

Electronic Disclosure System (EDS) for Associated Entities

FOR STATE GOVERNMENT ELECTIONS AND BY-ELECTIONS, AND CALENDAR-BASED REPORTING PERIODS

USER GUIDE



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1. Introduction

1.1 Overview of the Act and Regulation

This user guide is intended for financial controllers of associated entities participating in state government elections who are required to comply with the financial disclosure provisions of the *Electoral Act 1992* (the Act) and the Electoral Regulation 2013 (the Regulation).

It is also intended for financial controllers of associated entities who have calendarbased reporting obligations under the Act or Regulation.

1.2 Disclaimer

Publications by the Electoral Commission of Queensland (ECQ) are not intended as a substitute for the Act or Regulation. Financial controllers of associated entities are advised to obtain a copy of the Act and Regulation, and if necessary, seek independent legal advice. The Act and Regulation are available online at www.legislation.gld.gov.au.

1.3 Contacting the ECQ

Please contact the ECQ's Funding and Disclosure Unit for general enquiries and assistance. Our details are set out below:

Postal address: GPO Box 1393

BRISBANE QLD 4001

Office location: Level 20, 1 Eagle Street, Brisbane, Queensland

Telephone: 1300 881 665

Email: fad@ecq.qld.gov.au

Internet: www.ecq.qld.gov.au

2. Glossary

Please see below for key terms used throughout this user guide and their definitions.

Associated Entity

An associated entity of a registered political party is an entity which is controlled by, or operates wholly or to a significant extent for the benefit of, or for the dominant purpose of promoting:

- A registered political party.
- A group of endorsed candidates (i.e. two or more) of the political party.

An associated entity of a registered political party is NOT:

- A candidate endorsed by the political party for an election.
- Another party that is a related political party of the party, or if the party is part
 of another entity, a federal or interstate branch or division of the other entity.

An associated entity of a candidate is an entity which is controlled by, or operates wholly or to a significant extent for the benefit of, or for the dominant purpose of promoting the candidate in relation to the election.

An associated entity of a candidate is NOT:

- An entity which is controlled by, or operates wholly or to a significant extent for the benefit of, or for the dominant purpose of promoting a group of endorsed candidates of a registered political party.
- An electoral committee established by a registered political party to help elect the candidate in the electoral district.

Electoral Expenditure

Electoral expenditure includes any of the following costs relating to a campaign purpose:

- Designing, producing, printing, broadcasting or publishing any kind of material for an election, including (but not limited to) an advertisement for:
 - Broadcast on radio or television, cinema, using the internet, email or SMS;

- Publication in newspapers or magazines, on billboards, or as brochures, flyers, signs, how-to-vote cards or information sheets;
- Material for distribution in letters;
- The cost of distributing material for an election, including, for example, the cost of postage, sending SMS messages or couriers;
- Carrying out an opinion poll or research;
- Contracted services related to an activity mentioned above, e.g. fees for consultants or the provision of data.

Gifts

A gift is defined as the disposition of property, or provision of a service, by a person to another person for no payment of inadequate payment. Gifts include:

- An amount given to a registered political party, associated entity, or a candidate.
- An amount of electoral expenditure gifted to a participant in an election.
- An amount of uncharged interest, or an amount forgiven, on a loan.
- The part of a fundraising contribution that exceeds \$200.
- An amount given to a third party or another donor to enable them to make a gift in support of a candidate or a registered political party.

Gifts do not include:

- Fundraising contributions of \$200 or less, or the first \$200 of a fundraising contribution that exceeds \$200.
- Provision of volunteer labour or use of a volunteer's vehicle or equipment.

Refer to <u>Fact Sheet 2 - State elections: Definition of gifts and loans</u> for more information about Gifts.

Gifted Electoral Expenditure

You are taken to have incurred gifted electoral expenditure if:

- A person other than a candidate, registered political party or registered third party incurred electoral expenditure and:
 - The expenditure benefited you; and

- You authorised or consented to the expenditure or accepted any material that resulted from the expenditure; and
- You did not receive an invoice or pay for the expenditure within 7 days of any of the above; or
- A candidate, registered political party or registered third party incurred electoral expenditure and:
 - The expenditure benefited you; and
 - You authorised or consented to the expenditure or accepted any material that resulted from the expenditure; and
 - You received an invoice for payment of the expenditure.

Refer to <u>Fact Sheet 5 - State elections: Definition of electoral expenditure</u> for more information about gifted electoral expenditure.

Loans

A loan is when a person or entity lends money to an associated entity by:

- Advancing money.
- Providing credit or another form of financial accommodation.
- Paying on behalf of the associated entity with an obligation for them to repay the amount.
- Making any other transaction that is in effect a loan of money.

Note:

- Money received from financial institutions or by use of a credit card are not considered a loan.
- A loan is considered a gift when it is made for no consideration or inadequate consideration.

Refer to <u>Fact Sheet 2 - State elections: Definition of gifts and loans</u> for more information about Loans.

Reporting Period

Reporting periods cover 6 monthly periods, between 1 January - 30 June and 1 July - 31 December each year. Further information about key terms and definitions can also be found in the *Electoral Act 1992* and *Electoral Regulation 2013*.

Disclosing a Gift Received in the EDS

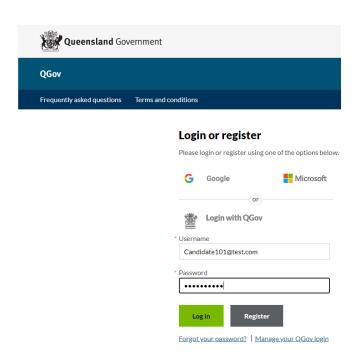
Financial controllers of associated entities that receive gifts of \$1,000 or more are required to disclose the details of the gift in a return.

Gifts can be disclosed *individually* or by using a *bulk upload spreadsheet*.

