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The Political Parties, Elections and Referendums Act 2000 (Exclusions and Variation of Campaign Expenditure Limits) (Wales) Regulations 2025

NODYN ESBONIADOL

(Nid yw'r nodyn hwn yn rhan o'r Rheoliadau)

Mae'r Rheoliadau hyn yn diwygio Atodlenni 8, 8A a 9 i Ddeddf Pleidiau Gwleidyddol, Etholiadau a Refferenda 2000 ("Deddf 2000").

Mae rheoliad 1 yn gwneud darpariaeth gyffredinol yn ymwneud â'r Rheoliadau gan gynnwys arbedion i sicrhau nad yw'r Rheoliadau ond yn berthnasol i etholiadau cyffredinol i'r Senedd, y cynhelir y pôl ar eu cyfer ar 7 Ebrill 2026 neu ar ôl hynny. Yn rhinwedd adran 24 o Ddeddf Senedd Cymru (Aelodau ac Etholiadau) 2024 ("Deddf 2024"), byddai unrhyw etholiad cyffredinol y Senedd a gynhaliwyd cyn y dyddiad hwnnw yn cael ei gynnal o dan y gyfraith fel yr oedd cyn i Ddeddf 2024 ddod i rym, ac felly dylai'r ddarpariaeth bresennol sy'n ymwneud ag eithriadau a therfynau gwariant ymgyrch fod yn gymwys i etholiadau o'r fath hefyd.

Mae rheoliad 2 yn diffinio "Deddf 2000" at ddibenion y Rheoliadau.

EXPLANATORY NOTE

(This note is not part of the Regulations)

These Regulations amend Schedules 8, 8A and 9 to the Political Parties, Elections and Referendums Act 2000 ("the 2000 Act").

Regulation 1 makes general provision relating to the Regulations including savings to ensure that the Regulations only apply to general elections to the Senedd, the poll for which is held on or after 7 April 2026. By virtue of section 24 of the Senedd Cymru (Members and Elections) Act 2024 ("the 2024 Act"), any Senedd general election held before that date would be held under the law as it was before the 2024 Act came into force, and therefore the existing provision relating to exclusions and campaign expenditure limits should also apply to such elections.

Regulation 2 defines the 2000 Act for the purposes of the Regulations.

Mae rheoliad 3 yn gwneud darpariaeth i eithrio treuliau diogelwch (a ddiffinnir fel treuliau rhesymol yr eir iddynt y gellir eu priodoli'n rhesymol i amddiffyn personau neu eiddo yn unol â pharagraff 2(ea) o Atodlen 8 a pharagraff 2(1)(f) o Atodlen 8A i Ddeddf 2000) rhag cwmpas treuliau cymhwysol yn Atodlenni 8 ac 8A i Ddeddf 2000.

Mae rheoliad 3 yn rhoi effaith i argymhelliad gan y Comisiwn Etholiadol yn unol â pharagraff 4(2)(a) o Atodlen 8 a pharagraff 4(2)(a) o Atodlen 8A i Ddeddf 2000.

