

Legislative Amendments related to Election Return

The Electoral Legislation (Miscellaneous Amendments) (No. 2) Ordinance 2019 has been published in the Gazette and has come into operation on 6 December 2019. The legislative amendments related to election return, *inter alia*, include –

- (1) revising the threshold for submission of invoices and receipts for election expenses from \$100 to \$500; and
- (2) raising the limits prescribed for relief for minor errors or omissions in election returns for District Council elections from \$500 to \$3,000.

According to the amended section 37(2)(b) of the Elections (Corrupt and Illegal Conduct) Ordinance (Cap. 554), candidate only needs to submit an invoice and a receipt giving the particulars of the expenditure for each election expense of **\$500 or more**. The invoice and receipt for an election expense may be included in the same document. **The above legislative amendments will be applicable to an election return submitted on or after 6 December 2019.**

The statutory deadline for submission of an election return is **29 December 2019**. For enquiries, please call our Hotline at 2891 1001.

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