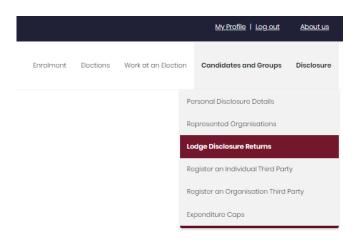
Note: use the bulk upload spreadsheet for disclosing large number of gifts in one transaction.

3.1 Disclosing Gifts Individually

To lodge a return for individual gifts received, please use the following instructions.



 Click here to access the Self Service Portal and enter QGov Username and Password, if required. If not required, go to step 2.
 Note: select Forgot your password? and follow the prompts if you have forgotten your password.



Select Lodge
 Disclosure Returns
 using the Disclosure
 dropdown menu.

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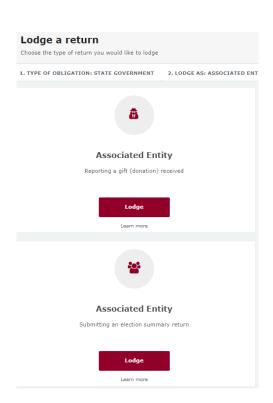
3. Select Lodge return.



Under Type of
 Obligation, select
 State Government.

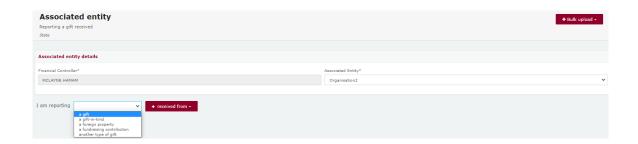


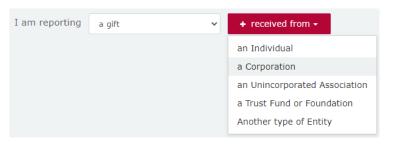
Under Lodge As, select Associated Entity.



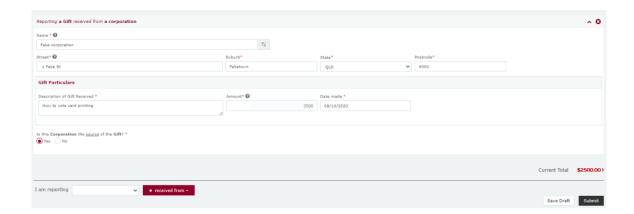
Under Associated
 Entity: Reporting a gift (donation)
 received, select
 Lodge.

7. Select gift type using the I am reporting dropdown menu (e.g. a gift).





- Select donor type from the + received from dropdown menu (e.g. a Corporation).
- 9. Enter all mandatory gift reporting information, such as the name and address of the individual of corporation, gift received, amount and date, and then select Yes or No for Is this Entity the source of the Gift?
 Note:
 - Additional gifts can be disclosed by selecting + received from and repeating the steps above.
 - Hover over the question mark symbol (?) next to each field in EDS for a description on what to enter in each field.





public viewing.

10. Select Submit.

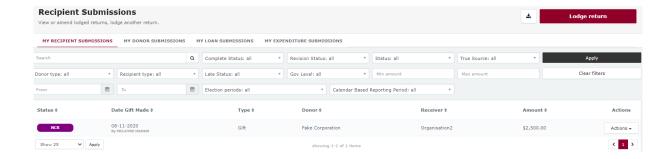
Note: select Save Draft to save a draft of your gift received at any time. Select **Drafts** from the side menu to access this record at a later date.

9 Confirm lodgement of return confirm. I confirm that the information provided in this return is true and complete. I acknowledge that I must keep all records related to this return for 5 years unless the record is transferred to someone else. I acknowledge that this submission will be published and available for

11. Select Submit to

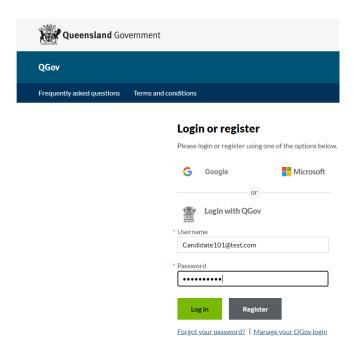
12. The gift received will display on the Recipient Submissions page under the My Recipient Submissions tab.

Note: gift received Status will display as NCR (i.e. no corresponding return) to signify that a corresponding return from the donor is not required.



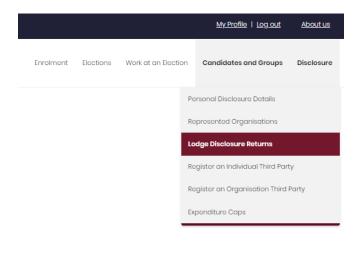
3.2 Disclosing Gifts Using a Bulk Upload Spreadsheet

To lodge a return for multiple gifts received using a bulk upload spreadsheet, please use the following instructions.



 Click <u>here</u> to access the Self Service Portal and enter QGov Username and Password, if required. If not required, go to step 2.

Note: select Forgot your password? and follow the prompts if you have forgotten your password.



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Lodge return

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 using the Disclosure
 dropdown menu.

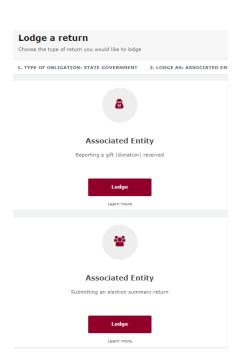
3. Select Lodge return.



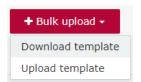
Under Type of
 Obligation, select
 State Government.



Under Lodge As, select Associated Entity.



Under Associated
 Entity: Reporting a gift
 (donation) received,
 select Lodge.



To enter numerous
 expenditure items,
 select + Bulk upload
 using the dropdown
 menu and then select
 Download template.