Mae rheoliad 4 yn amrywio'r terfynau mewn perthynas â gwariant ymgyrch yr eir iddo gan neu ar ran plaid gofrestredig sy'n ymladd un neu ragor o etholaethau mewn etholiad cyffredinol cyffredin neu eithriadol i Senedd Cymru ("y Senedd"). Mae'r Rheoliadau hyn yn gosod terfynau newydd o ganlyniad i ddiwygio'r Senedd y rhoddwyd effaith iddo gan Ddeddf 2024. Mae'r terfynau gwariant newydd yr eir iddynt gan neu ar ran plaid gofrestredig ym mhob etholaeth a ymleddir yn cael eu cyfrifo drwy gyfeirio at nifer y personau sy'n dal wedi eu henwebu gan y blaid fel ymgeisydd ar gyfer yr etholaeth. At y diben hwn, mae person yn dal wedi ei enwebu gan y blaid fel ymgeisydd i fod yn Aelod o'r Senedd ar gyfer yr etholaeth os dangosir y person, mewn datganiad o bleidiau a phersonau a enwebwyd a gyhoeddir gan y swyddog canlyniadau ar gyfer yr etholaeth yn unol â gorchymyn a wnaed o dan adran 13 o Ddeddf Llywodraeth Cymru 2006, fel ymgeisydd sydd wedi ei enwebu ac sy'n dal wedi ei enwebu fel un o ymgeiswyr y blaid. Mae hefyd yn hepgor cyfeiriadau ym mharagraff 6 o Atodlen 9 i Ddeddf 2000 at ymgeiswyr sy'n sefyll yn enw plaid ac un neu ragor o bleidiau cofrestredig eraill gan nad yw hyn yn bosibl o dan y system etholiadol newydd. Mae rheoliad 4 hefyd yn hepgor diwygiadau cynharach i baragraff 6(2) o Atodlen 9 i Ddeddf 2000 gan fod y ddarpariaeth hon wedi ei disodli'n llwyr.

Gwneir rheoliad 4 gyda chydsyniad y Comisiwn Etholiadol yn unol ag adran 21(4) o Ddeddf 2024.

Ystyriwyd Cod Ymarfer Gweinidogion Cymru ar gynnal Asesiadau Effaith Rheoleiddiol mewn perthynas â'r Rheoliadau hyn. O ganlyniad, lluniwyd asesiad effaith rheoleiddiol o'r costau a'r manteision sy'n debygol o ddeillio o gydymffurfio â'r Rheoliadau hyn. Gellir cael copi oddi wrth: Yr Is-adran Etholiadau, Llywodraeth Cymru, Parc Cathays, Caerdydd, CF10 3NQ ac ar wefan Llywodraeth Cymru ar www.llyw.cymru.

Regulation 3 makes provision to exclude security expenses (defined as reasonable expenses incurred that are reasonably attributable to the protection of persons or property in accordance with paragraph 2(ea) of Schedule 8 and paragraph 2(1)(f) of Schedule 8A to the 2000 Act) from the scope of qualifying expenses in Schedules 8 and 8A to the 2000 Act.

Regulation 3 gives effect to a recommendation of the Electoral Commission in accordance with paragraph 4(2)(a) of Schedule 8 and paragraph 4(2)(a) of Schedule 8A to the 2000 Act.

Regulation 4 varies the limits in relation to campaign expenditure incurred by or on behalf of a registered party which contests one or more constituencies at an ordinary or extraordinary general election to Senedd Cymru ("the Senedd"). These Regulations set new limits as a consequence of the reform of the Senedd effected by the 2024 Act. The new expenditure limits incurred by or on behalf of a registered party in each constituency contested are calculated by reference to the number of persons who stand nominated by the party as a candidate for the constituency. For this purpose, a person stands nominated by a party as a candidate to be a Member of the Senedd for the constituency if the person is shown, in a statement of parties and persons nominated published by the returning officer for the constituency in accordance with an order made under section 13 of the Government of Wales Act 2006, as a candidate who has been and stands nominated as a candidate of the party. It also omits references in paragraph 6 of Schedule 9 to the 2000 Act to candidates standing in the name of a party and one or more other registered parties as this is not possible under the new electoral system. Regulation 4 also omits earlier amendments to paragraph 6(2) of Schedule 9 to the 2000 Act as this provision is completely superseded.

Regulation 4 is made with the consent of the Electoral Commission in accordance with section 21(4) of the 2024 Act.

The Welsh Ministers' Code of Practice on the carrying out of Regulatory Impact Assessments was considered in relation to these Regulations. As a result, a regulatory impact assessment has been prepared as to the likely costs and benefits of complying with these Regulations. A copy can be obtained from the Elections Division, Welsh Government, Cathays Park, Cardiff, CF10 3NQ and on the Welsh Government website at www.gov.wales.

