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# HSA Political Action Fund support available for May 14, 2013 provincial election

HSA members throughout the province who are **running for office or working** in the upcoming provincial election may apply to HSA for financial support from HSA's Political Action Fund.

1. Members who are **candidates** may apply for up to 30 days of wage replacement and/or up to \$200 to cover approved personal expenses incurred to run for office.
2. Members who are **working on an election campaign** may apply for up to 30 days of wage replacement, but must confirm that they are donating at least 20 hours of their own unpaid time to work on the campaign.

Members may apply to take the time approved for election work as a single block of time, or in several blocks of time that total a maximum of 30 days.

**Important note:** Elections BC treats the full amount paid by HSA for wage replacement and benefits for a member performing campaign work during the 90 days prior to Election Day (from approximately February 14, 2013 to May 14, 2013), as an election expense against the candidate's/constituency's campaign spending limit.

**It is therefore essential that the election campaign you wish to work with, agrees to accept the entire value of your wage replacement during this time period. The campaign manager or financial agent MUST sign your application to indicate acceptance of this amount, or your application will not be approved.** If the campaign you wish to work for does not yet have a campaign manager or financial agent, then please contact Carol Riviere at the HSA office.

Members are also encouraged to apply for support to carry out campaign work before spending limits begin on February 14, 2013. Support may also be available for members carrying out campaign work after Election Day. Members interested in this should contact Carol Riviere at the HSA office. Spreading out your campaign work may also make it easier to book the time off work.

## **Criteria**

HSA is not affiliated with any political party. HSA provides financial support to members to run for office or to work on election campaigns, only where the candidate **and** the party or slate with which the candidate is running – if any – demonstrate support for **all** of the following:

- a) a positive role for the public sector;
- b) the principles of the *Canada Health Act*;
- c) free collective bargaining for public sector employees; **and**
- d) progressive occupational health and safety legislation.

## **Applications**

Members applying for support to run or work in an election campaign must complete the attached application entitled “2013 Provincial Election form” (additional copies can be downloaded from the HSA website). Send completed applications by e-mail, fax or regular mail to Carol Riviere at the HSA office.

Members are encouraged to apply as soon as possible, **but no later than Friday, February 15, 2013.** Applications received after this date may be considered, if funding is still available.

Members should discuss booking time off with their supervisor, but **should not finalize this until their application to HSA has been approved.**

For further information, please contact Carol Riviere, Communications Officer, at the HSA office.

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