8. Once downloaded, select file to open.

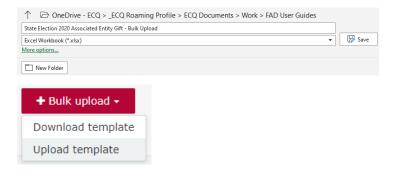
Note:

- Google Chrome downloads appear in the lower left of the page.
- Internet Explorer downloads appear in a popup box.
- Apple Safari downloads are available in the download icon in the lower right of the screen.
- Select Enable Editing and enter mandatory fields, such as name and address of individual of corporation, gift received, amount and date, and then select Yes or No for Is this Entity the source of the Gift?
 Handy tip!
 - To save time, download the bulk upload template at the beginning of the reporting period and complete as you go.
 - Hover over the question mark symbol (?) next to each field in EDS for descriptions on what to enter in each bulk upload spreadsheet field.

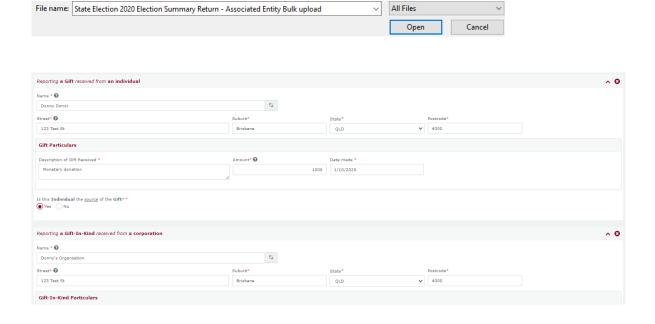
Туре	Type of Donor	Donor						Gift Particulars				Committee member / Trustee		Com
		Name	Street	Suburb	State	Postcod	Country	Description	Amount	Date made	Date Returned	Name	Address	N
Gift	Individual	Donny Donor	123 Test St	Brisbane	QLD	4000		Monetary donation	\$1,000.00	1/10/2020				
Gift-In-Kind	Corporation	Donny's Organisation	123 Test St	Brisbane	QLD	4000		Payment of printing	\$1,000.00	2/10/2020				
Foreign Property	Unincorporated Association	Donny's Association	123 Test St	Auckland	Oversea	1010	New Zealand	Monetary donation	\$1,000.00	3/10/2020	4/10/2020	Donny Donor	123 Test St, Brisbar	ne 4000

Note:

- Ensure you enter data from the top row. Leaving the top rows blank may cause errors when you upload the template to your return.
- Please do not change, add or remove any of the spreadsheet headings or columns, otherwise the template will not upload properly. This includes any wording copied and pasted from another document – it must match the options displayed.
- Country is only required for overseas addresses.



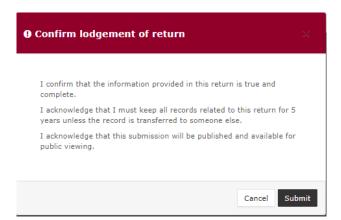
- 10. Save file to a safe location.
- Select + Bulk upload using the dropdown menu and then select
 Upload template.
- 12. Select file to upload and then select Next.



Save Draft Submit

13. Select Submit.

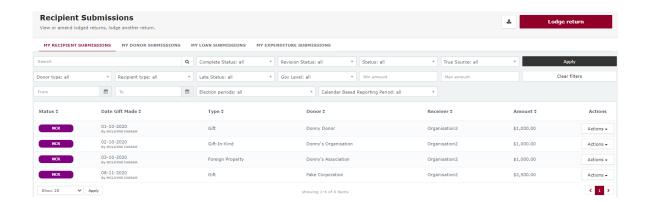
Note: select Save Draft to save a draft of your gift received at any time. Select Drafts from the EDS side menu to access this record at a later date.



14. Select **Submit** to confirm.

15. The gifts received will display on the Recipient Submissions page under the My Recipient Submissions tab.

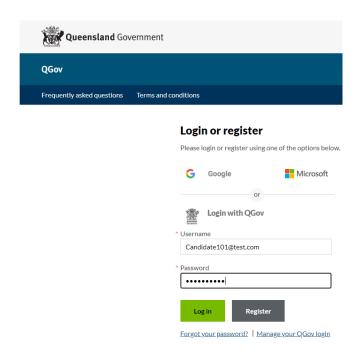
Note: gift received **Status** will display as NCR (i.e. no corresponding return) to signify that a corresponding return from the donor is not required.



4. Disclosing a Loan Received in the EDS

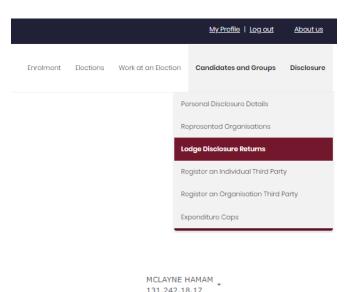
Financial controllers of associated entities that receive loans of \$1,000 or more are required to disclose the details of the loan in a return.

To lodge a return for loans received, please use the following instructions.



1. Click here to access the Self Service Portal and enter QGov Username and Password, if required. If not required, go to step 2.

Note: select Forgot your password? and follow the prompts if you have forgotten your



Select Lodge
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password.

3. Select Lodge return.

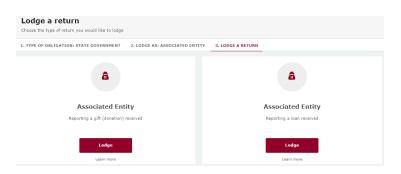
Lodge return



Under Type of
 Obligation, select
 State Government.

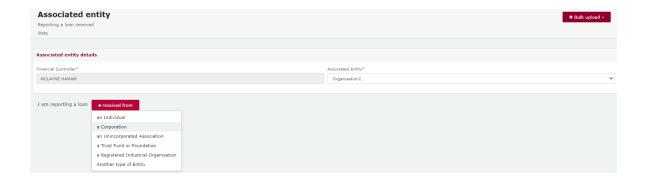


Under Lodge As, select
 Associated Entity.