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Rheoliadau Deddf Pleidiau Gwleidyddol, Etholiadau a Refferenda 2000 (Eithriadau ac Amrywio Terfynau Gwariant Ymgyrch) (Cymru) 2025

Gwnaed	*3 Gorffennaf 2025*
Yn dod i rym	*4 Gorffennaf 2025*

Mae Gweinidogion Cymru, drwy arfer y pwerau a roddir gan baragraff 4 o Atodlen 8 a pharagraff 4 o Atodlen 8A i Ddeddf Pleidiau Gwleidyddol, Etholiadau a Refferenda 2000(**1**) ("Deddf 2000") ac adran 21(1), (2)(a) a (b) a (3)(b) o Ddeddf Senedd Cymru (Aelodau ac Etholiadau) 2024(**2**) ("Deddf 2024"), yn gwneud y Rheoliadau a ganlyn.

Mae'r Rheoliadau hyn yn rhoi effaith i argymhelliad gan y Comisiwn Etholiadol yn unol â pharagraff 4(2)(a) o Atodlen 8 a pharagraff 4(2)(a) o Atodlen 8A i Ddeddf 2000.

(**1**) 2000 p. 41. Trosglwyddwyd swyddogaethau'r Ysgrifennydd Gwladol, i'r graddau y maent yn arferadwy o fewn cymhwysedd datganoledig, i Weinidogion Cymru gan erthygl 45 o Orchymyn Gweinidogion Cymru (Trosglwyddo Swyddogaethau) 2018 (O.S. 2018/644) a pharagraff 4 o Atodlen 1 iddo. Mewnosodwyd Atodlen 8A gan Atodlen 3 i Ddeddf Tryloywder Lobïo, Ymgyrchu Di-Blaid a Gweinyddu Undebau Llafur 2014 (p. 4).

(**2**) 2024 dsc 4.

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Made	*3 July 2025*
Coming into force	*4 July 2025*

The Welsh Ministers, in exercise of the powers conferred by paragraph 4 of Schedule 8 and paragraph 4 of Schedule 8A to the Political Parties, Elections and Referendums Act 2000(**1**) ("the 2000 Act") and section 21(1), (2)(a) and (b) and (3)(b) of the Senedd Cymru (Members and Elections) Act 2024(**2**) ("the 2024 Act"), make the following Regulations.

These Regulations give effect to a recommendation of the Electoral Commission in accordance with paragraph 4(2)(a) of Schedule 8 and paragraph 4(2)(a) of Schedule 8A to the 2000 Act.

(**1**) 2000 c. 41. The functions of the Secretary of State, insofar as they are exercisable within devolved competence, were transferred to the Welsh Ministers by article 45 of, and paragraph 4 of Schedule 1 to, the Welsh Ministers (Transfer of Functions) Order 2018 (S.I. 2018/644). Schedule 8A was inserted by Schedule 3 to the Transparency of Lobbying, Non-Party Campaigning and Trade Union Administration Act 2014 (c. 4).

(**2**) 2024 asc 4.

Gwneir y Rheoliadau hyn gyda chydsyniad y Comisiwn Etholiadol yn unol ag adran 21(4) o Ddeddf 2024.

Yn unol ag adran 156(4)(j) a (ja) o Ddeddf 2000(**1**) ac adran 22(4)(b) o Ddeddf 2024, gosodwyd drafft o'r Rheoliadau hyn gerbron Senedd Cymru ac fe'i cymeradwywyd ganddi drwy benderfyniad.

Enwi, dod i rym a darpariaeth arbed

1.—(1) Enw'r Rheoliadau hyn yw Rheoliadau Deddf Pleidiau Gwleidyddol, Etholiadau a Refferenda 2000 (Eithriadau ac Amrywio Terfynau Gwariant Ymgyrch) (Cymru) 2025.

(2) Daw'r Rheoliadau hyn i rym ar 4 Gorffennaf 2025.

