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SCHEDULES

SCHEDULE 20

Section 150.

PENALTIES

Commencement Information

- II** Sch. 20 wholly in force at 16.2.2001; Sch. 20 not in force at Royal Assent, see s. 163(2); Sch. 20 in force at 16.2.2001 by [S.I. 2001/222](#), [art. 2](#), [Sch. 1 Pt. I](#) (subject to transitional provisions in [Sch. 1 Pt. II](#))

<i>Provision creating offence</i>	<i>Penalty</i>
Section 24(8) (registration as treasurer where convicted of certain offences)	On summary conviction: Level 5
Section 39 (false statements)	On summary conviction: Level 5
Section 43(7) (failure to deliver statement relating to auditor's resignation etc)	On summary conviction: statutory maximum or 6 months On indictment : fine or 1 year
Section 44(4) (making false statement to auditor)	On summary conviction: statutory maximum or 6 months On indictment : fine or 1 year
Section 47(1)(a) (failure to deliver proper statement of accounts)	On summary conviction: Level 5
Section 47(1)(b) (failure to deliver accounts within time limits)	On summary conviction: Level 5
Section 54(7) (failure to provide information about donors)	On summary conviction: statutory maximum or 6 months On indictment : fine or 1 year
Section 56(3) or (4) (failure to return donations)	On summary conviction: statutory maximum or 6 months On indictment : fine or 1 year
Section 61(1) (facilitating the making of donations by impermissible donors)	On summary conviction: statutory maximum or 6 months On indictment : fine or 1 year
Section 61(2)(a) (knowingly giving treasurer false information about donations)	On summary conviction: statutory maximum or 6 months On indictment : fine or 1 year
Section 61(2)(b) (withholding information about donations from treasurer with intent to deceive)	On summary conviction: statutory maximum or 6 months On indictment : fine or 1 year

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Section 65(3) (failure to deliver donation reports to Commission within time limits)	On summary conviction: Level 5
Section 65(4) (failure to comply with requirements for recording donations in donation report)	On summary conviction: statutory maximum or 6 months On indictment : fine or 1 year
Section 66(5) (making a false declaration about donation report)	On summary conviction: statutory maximum or 6 months On indictment : fine or 1 year
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[^{F2} Section 71E(5) (disclosing Northern Ireland donation reports)	On summary conviction in England and Wales: statutory maximum or 51 weeks On summary conviction elsewhere: statutory maximum or 6 months]
[^{F3} Section 71L(1) (registered party entering into regulated transaction with unauthorised participant)	On summary conviction: statutory maximum On indictment: fine
Section 71L(2) (treasurer of party entering into regulated transaction with unauthorised participant)	On summary conviction: statutory maximum or 12 months On indictment: fine or 1 year
Section 71L(3) (party liable if treasurer fails to repay money obtained under regulated transaction with unauthorised participant)	On summary conviction: statutory maximum On indictment: fine
Section 71L(4) (treasurer failing to repay money obtained under regulated transaction with unauthorised participant)	On summary conviction: statutory maximum or 12 months On indictment: fine or 1 year
Section 71L(5) (party benefiting from connected transaction to which an unauthorised participant is a party)	On summary conviction: statutory maximum On indictment: fine
Section 71L(6) (treasurer of registered party which benefits from connected transaction to which an unauthorised participant is a party)	On summary conviction: statutory maximum or 12 months On indictment: fine or 1 year
Section 71L(7) (party liable if treasurer fails to repay benefit obtained in consequence of security given by unauthorised participant)	On summary conviction: statutory maximum On indictment: fine
Section 71L(8) (treasurer failing to repay benefit obtained in consequence of security given by unauthorised participant)	On summary conviction: statutory maximum or 12 months On indictment: fine or 1 year
Section 71L(9) (facilitating a regulated transaction involving unauthorised participant)	On summary conviction: statutory maximum or 12 months On indictment: fine or 1 year
Section 71S(4) (failure to deliver transaction reports to Commission within time limits)	On summary conviction: Level 5

