



## Written Opinions, Guidelines and Interpretation Notes

### Interpretation Note: 2019-07

#### Accessibility Expenses and Disability-Related Personal Expenses

#### Comments made during consultation period of May 2 to June 17, 2019

Comments received from the Liberal Party of Canada	Elections Canada response to the Liberal Party of Canada
<p>As accessibility expenses and disability-related personal expenditures are new concepts introduced in the <i>Elections Modernization Act</i>, we are suggesting some modifications to the OGI to provide greater clarity and insight.</p> <p>Our first suggestion is to introduce a table or chart that would summarize accessibility versus disability-related personal expenses, including eligibility by political entity, permitted payers, reporting return treatment, and criteria and rate of reimbursement.</p>	<p>A table has been added at the end of the Analysis and Discussion section to summarize the requested information.</p>
<p>We provide a few specific points for consideration:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>On page 1 in the “Issue” section, it would be helpful to more clearly define and differentiate between accessibility expenses and disability-related personal expenses.</li> </ol>	<p>The Issue section has been slightly modified to better explain the difference between accessibility expenses and disability-related personal expenses.</p>
<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>On page 7 in the first provided example, it would be useful to state: “These personal expenses do not count against her spending limit and are not eligible for reimbursement as the reimbursement framework does not apply to nomination contestants.”</li> </ol>	<p>The example has been modified in line with your suggestion.</p>
<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>It would be helpful to have available the revised reporting returns to ensure financial accounting systems are adequately structured to capture the new expenditures.</li> </ol>	<p>The revised candidate and party returns are now available on the Elections Canada website.</p>
Comments received from the Commissioner of Canada Elections	Elections Canada response to the Commissioner of Canada Elections
<p>We are in agreement with the content of the proposed interpretation note.</p>	<p>Elections Canada notes your comment.</p>

The following parties did not submit comments to Elections Canada regarding OGI 2019-07:

- Alliance of the North
- Animal Protection Party of Canada
- Bloc Québécois
- Christian Heritage Party of Canada
- Communist Party of Canada
- Conservative Party of Canada
- Green Party of Canada
- Libertarian Party of Canada
- Marijuana Party
- Marxist-Leninist Party of Canada
- National Citizens Alliance
- New Democratic Party
- People's Party of Canada
- Progressive Canadian Party
- Rhinoceros Party