated entity must be registered with the Tasmanian Electoral Commission before making payments for electoral expenditure incurred or accepting political donations in relation to an election. In addition to being required to register, associated entities have disclosure obligations under the *Electoral Disclosure and Funding Act 2023*. When registering, associated entities may choose to receive communications from the Tasmanian Electoral Commission providing education about their legislative obligations.

Registrations of associated entities are kept on a continuous basis, so re-registrations are not required for new election or by-election events.

How to lodge this form

Completed applications and all documentation may be lodged in person, by post or by email:

In person:

Tasmanian Electoral Commission
294 Elizabeth Street, North Hobart TAS 7000

By post:

Tasmanian Electoral Commission
PO Box 307 Moonah TAS 7009

By email:

edf@tec.tas.gov.au

Queries? Please contact the TEC - 1800 801 701

Registering an official agent

Associated entities are required to register an official agent, who will act on the entity's behalf in electoral disclosure matters, with the Tasmanian Electoral Commission. The Commission recommends appointing an official agent at the time of registration as an associated entity.

To register an associated entity's official agent, please use the *Application to register an official agent* form.

If an associated entity that is a corporation does not register an agent, then the agent will be taken to be the financial controller of the associated entity.

For an associated entity that is an unincorporated entity, the associated entity must, within 14 days of registration, apply to register a person as their official agent.

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Registration information (please print)

Associated entity's name

Associated entity's address

Suburb

State

Postcode

Associated entity's ABN (if the entity is a registered corporation)

Contact person

Associated entity's registered party

Email

Mobile phone

Other phone

I wish to receive information from the Tasmanian Electoral Commission about the disclosure and funding obligations for associated entities:

Y

Date

DD / MM / YYYY

Signature



Note: the Tasmanian Electoral Commission must be notified of any changes to the registration information above within 30 days of the change. Please use the *Change of registration details* form.

Who can access this information?

Section 130 of the *Electoral Disclosure and Funding Act 2023* allows for public inspection of a copy of the Register of Associated Entities at the Tasmanian Electoral Commission's office. This copy will not include the address of any individual that does not appear on the State electoral roll, nor will it include the contact phone number or email address of any individuals or entities.

The Tasmanian Electoral Commission will also publish a copy of the Register of Associated Entities to its website. This copy will not include the address of any individuals, nor the contact phone number or email address of any individuals or entities.

Failure to provide complete and accurate information about the associated entity being registered may result in the Commission not accepting the registration.

For more information about associated entities, please visit tec.tas.gov.au