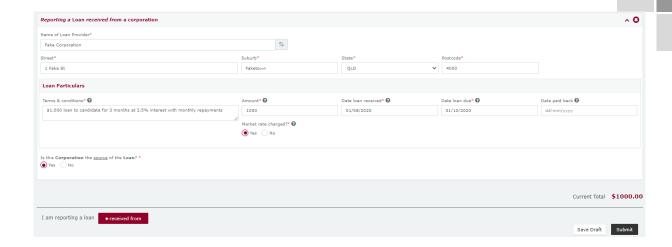
 Under Lodge a Return, select Associated
 Entity: Reporting a loan received.

 Select donor type from the + received from dropdown menu (e.g. a Corporation).

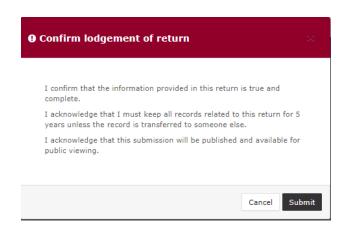


8. Enter all mandatory loan reporting information, such as name and address of the entity giving the loan, terms and conditions of loan received, amount and date loan received, date loan due and date paid back (if applicable). Then select Yes or No for Market rate charged and Is this Entity the source of the Loan?

Note: additional loans can be disclosed by selecting + received from and repeating the steps above.







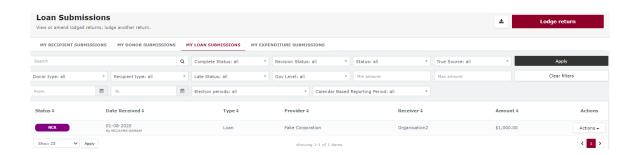
9. Select Submit.

Note: select Save Draft to save a draft of your loan received at any time. Select Drafts from the side menu to access this record at a later date.

Select **Submit** to confirm.

 The loan received will display on the Recipient Submissions page under the My Loan Submissions tab.

Note: loan received **Status** will display as NCR (i.e. no corresponding return) to signify that a corresponding return from the loan provider is not required.



5. Submitting a Periodic Return in the EDS

Financial controllers of associated entities are required to lodge periodic returns for their entity covering 6 monthly periods, ending on 30 June and 31 December each year. The due dates for the periodic returns are **8 weeks** after the end of the reporting period.

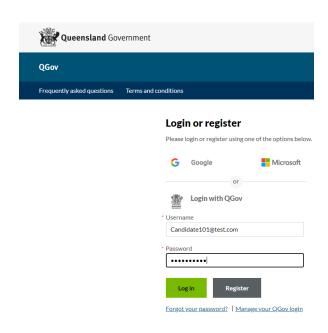
In this return, financial controllers are required to disclose all amounts received, paid and owed by the associated entity for the reporting period, including the details of amounts of \$1,000 or more.

Important! if the associated entity received any gifts or loans of \$1,000 or more during the reporting period, you must lodge a separate return in the EDS for each gift or loan prior to submitting your periodic return. Refer to <u>Disclosing a Gift Received in the EDS</u> and <u>Disclosing a Loan Received in the EDS</u> for more information on how to lodge these returns.

Note: refer to the <u>Glossary</u> for key terms and definitions.

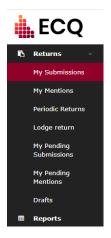
Refer to Submitting an Election Summary Return for information on how to submit an election summary return.

To lodge your Periodic Return, please use the following instructions.



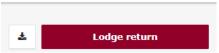
 Click <u>here</u> to access the Self Service Portal and enter QGov Username and Password, if required. If not required, go to step 2.

Note: select Forgot your password? and follow the prompts if you have forgotten your password.



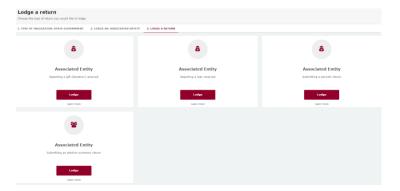
2. Select **My Submissions** in the EDS menu.

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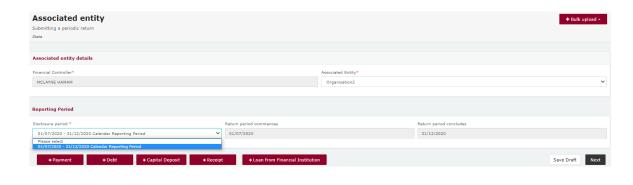




3. Select Lodge Return.

- Under Type of
 Obligation, select State
 Government.
- Under Lodge As, select Associated Entity.
- Under Lodge a Return, select Lodge for Associated Entity: Submitting a periodic return.

7. Select **Disclosure period** from the dropdown menu.



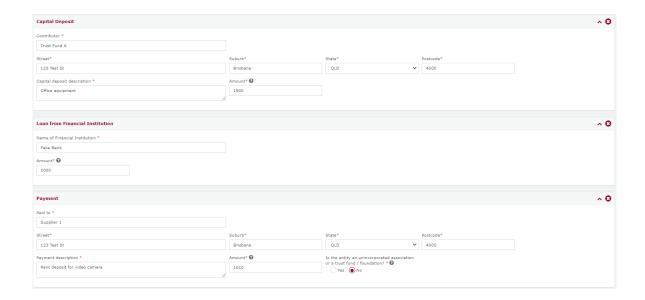
+ Payment + Debt + Capital Deposit + Receipt + Loan from Financial Institution

Select + Payment, +
 Debt, + Capital
 Deposit, + Receipt or
 + Loan from Financial
 Institution depending
 in the type of item being
 lodged.

Note:

- To lodge no payments, debts, or receipts, skip to step 10.
- To lodge numerous items, skip to step 11.
- 9. Under the sections below, enter mandatory fields as follows:
 - Payment include name, address, payment description and amount.
 - **Debt** include name, address, debt description and amount.
 - Capital Deposit include name, address, capital deposit description and amount.
 - Receipt include name, address, description and amount.
 - Loan from Financial Institution name and amount.