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Section 71S(5) (failure to comply with requirements for recording transactions in transaction report)	On summary conviction: statutory maximum or 12 months On indictment: fine or 1 year
Section 71T(5) (making a false declaration about transaction report)	On summary conviction: statutory maximum or 12 months On indictment: fine or 1 year.]
[^{F4} Section 71Z4(5)(disclosing Northern Ireland transaction reports)	On summary conviction in England and Wales: Level 5 or 51 weeks On summary conviction elsewhere: Level 5 or 6 months]
Section 73(8) (making a false declaration about value of property etc.)	On summary conviction: statutory maximum or 6 months On indictment : fine or 1 year
Section 74(4) (acceptance by ineligible person of office of deputy treasurer)	On summary conviction: Level 5
Section 75(2) (incurring campaign expenditure without authority)	On summary conviction: Level 5
Section 76(4)(a) (making payments in respect of campaign expenditure without authority)	On summary conviction: Level 5
Section 76(4)(b) (failure to notify treasurer of payments in respect of campaign expenditure)	On summary conviction: Level 5
Section 77(3)(a) (paying claim in respect of campaign expenditure where failure to comply with procedure)	On summary conviction: Level 5
Section 77(3)(b) (paying claim in respect of campaign expenditure outside specified time period)	On summary conviction: Level 5
Section 79(2) (exceeding limits on campaign expenditure)	On summary conviction: statutory maximum On indictment : fine
Section 82(4)(a) (failure of treasurer to deliver return and auditor’s report to Commission)	On summary conviction: Level 5
Section 82(4)(b) (failure to comply with requirements for returns)	On summary conviction: statutory maximum or 6 months On indictment : fine or 1 year
Section 82(4)(c) (failure of treasurer to deliver return and court order to Commission)	On summary conviction: Level 5
Section 83(3)(a) (making a false declaration to Commission when delivering return)	On summary conviction: statutory maximum or 6 months On indictment : fine or 1 year
Section 83(3)(b) (failure to deliver signed declaration with return to Commission)	On summary conviction: statutory maximum or 6 months On indictment : fine or 1 year

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Section 86(8) (making false declaration about value of property etc)	On summary conviction: statutory maximum or 6 months On indictment : fine or 1 year
Section 90(2) (incurring controlled expenditure without authority)	On summary conviction: level 5
Section 91(4)(a) (making payments in respect of controlled expenditure without authority)	On summary conviction: Level 5
Section 91(4)(b) (failure to notify responsible person of payments in respect of controlled expenditure)	On summary conviction: Level 5
Section 92(3)(a) (paying claim in respect of controlled expenditure where failure to comply with procedure)	On summary conviction: Level 5
Section 92(3)(b) (paying claim in respect of controlled expenditure outside specified time period)	On summary conviction: Level 5
Section 94(2) or (4) (exceeding limits on controlled expenditure)	On summary conviction: statutory maximum On indictment : fine
Section 98(4)(a) (failure of responsible person to deliver return and auditor's report to Commission)	On summary conviction: Level 5
Section 98(4)(b) (failure to comply with requirements for returns)	On summary conviction: statutory maximum or 6 months On indictment : fine or 1 year
Section 98(4)(c) (failure to deliver return and court order to Commission)	On summary conviction: Level 5
Section 99(4)(a) (making a false declaration to Commission when delivering return)	On summary conviction: statutory maximum or 6 months On indictment : fine or 1 year
Section 99(4)(b) (failure to deliver signed declaration with return to Commission)	On summary conviction: statutory maximum or 6 months On indictment : fine or 1 year
Section 112(8) (making a false declaration about value of property etc)	On summary conviction: statutory maximum or 6 months On indictment : fine or 1 year
Section 113(2) (incurring referendum expenses without authority)	On summary conviction: Level 5
Section 114(4)(a) (making payments in respect of referendum expenses without authority)	On summary conviction: Level 5
Section 114(4)(b) (failure to notify responsible person of payments in respect of referendum expenses)	On summary conviction: Level 5

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Section 115(3)(a) (paying claim in respect of referendum expenses where failure to comply with procedure)	On summary conviction: Level 5
Section 115(3)(b) (paying claim in respect of referendum expenses outside specified time period)	On summary conviction: Level 5
Section 117(2) (individual (other than permitted participant) exceeding limits on referendum expenses)	On summary conviction: statutory maximum or 6 months On indictment : fine or 1 year
Section 117(3) or (4) (body (other than permitted participant) exceeding limits on referendum expenses)	On summary conviction: statutory maximum or 6 months On indictment : fine or 1 year
Section 118(2) (permitted participant exceeding limits on referendum expenses)	On summary conviction: statutory maximum On indictment : fine
Section 122(4)(a) (failure to deliver return and auditor’s report to Commission)	On summary conviction: Level 5
Section 122(4)(b) (failure to comply with requirements for returns)	On summary conviction: statutory maximum or 6 months On indictment : fine or 1 year
Section 122(4)(c) (failure to deliver return and court order to Commission)	On summary conviction: Level 5
Section 123(4)(a) (making a false declaration to Commission when delivering return)	On summary conviction: statutory maximum or 6 months On indictment : fine or 1 year
Section 123(4)(b) (failure to deliver signed declaration with return to Commission)	On summary conviction: statutory maximum or 6 months On indictment : fine or 1 year
Section 126(8) or (9) (printing or publishing referendum material without details of printer or publisher)	On summary conviction: Level 5
Section 143(8) or (9) (printing or publishing election material without details of printer or publisher)	On summary conviction: Level 5
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Section 148(1) (alteration of documents etc.)	On summary conviction: statutory maximum or 6 months On indictment : fine or 1 year
Section 148(2)(a) (failure to supply relevant person with information)	On summary conviction: Level 5
Section 148(2)(b) (supplying relevant person with false information)	On summary conviction: statutory maximum or 6 months

