

Non-Party Campaigner Campaign Expenditure (Senedd Elections) Code of Practice 2025 (“the Code”) – Statement of Reasons for Modifications

Location of Modification in Code	Modification	Reason for Modification
Whole document	Addition of paragraph numbers.	To ensure consistency between the three Codes of Practice and to allow readers to navigate the Code more easily.
Whole document	The references to “notional expenditure” have been amended to “notional controlled expenditure” throughout the Code.	To ensure consistency and clarity in the use of the term and to ensure that the term is being used as set out in legislation.
Whole document	The references to Part I, II, III etc of Political Parties, Elections and Referendums Act 2000 (“PPERA”) have been amended to Part 1, 2, 3 etc.	To ensure consistency throughout the Code.
Paragraph 1.1	“Welsh Minister” has been amended to “Welsh Minister s ”.	Typographical error.
Paragraph 1.1	A footnote to the relevant legislation citation has been added.	To ensure consistency throughout the Code.
Paragraph 1.1	A reference to section 100C(8) of PERA has been added.	To ensure clarity for the reader, as this is the relevant provision that sets out the requirement for Welsh Ministers to issue the Code.

Paragraph 1.2	A footnote to the relevant legislation has been added.	To ensure consistency throughout the Code.
Paragraph 1.10 – Definition of “candidate”	The definition has been amended from “Candidate means a candidate at a relevant election under section 22 PPERA.” to “Candidate means <u>a person</u> who stands at a relevant election under section 22 PPERA”	To ensure clarity of the definition.
Paragraph 1.10 – Definition of “costs”	Reference to “appropriate amount” has been made in bold.	To ensure this is made clear.
Paragraph 1.10 – Definition of “donation”	The reference to “ <u>paragraphs 2 to 4 of</u> Schedule 11 of PPERA” has been amended.	To ensure clarity of the definition and the correct reference to legislation.
Paragraph 1.10 – Definition of “general campaigns”	The definition has been amended from “General campaigns are campaigns that meet the definition in s.85(2)(b) PPERA and are regulated under Part 6 PPERA; the campaign is for or against one or more political parties; parties or candidate that support or do not support particular policies; or other category of candidates.” to “General campaign means a campaign for or against a candidate or political party at a relevant election regulated under Part 6 of PPERA”	To ensure clarity of the definition.

Paragraph 1.10 – Definition of “incur”	The word “to” has been added to the definition.	Missing word.
Paragraph 1.10 – Definition of “non-party campaigner”	Reference to “section 85(8) PPERA” has been added.	To ensure correct and precise reference to legislation.
Paragraph 1.10 – Definition of “notional controlled expenditure”	The definition has been amended from “notional expenditure” to “notional controlled expenditure”.	To ensure further clarity to the definition, as set out in legislation.
Paragraph 1.10 – Definition of “regulated period”	Reference to “ section 89B(6) and paragraph 6 of Schedule 10 PPERA” has been amended.	To ensure correct and precise reference to legislation.
Paragraph 1.10 – Definition of “relevant election”	Reference to “section 22(5) PPERA” has been amended.	To ensure correct and precise reference to legislation.
Paragraph 1.10 – Definition of “targeted expenditure”	Reference to “UKPGE” has been amended to include the full definition of the acronym - UK Parliamentary General Election.	To ensure clarity.
Paragraphs 1.15 and 1.16	These two paragraphs have been swapped around, and a footnote removed.	Formatting correction, to make this section easier to read.
Paragraph 2.1	The word “as” has been added.	Missing word.
Paragraph 2.5	The reference to “The law on spending and donations appylies to non-party campaigners” has been amended.	Formatting correction.

Paragraph 2.5 – Footnote 4	A reference to section 89B(2) of PPERA has been added.	To ensure correct and precise reference to legislation.
Paragraph 2.6 – Footnote 5	The reference to section 89B(1) of PPERA has been deleted and a reference to section 89B(4) and (5) of PPERA has been added instead.	To ensure correct and precise reference to legislation.
Paragraph 2.9 – Footnote 7	A reference to section 88(3)(c)(ii) PPERA has been added.	To ensure correct and precise reference to legislation.
Paragraphs 2.11 and 2.12	Addition of section on “Non-UK individuals and organisations”.	To ensure consistency with UK and Northern Ireland Assembly Codes of Practice.
Paragraph 3.2	Reference to “ <i>Spending on the following activities is regulated if (i) it occurs in relation to a general campaign during a regulated period and (ii) it meets the purpose test (see page 7 for further details of this test)</i> ” has been amended.	Missing word and additional wording to signpost to additional information.
Paragraph 3.2	Formatting of various words in bold has been removed.	To avoid confusion and ensure consistency throughout the Code.
Paragraph 3.2 – Footnote 10	A reference to “section 85” of PPERA has been added.	To ensure correct and precise reference to legislation.
Paragraph 3.3	A reference to ‘meaning of “the public”’ section has been added.	To ensure consistency throughout the Code.

Paragraph 3.4 – Footnote 11	Footnote has been added.	To ensure correct and precise reference to legislation.
Paragraph 3.6	The reference to “s2(5) of the 1988 Act” has been amended, and replaced with a reference to “section 3 of the 2006 Act”.	Incorrect reference.
Paragraph 3.6 – Footnote 13	Footnote has been added.	To ensure correct and precise reference to legislation.
Paragraph 3.8 – Footnote 15	The reference to “Sch 10 para 6(5) PPERA 2000’ has been amended.	To ensure correct and precise reference to legislation.
Paragraph 3.11 – Footnote 16	The reference to “s94D PPERA 2000 <u>and Sch. 9 Part 3</u> ” has been amended.	To ensure correct and precise reference to legislation.
Paragraph 3.30 – Footnote 19	The reference to ”s22(5) PPERA 2000’ has been removed.	Not required as already included in the relevant definition.
Paragraph 3.33	Wording “See section on campaign activity before an election is announced.” has been amended to “See page 13 and the section on ‘Campaign activity before an election is announced’ for more detail.”	To ensure clarity.
Paragraph 4.7 – Footnote 25	Footnote has been moved to the end of the sentence. The eference to “s96(1) PPERA 2000” has been amended to ”s96 PPERA 2000” as the entire section is relevant and a	To ensure correct and precise reference to legislation.

	reference to “s94(5)(b) PPERA 2000” has been added.	
Paragraph 4.7 – Footnote 26	A reference to ‘s94(5)(b) PPERA 2000’ has been added.	To ensure correct and precise reference to legislation.
Paragraph 4.8	The reference to “paragraph 6(2) of Schedule 10” has been amended.	To ensure correct and precise reference to legislation.
Paragraph 4.8	‘Will’ has been replaced with ‘can’.	Formatting correction.
Paragraph 5.26 – Footnote 34	The reference to “s85(2)(b) PPERA 2000” has been amended.	To ensure correct and precise reference to legislation
Paragraph 6.2	The bold on the words “notional spending” has been removed.	To avoid confusion and ensure consistency throughout the Code.
Paragraph 6.6	Semi-colons have been added.	Formatting correction.
Paragraph 7.2	The word “apply” has been replaced with “applies”.	Formatting correction.
Paragraph 8.4 – Footnote 50	The reference to “Sch 11 para (2) PPERA 2000” has been amended.	To ensure correct and precise reference to legislation.
Paragraph 8.6 – Footnote 53	Footnote has been added.	To ensure correct and precise reference to legislation.