Note: select + Payment, + Debt, + Capital Deposit, + Receipt or + Loan from Financial Institution to enter additional items.

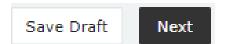


Select Yes or No to Is the entity an unincorporated association or a trust fund / foundation?

Note:

- If **Yes** is selected then additional details, such as name and address of the entity, is required.
- Select + Member to add additional entities.



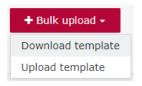


10. Select Next.

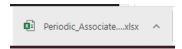
Note:

- To lodge no payments, debts, or receipts, skip to step 17.
- Select Save Draft to save a draft of

your return received at any time. Select **Drafts** from the side menu to access this record at a later date.



- 11. To enter numerous expenditure items, select + Bulk upload using the dropdown menu and then select Download template.
- 12. Once downloaded, select file to open.



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- 13. Select **Enable Editing** and enter mandatory fields including item type, name, address, description and amount.

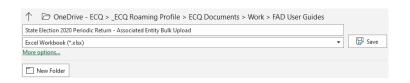
Note: select Yes or No to Is the entity an unincorporated association or a trust fund / foundation? If Yes is selected then additional details, such as name and address of the entity, is required.

	Paid to / Creditor / Contributor / Received from							Description	Is the entity an unincorporated	Committee member / trustee	
Type	Name	Street	Suburb	State	Postcode	Country	Amount	Description	association or a trust fund / foundation?	Name	Address
Payment	Supplier One	1 Pay St	Auckland	Overseas	1010	New Zea	\$1,000.00	Rent deposit for camp	No		
Debt	Debtor One	1 Debt St	Brisbane	QLD	4000		\$2,000.00	Office equipment	Yes	Bebbie Debtor	123 Test St, Brisbane 400
Receipt	Receiver One	1 Receipt St	Brisbane	QLD	4000		\$3,000.00	Bank interest	No		

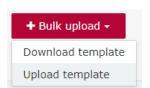
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14. Save file to a safe location.

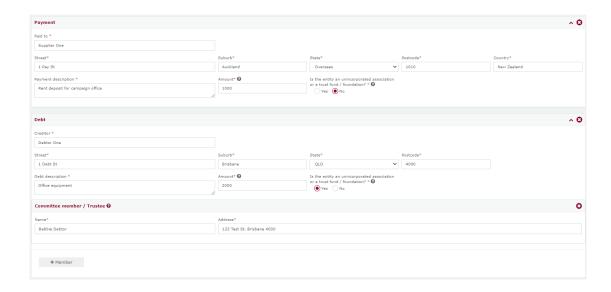


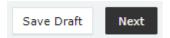
15. Select + Bulk upload using the dropdown menu and then select Upload template.

16. Select file to upload.



After uploading, items from the spreadsheet are displayed under the **Payment**, **Debt** or **Receipt** sections as specified.

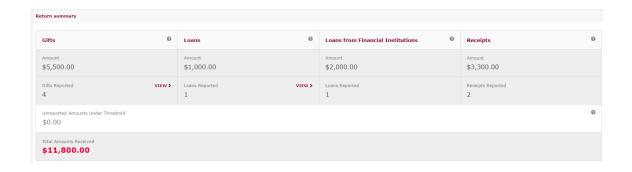




17. Select Next.

Note: select Save Draft to save a draft of your return received at any time. Select Drafts from the side menu to access this record at a later date.

18. The **Return summary** section displays a summary of all amounts received, paid and owed by the associated entity during your reporting period.

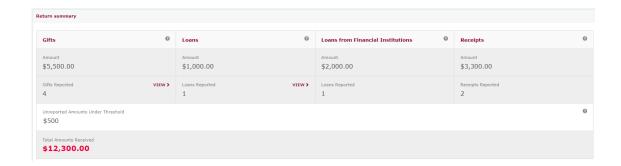


The **Gifts, Loans** and **Loans from Financial Institutions** sections display the total amounts already reported in the EDS as being received by the associated entity during the reporting period.

Note: Gifts or Loans already reported in EDS can be reviewed by clicking the View button.

The **Receipts** section displays the total amount of any receipts, other than gifts or loans, that you added to the previous page of the return.

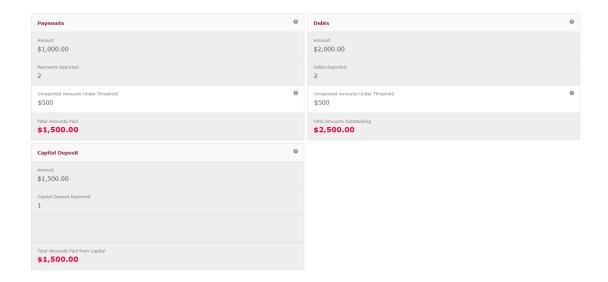
If the associated entity received any gifts, loans or other receipts during the reporting period that were less than \$1,000 and have not already been reported in the EDS, you must update **Unreported Amounts Under Threshold** with the total value of these gifts, loans and receipts.



For example, the screenshot above displays the associated entity having received 4 gifts totalling \$5,500, 1 loan totalling \$1,000 and 1 loan from a financial institution totalling \$2,000. The associated entity also received 2 receipts of \$3,300, added by the financial controller on the previous page of the periodic return.

During the reporting period, the associated entity also received several smaller gifts, loans and receipts, totalling \$500, and this amount is entered in the **Unreported**Amounts Under Threshold field.

Total Amounts Received will calculate the sum of **Amount** and **Unreported Amounts Under Threshold** to display the total amount of gifts, loans and receipts that the associated entity received during the reporting period (e.g. \$12,300.00).



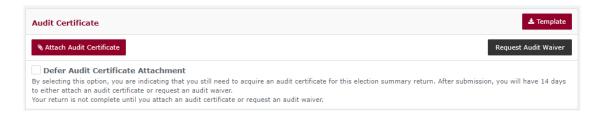
The **Payments**, **Debts** and **Capital Deposit** sections display the total amount of any payments, debts or capital deposits added to the previous page of the return.