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	On indictment : fine or 1 year
Section 148(3) (withholding information from relevant person with intent to deceive)	On summary conviction: statutory maximum or 6 months On indictment : fine or 1 year
[^{F6} Paragraph 1B of Schedule 7 (failure by members association to comply with requirement to appoint responsible person)	On summary conviction: Level 5]
Paragraph 6(5) of Schedule 7 (failure to provide information about donors)	On summary conviction: statutory maximum or 6 months On indictment : fine or 1 year
Paragraph 12(1) of Schedule 7 (failure to deliver donation report to Commission within time limit)	On summary conviction: Level 5
Paragraph 12(2) of Schedule 7 (failure to comply with requirements for recording donations in donation reports)	On summary conviction: statutory maximum or 6 months On indictment : fine or 1 year
Paragraph 13(4) of Schedule 7 (making a false declaration about donation report)	On summary conviction: statutory maximum or 6 months On indictment : fine or 1 year
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[^{F7} Paragraph 17(4) of Schedule 7 (knowingly giving compliance officer false information about donations)	On summary conviction in England and Wales or Scotland: statutory maximum or 12 months On summary conviction in Northern Ireland: statutory maximum or 6 months On indictment: fine or 1 year]
[^{F8} Paragraph 8(1) of Schedule 7A (individual regulated participant knowingly enters controlled transaction with unauthorised participant)	On summary conviction: statutory maximum or 12 months On indictment: fine or 1 year
Paragraph 8(2) of Schedule 7A (responsible person of members association which enters controlled transaction with unauthorised participant)	On summary conviction: statutory maximum or 12 months On indictment: fine or 1 year
Paragraph 8(3) of Schedule 7A (individual regulated participant failing to repay money obtained under controlled transaction with unauthorised participant)	On summary conviction: statutory maximum or 12 months On indictment: fine or 1 year
Paragraph 8(4) of Schedule 7A (responsible person failing to repay money obtained by members association under controlled transaction with unauthorised participant)	On summary conviction: statutory maximum or 12 months On indictment: fine or 1 year
Paragraph 8(5) of Schedule 7A (individual regulated participant knowingly benefits	On summary conviction: statutory maximum or 12 months On indictment: fine or 1 year

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from connected transaction involving unauthorised participant)	
Paragraph 8(6) of Schedule 7A (responsible person of members association which knowingly benefits from connected transaction involving unauthorised participant)	On summary conviction: statutory maximum or 12 months On indictment: fine or 1 year
Paragraph 8(7) of Schedule 7A (individual regulated participant failing to repay value of benefit obtained in consequence of connected transaction involving unauthorised participant)	On summary conviction: statutory maximum or 12 months On indictment: fine or 1 year
Paragraph 8(8) of Schedule 7A (responsible person failing to repay value of benefit obtained by members association in consequence of connected transaction involving unauthorised participant)	On summary conviction: statutory maximum or 12 months On indictment: fine or 1 year
Paragraph 8(9) of Schedule 7A (facilitating controlled transaction involving unauthorised participant)	On summary conviction: statutory maximum or 12 months On indictment: fine or 1 year
Paragraph 12(1) of Schedule 7A (failure to deliver transaction report to Commission within time limit)	On summary conviction: Level 5
Paragraph 12(2) of Schedule 7A (failure to comply with requirements for recording transactions on transaction reports)	On summary conviction: statutory maximum or 12 months On indictment: fine or 1 year
Paragraph 13(4) of Schedule 7A (making a false declaration about a transaction report)	On summary conviction: statutory maximum or 12 months On indictment: fine or 1 year]
Paragraph 6(7) of Schedule 11 (failure to provide information about donors)	On summary conviction: statutory maximum or 6 months On indictment : fine or 1 year
Paragraph 6(8) of Schedule 15 (failure to provide information about donors)	On summary conviction: statutory maximum or 6 months: On indictment : fine or 1 year
[^{F9} Paragraph 6(1) of Schedule 19A (failure to give notification or report within specified period)	On summary conviction: Level 5
Paragraph 6(2) of Schedule 19A (giving notification or report that fails to comply with requirements of that Schedule)	On summary conviction in England and Wales or Scotland: statutory maximum or 12 months On summary conviction in Northern Ireland: statutory maximum or 6 months On indictment: fine or 1 year
Paragraph 6(3) of Schedule 19A (making false declaration in notification or report)	On summary conviction in England and Wales or Scotland: statutory maximum or 12 months

