As of June 13, 2019, there are new rules for third parties in federal elections.

To register, you can be:
- an individual who is a Canadian citizen, a permanent resident or lives in Canada
- a corporation that carries on business in Canada, or
- a group, as long as a person responsible for the group is a Canadian citizen, a permanent resident or lives in Canada

Spending $500 or more on regulated activities that take place during the pre-election period or election period? You need to register as a third party.

Pre-election period starts on June 30. It ends on the day before the election is called.

If you registered for the pre-election period and continue regulated activities during the election period, you don’t need to register again.

There is a limit on expenses that you can incur for regulated activities. For the pre-election period, the total limit is $1,023,400, of which $10,234 can be spent in a given electoral district.

Regulated activities:
- partisan activities
- election surveys
- partisan advertising
- election advertising

You may need to submit up to 4 interim reports if you received contributions totalling $10,000 or more or spend $10,000 or more on regulated activities.

Once a third party starts filing interim reports, it must file all remaining interim reports:

- Oct. 14
- Sept. 30
- Sept. 15
- 5 days after required to register

The election period starts on the day the election is called and ends on election day. For the election period, the total expense limit is $511,700 of which $4,386 can be spent in a given electoral district.

Every registered third party must submit a final report within four months after election day.

For more information, please visit: elections.ca