(3) Er bod y Rheoliadau hyn yn dod i rym o dan baragraff (2), nid ydynt yn cael effaith mewn perthynas ag etholiad cyffredinol cyffredin neu eithriadol i Senedd Cymru y cynhelir y pôl ar ei gyfer ar 6 Ebrill 2026 neu cyn hynny.

Dehongli

2. Yn y Rheoliadau hyn, ystyr "Deddf 2000" yw Deddf Pleidiau Gwleidyddol, Etholiadau a Refferenda 2000.

Eithriad diogelwch mewn cysylltiad â threuliau cymhwysol ar gyfer pleidiau cofrestredig a thrydydd partïon cydnabyddedig

3.—(1) Mae paragraff 2(1)(ea) o Atodlen 8 i Ddeddf 2000(**2**) (gwariant ymgyrch: treuliau cymhwysol) wedi ei ddiwygio fel a ganlyn—

(a) ar ôl "paragraph 3," mewnosoder "6,";

(b) ar ôl "parliamentary general elections" mewnosoder ", general elections to Senedd Cymru,".

(2) Mae paragraff 2(1)(f) o Atodlen 8A i Ddeddf 2000(**3**) (gwariant a reolir: treuliau cymhwysol) wedi ei ddiwygio fel a ganlyn—

(a) ar ôl "paragraph 3," mewnosoder "6,";

(b) ar ôl "parliamentary general elections" mewnosoder ", general elections to Senedd Cymru,".

These Regulations are made with the consent of the Electoral Commission in accordance with section 21(4) of the 2024 Act.

In accordance with section 156(4)(j) and (ja) of the 2000 Act(**1**) and section 22(4)(b) of the 2024 Act, a draft of these Regulations was laid before, and approved by resolution of, Senedd Cymru.

Title, coming into force and savings provision

1.—(1) The title of these Regulations is the Political Parties, Elections and Referendums Act 2000 (Exclusions and Variation of Campaign Expenditure Limits) (Wales) Regulations 2025.

(2) These Regulations come into force on 4 July 2025.

(3) Despite the coming into force of these Regulations under paragraph (2), they do not have effect in relation to an ordinary or an extraordinary general election to Senedd Cymru the poll for which is held on or before 6 April 2026.

Interpretation

2. In these Regulations, "the 2000 Act" means the Political Parties, Elections and Referendums Act 2000.

Security exclusion in respect of qualifying expenses for registered parties and recognised third parties

3.—(1) Paragraph 2(1)(ea) of Schedule 8 to the 2000 Act(**2**) (campaign expenditure: qualifying expenses) is amended as follows—

(a) after "paragraph 3," insert "6,";

(b) after "parliamentary general elections" insert ", general elections to Senedd Cymru,".

(2) Paragraph 2(1)(f) of Schedule 8A to the 2000 Act(**3**) (controlled expenditure: qualifying expenses) is amended as follows—

(a) after "paragraph 3," insert "6,";

(b) after "parliamentary general elections" insert ", general elections to Senedd Cymru,".

(**1**) Mewnosodwyd adran 156(4)(ja) gan adran 26(13) o Ddeddf Tryloywder Lobïo, Ymgyrchu Di-blaid a Gweinyddu Undebau Llafur 2014 (p. 4).
(**2**) Mewnosodwyd paragraff 2(1)(ea) o Atodlen 8 gan O.S. 2024/428.
(**3**) Mewnosodwyd paragraff 2(1)(f) o Atodlen 8A gan O.S. 2024/428.

(**1**) Section 156(4)(ja) was inserted by the Transparency of Lobbying, Non-Party Campaigning and Trade Union Administration Act 2014 (c. 4), section 26(13).
(**2**) Paragraph 2(1)(ea) of Schedule 8 was inserted by S.I. 2024/428.
(**3**) Paragraph 2(1)(f) of Schedule 8A was inserted by S.I. 2024/428.