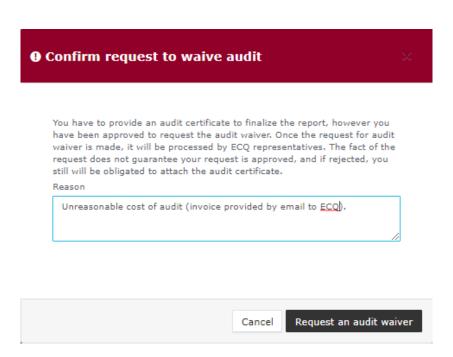
If the associated entity received any payments or debts (but not capital deposits) during the reporting period that were less than \$1,000 and have not already been reported in the EDS, you must update **Unreported Amounts Under Threshold** with the total value of these payments or debts (e.g. \$500).

Total Amounts Paid (for payments) and **Total Amounts Outstanding** (for debts) will calculate the sum of **Amount** and **Unreported Amounts Under Threshold** to display the total amount of **Payments** (e.g. \$1,500) and **Debts** (e.g. \$2,500) that the associated entity received during the reporting period.

19. In the Audit Certificate section, select Template to download an audit certificate template to be completed by an auditor.

Note: the associated entity also has an option to **Request Audit Waiver**, requesting ECQ to waive the need for associated entity to submit an audit certificate. Request to waive an audit requires justification (e.g. unreasonable cost of audit).

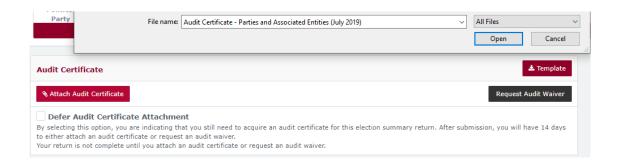




20. Select Attach Audit Certificate to upload file from your computer.

Note: check the Defer Audit Certificate Attachment box to attach certificate at a later stage. Associated entity has 14 days after submission to attach a

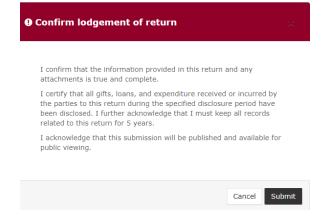
certificate or request an audit waiver and the return is still considered to be incomplete until attached.



Back

Save Draft

Submit



21. Select **Submit** to send your return to ECQ.

Note:

- Periodic returns are submitted once only. If you have made an error and need to resubmit your return, please refer to Amending a Return in the EDS.
- Select Save Draft
 to save a draft of
 your return at any
 time (drafts are
 accessed in the
 Drafts side menu)
 or select Back to
 enter additional
 items.
- 22. Review the Confirm

 lodgement of return

 message and then

 select Submit.

 Note: Submit Nil

 Return will display if no

 gifts or loans were

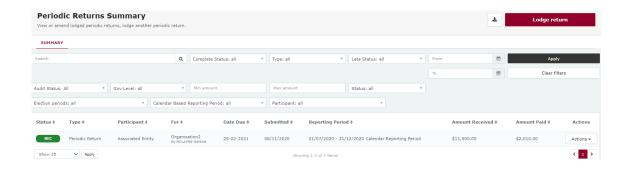
 received, and no

 expenditure was

incurred.

23. Once submitted, the **Periodic Return** displays under the **Periodic Returns** menu and the **Public Reports** page.

Note: once submitted, periodic returns can only be amended by selecting **Request to amend** under the **Actions** dropdown menu.



6. Submitting an Election Summary Return

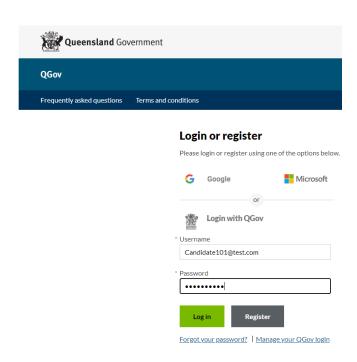
Financial controllers of associated entities are required to lodge an Election Summary Return within 15 weeks of election day.

In this return, associated entities are required to disclose the total amount of all gifted electoral expenditure and the total amount of electoral expenditure that was incurred for the election, even if electoral expenditure is nil.

Note:

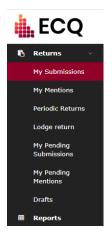
- All gifted electoral expenditure associated entities receive must be disclosed, even if the amount has already been declared as a gift-in-kind or if the value is less than \$1,000.
- Refer to the <u>Glossary</u> for key terms and definitions.

To lodge your Election Summary Return, please use the following instructions.



 Click here to access the Self Service Portal and enter QGov Username and Password, if required. If not required, go to step 2.

Note: select Forgot your password? and follow the prompts if you have forgotten your password.



Select My
 Submissions in the EDS menu.



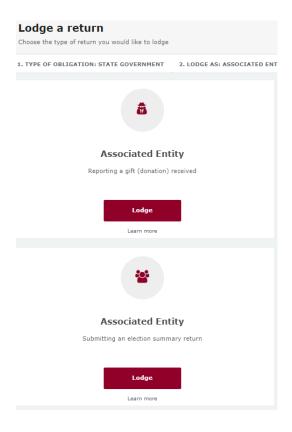
3. Select Lodge return.



Under Type of
 Obligation, select
 State Government.

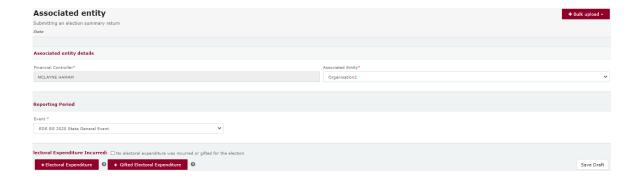


 Under Lodge As, select Associated Entity.