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	On summary conviction in Northern Ireland: statutory maximum or 6 months On indictment: fine or 1 year]
[^{F10} Paragraph 13(1) of Schedule 19B (failure to comply with investigation requirement)	On summary conviction: Level 5
Paragraph 13(2) of Schedule 19B (intentional obstruction of person exercising investigatory power)	On summary conviction: Level 5
Paragraph 13(3) of Schedule 19B (providing false information in purported compliance with investigation requirement)	On summary conviction in England and Wales or Scotland: statutory maximum or 12 months On summary conviction in Northern Ireland: statutory maximum or 6 months On indictment: fine or 1 year]
[^{F11} Paragraph 14 of Schedule 19C (failure to comply with stop notice)	On summary conviction in England and Wales or Scotland: £20,000 or 12 months On summary conviction in Northern Ireland: £20,000 or 6 months On indictment: fine or 2 years]

Textual Amendments

- F1** Sch. 20 table: entries repealed (11.9.2006) by Electoral Administration Act 2006 c. 22, ss. 74, 77(2), Sch. 1 para. 155, Sch. 2; S.I. 2006/1972, art. 3, Sch. 1 paras. 24, 25(k), 26(3)(c) (subject to art. 4, Sch. 2)
- F2** Sch. 20 table: entry relating to s. 71E(5) inserted (1.11.2007) by Northern Ireland (Miscellaneous Provisions) Act 2006 (c. 33), ss. 10(2)(b), 14(1)(2), 31(2), Sch. 1 para. 2 (as amended: (2.8.2010) by S.I. 2010/2061, arts. 1, 2; (1.3.2011) by S.I. 2011/431, arts. 1(2), 2; (28.2.2013) by S.I. 2013/320, arts. 1(2), 2; and (13.3.2014) by 2014 c. 13, ss. 1(1), 28(1)(a)(i))
- F3** Sch. 20 table: entries inserted (11.9.2006 for E.W.S for certain purposes, 1.7.2008 for N.I.) by virtue of Electoral Administration Act 2006 c. 22, ss. 61(6), 77(2); S.I. 2006/1972, art. 3, Sch. 1 para. 20(a) (as substituted by S.I. 2006/2268, art. 3); S.I. 2008/1656, art. 2 (subject to art. 3, Sch. 1)
- F4** Sch. 20 table: entry relating to s. 71Z4(5) inserted (1.7.2008) by The Electoral Administration Act 2006 (Regulation of Loans etc: Northern Ireland) Order 2008, arts. 1(2), 5, Sch. 1 para. 2 (as amended: (2.8.2010) by S.I. 2010/2061, arts. 1, 3; (1.3.2011) by S.I. 2011/431, arts. 1(2), 3; (28.2.2013) by S.I. 2013/320, arts. 1(2), 3; and (13.3.2014) by 2014 c. 13, ss. 2(1)(a), 28(1)(b)(i))
- F5** Sch. 20 entries repealed (1.12.2010) by Political Parties and Elections Act 2009 (c. 12), s. 43(1), Sch. 7; S.I. 2010/2866, art. 3(d)(h)
- F6** Sch. 20 table: entry relating to Sch. 7 para. 1B inserted (1.1.2010) by Political Parties and Elections Act 2009 (c. 12), ss. 14(5), 43 (with s. 40); S.I. 2009/3084, art. 4(c) (with art. 6)
- F7** Sch. 20 table: entry relating to Sch. 7 para. 17(4) inserted (1.1.2010) by Political Parties and Elections Act 2009 (c. 12), ss. 15(2), 43 (with s. 40); S.I. 2009/3084, art. 4(d)
- F8** Sch. 20 table: entries inserted (11.9.2006 for E.W.S. for certain purposes, 1.7.2008 for N.I.) by Electoral Administration Act 2006, (c. 22), ss. 61(7), 77(2), Sch. 1 para. 101; S.I. 2006/1972, art. 3, Sch. 1 paras. 20(a), 25(m)(i) (subject to art. 4, Sch. 2); S.I. 2008/1656, art. 2 (subject to art. 3, Sch. 1)
- F9** Sch. 20 table: entries relating to Sch. 19A inserted (21.7.2009) by Political Parties and Elections Act 2009 (c. 12), ss. 19(3), 43(1)(5)(c) (with s. 40)
- F10** Words in Sch. 20 inserted (1.12.2010) by Political Parties and Elections Act 2009 (c. 12), ss. 2(3), 43(1) (with s. 40); S.I. 2010/2866, art. 3(b) (with art. 5)
- F11** Words in Sch. 20 inserted (1.12.2010) by Political Parties and Elections Act 2009 (c. 12), ss. 3(3), 43(1) (with s. 40); S.I. 2010/2866, art. 3(c) (with art. 6)

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