Amrywio terfynau gwariant ymgyrch pleidiau cofrestredig

4.—(1) Ym mharagraff 6 o Atodlen 9 i Ddeddf 2000 (etholiadau cyffredinol i Senedd Cymru)—

(a) yn lle is-baragraff (2) rhodder—

"(2) The limit applying to campaign expenditure which is incurred by or on behalf of a registered party in the relevant period in Wales is, for each constituency contested by the party, as follows—

(a) where only 1 person stands nominated by the party as a candidate to be a Member of the Senedd for the constituency, the limit is £52,500;

(b) where only 2 people stand nominated by the party as candidates to be Members of the Senedd for the constituency, the limit is £56,000;

(c) where only 3 people stand nominated by the party as candidates to be Members of the Senedd for the constituency, the limit is £59,500;

(d) where only 4 people stand nominated by the party as candidates to be Members of the Senedd for the constituency, the limit is £63,000;

(e) where only 5 people stand nominated by the party as candidates to be Members of the Senedd for the constituency, the limit is £66,500;

(f) where 6, 7 or 8 people stand nominated by the party as candidates to be Members of the Senedd for the constituency, the limit is £70,000.

(2ZA) For the purposes of sub-paragraph (2), a person stands nominated by a party as a candidate to be a Member of the Senedd for the constituency if the person is shown, in a statement of parties and persons nominated published by the returning officer for the constituency in accordance with an order made under section 13 of the Government of Wales Act 2006, as a candidate who has been and stands nominated as a candidate of the party.";

(b) hepgorer is-baragraffau (2A) a (2B).

(2) Hepgorer adran 10(10)(h)(ii) o Ddeddf Senedd Cymru (Aelodau ac Etholiadau) 2024 (diwygiadau i Ddeddf 2000).

Variation of registered parties' campaign expenditure limits

4.—(1) In paragraph 6 of Schedule 9 to the 2000 Act (general elections to Senedd Cymru)—

(a) for sub-paragraph (2) substitute—

"(2) The limit applying to campaign expenditure which is incurred by or on behalf of a registered party in the relevant period in Wales is, for each constituency contested by the party, as follows—

(a) where only 1 person stands nominated by the party as a candidate to be a Member of the Senedd for the constituency, the limit is £52,500;

(b) where only 2 people stand nominated by the party as candidates to be Members of the Senedd for the constituency, the limit is £56,000;

(c) where only 3 people stand nominated by the party as candidates to be Members of the Senedd for the constituency, the limit is £59,500;

(d) where only 4 people stand nominated by the party as candidates to be Members of the Senedd for the constituency, the limit is £63,000;

(e) where only 5 people stand nominated by the party as candidates to be Members of the Senedd for the constituency, the limit is £66,500;

(f) where 6, 7 or 8 people stand nominated by the party as candidates to be Members of the Senedd for the constituency, the limit is £70,000.

(2ZA) For the purposes of sub-paragraph (2), a person stands nominated by a party as a candidate to be a Member of the Senedd for the constituency if the person is shown, in a statement of parties and persons nominated published by the returning officer for the constituency in accordance with an order made under section 13 of the Government of Wales Act 2006, as a candidate who has been and stands nominated as a candidate of the party.";

(b) omit sub-paragraphs (2A) and (2B).

(2) Omit section 10(10)(h)(ii) of the Senedd Cymru (Members and Elections) Act 2024 (amendments to the 2000 Act).

(3) Hepgorer adran 64(3) o Ddeddf Gweinyddu Etholiadol 2006(**1**) (gwariant ymgyrch: sefyll dros fwy nag un blaid mewn etholiadau cyffredin i Senedd Cymru).

(3) Omit section 64(3) of the Electoral Administration Act 2006(**1**) (campaign expenditure: standing for more than one party in ordinary elections to Senedd Cymru).

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Ysgrifennydd y Cabinet dros Lywodraeth Leol a Thai, un o Weinidogion Cymru
3 Gorffennaf 2025

Cabinet Secretary for Housing and Local Government, one of the Welsh Ministers
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