6. Under Lodge a Return, select Lodge for Associated Entity:
Submitting an election summary return.

7. Select **Associated Entity** (e.g. Organisation2) and **Event** (e.g. EDS SG 2020 State General Event) using the dropdown menus.



8. If you did not incur any electoral expenditure, and were not gifted any electoral expenditure, for the election, check the **No electoral expenditure was incurred** or gifted for the election box, then select **Next**.

Note: if you did not incur electoral expenditure continue to step 18, otherwise continue to step 9.





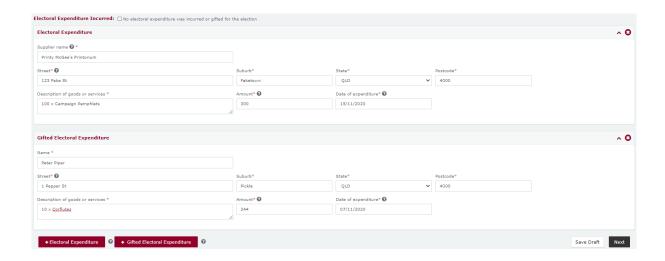
9. Select + Electoral
Expenditure or +
Gifted Electoral
Expenditure
depending on the type
of expenditure incurred.
Note: to disclose
numerous expenditure

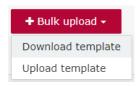
items, skip to step 11.

10. Under the + Electoral Expenditure and + Gifted Electoral Expenditure sections, enter mandatory fields including name, address, description of goods or services, amount and date of expenditure.

Note:

- Select + Electoral Expenditure and + Gifted Electoral Expenditure to enter additional items.
- Select Save Draft to save a draft of your return at any time (drafts are accessed in the Drafts side menu).







Note:

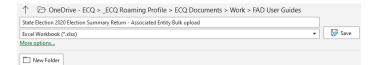
- Google Chrome downloads appear in the lower left of the page.
- Internet Explorer downloads appear in a popup box.
- Apple Safari downloads are available in the download icon in the lower right of the screen.
- 13. Select **Enable Editing** and enter mandatory fields including electoral expenditure type, name, address, description of goods or services, amount and date of expenditure.

Note:

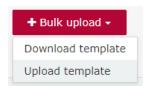
- Ensure you enter data from the top row. Leaving the top rows blank may cause errors when you upload the template to your return.
- Please do not change, add or remove any of the spreadsheet headings or columns, otherwise the template will not upload properly. This includes any wording copied and pasted from another document – it must match the options displayed.
- Country is only required for overseas addresses.

T		Name / Sup	plier Name		D	Date of expenditure			
Туре	Name	Street	Suburb	State	Postcode	Country	Amount	Description of goods or services	Date of expenditure
Electoral Expendito	Printer Shop	1 Eagle St	Brisbane	QLD	4000		\$1,500.00	100 x Campaign Pamphlets	15/10/2020
Gifted Electoral Ex	John Smith	1 Eagle St	Brisbane	QLD	4000		\$1,201.00	10 x Corflutes	15/10/2020

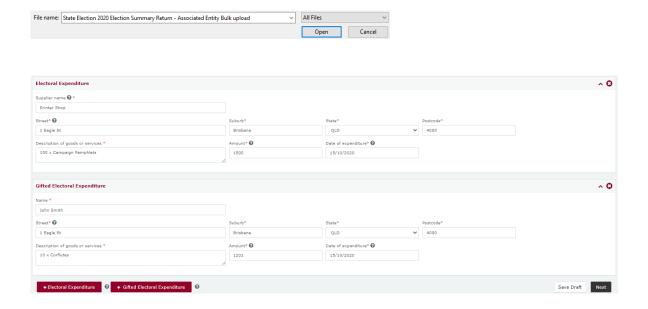
Select to open the file, once downloaded.



14. Save file to a safe location.

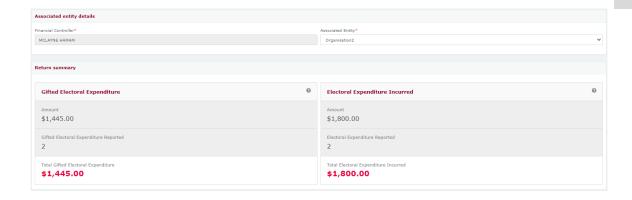


- 15. Select + Bulk upload using the dropdown menu and then select Upload template.
- 16. Select file to upload and then, once all items have been entered, select **Next**.



17. The Return summary section displays a summary of all Gifted Electoral Expenditure and Electoral Expenditure Incurred disclosed for the election.

Note: Gifted Electoral Expenditure and Electoral Expenditure Incurred figures are a total of all amounts entered on the previous page.





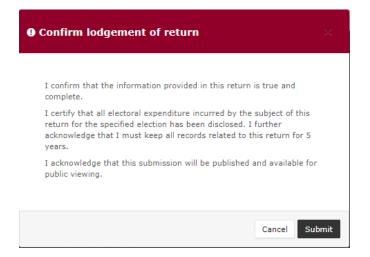
18. Under the Bank
Statement section,
select Upload Files to
upload your bank
statement.

Note: multiple files can be uploaded by holding down your Ctrl button or by selecting Upload Files for each file.

Select **Submit** to send your return to ECQ.

Note: select Save Draft to save a draft of your return at any time or select Back to enter additional expenditure items.





20. Review the Confirm lodgement of return message and then select Submit.

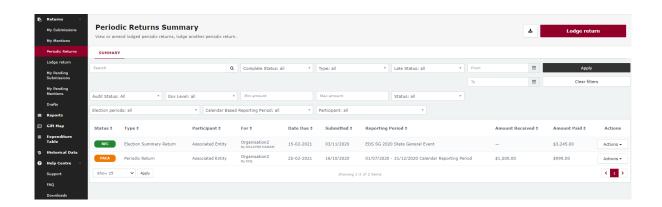
election.

Note: Submit Nil
Return will display if no
expenditure was
incurred for the

21. Once submitted, the Election Summary Return displays under the **Periodic** Returns menu and the public Reports page.

Note:

- Once submitted, election summary returns can only be amended by selecting
 Request to amend from the Actions dropdown menu.
- Refer to <u>Amending a Return in the EDS</u> for more information on how to amend your election summary return.



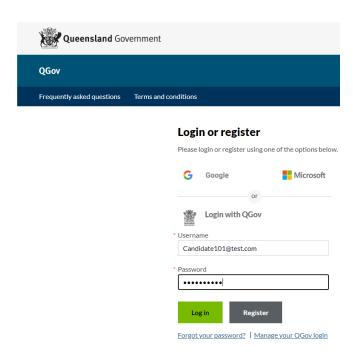
7. Amending a Return in the EDS

If you have made an error or omission in a return that you have previously lodged in the EDS, you can request for the ECQ to amend the return.

Existing returns are found under the side menu options as follows:

- My Submissions displays associated entity's existing gifts, loans and expenditure.
- Periodic Returns displays associated entity's existing periodic and election summary returns.

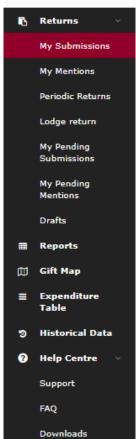
To request to amend a return in the EDS, please use the following instructions.



1. Click here to access the Self Service Portal and enter QGov Username and Password, if required. If not required, go to step 2.

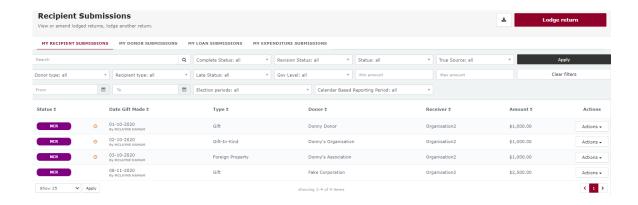
Note: select Forgot your password? and follow the prompts if you have forgotten your password.



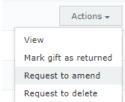


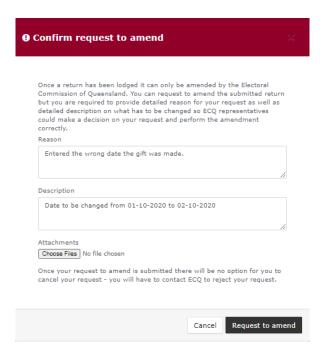
Select My
 Submissions or
 Periodic Returns side
 menu option.

3. Find the return you wish to amend (e.g. \$1,000 gift from Donny Donor).



Actions





- Under the Actions
 column select the
 Actions dropdown
 menu, and then select
 Request to amend.
- to amend window, enter Reason (e.g. Entered the wrong date gift was made) and Description (e.g. Date to be changed from 01-10-2020 to 02-10-2020) of your amendment and then select Request to amend.

Note: files to support amendment can also be attached by selecting Choose Files and uploading from your computer.

6. Under My Submissions or Periodic Returns Summary page, the return Status now displays as Pending and is removed from the public Gift Map and Reports pages.

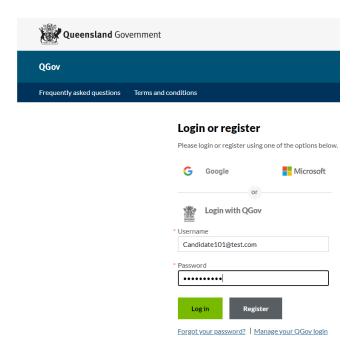
Note: the associated entity will receive an email once the amendment has been processed by the ECQ.



8. Mark a Gift as Returned in the EDS

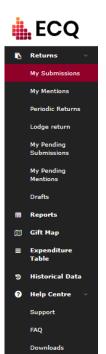
If you have lodged a return in the EDS for a gift that the associated entity has received that has since been returned to the donor, you can mark the gift as returned.

To mark a gift as returned in the EDS, please use the following instructions.



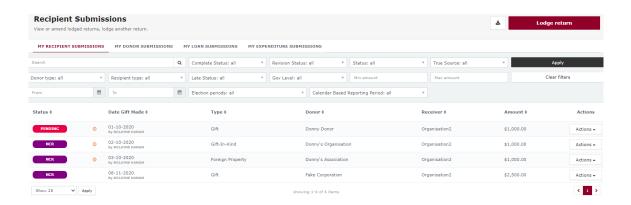
 Click here to access the Self Service Portal and enter QGov Username and Password, if required. If not required, go to step 2.
 Note: select Forgot

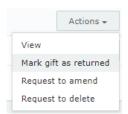
your password? and follow the prompts if you have forgotten your password.



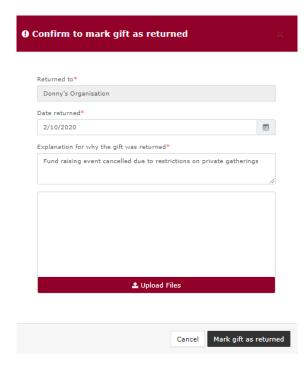
Select My
 Submissions on the side menu.

 Find the return you wish to returned (e.g. \$1,000 gift-in-kind from Donny's Organisation).





Under the Actions
 column select the
 Actions dropdown
 menu, and then select
 Mark gift as returned.



5. In the Confirm to mark gift as returned window, enter Date returned (e.g. 02-10-2020) and an Explanation for why the gift was returned (e.g. Fundraising event cancelled due to

cancelled due to
restrictions on private
gatherings) for your
returned gift and then
select Mark gift as
returned.

Note: files to support returned gifts can also be attached by selecting Upload Files and uploading from your computer.

6. Under **My Submissions Summary** page, a returned symbol (**O**) will display next to the return and on the public **Gift Map** and **Reports** pages.

Note: the associated entity and the donor of the gift (if they are registered in the EDS) will receive an email confirming the gift has been marked as returned.

