

SCOTTISH PARLIAMENT ELECTION

IN THE

Shetland Islands Constituency

7 May 2026

CANDIDATE'S ELECTION EXPENSES LIMITS

16 March 2026

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The estimated figures below are based on the Register as at **1 March 2026**.

****It must be stressed that these amounts are only indicative and that candidates and their election agents must ascertain the amounts applicable to themselves by reference to the final electorate figures and the relevant legislation. The final electorate figure to be used will be based on the Register as at 25 March 2026.***

CANDIDATE'S ELECTION EXPENSES LIMITS LONG CAMPAIGN*

The amounts given below are the limits on candidates' election expenses for a constituency seat based on £21,500 + 6.3p per elector (**county** constituencies) for every entry in the register of electors as it has effect on the last day for publication of notice of the election (The Scottish Parliament (Elections etc.) Order 2015).

Constituency	Electorate as at 1 March 2026	Election Expenses Limit*
Shetland Islands	17,965	£22,631.79

CANDIDATE'S ELECTION EXPENSES LIMITS SHORT CAMPAIGN*

The amounts given below are the limits on candidates' election expenses for a constituency seat based on £8,700 + 9p per elector (**county** constituencies) for every entry in the register of electors as it has effect on the last day for publication of notice of the election (The Scottish Parliament (Elections etc.) Order 2015).

Constituency	Electorate as at 1 March 2026	Election Expenses Limit*
Shetland Islands	17,965	£10,316.85

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Electoral Commission Guidance

The regulated period for the Scottish Parliamentary election in 2026 is divided into two periods: the 'long campaign' and the 'short campaign'. Each period has its own spending limit. You must keep within the spending limit for each period. You should also keep separate records of your spending for each period.

Long campaign

The long campaign begins on 7 January 2026. It will end on the day you officially become a candidate.

Short campaign

The short campaign begins on the day after you officially become a candidate and ends on polling day, 7 May 2026.

When does a person officially become a candidate?

The earliest date you can officially become a candidate is Thursday 26 March 2026. You will become a candidate on this date if you or others have already announced your intention to stand. For example, your party may have issued a press release when you were selected, or you might have announced your intention at a residents' meeting.

If your intention to stand has not been announced by 26 March 2026, you will officially become a candidate on the earlier of:

- the date you or another person declare your intention to stand
- the date when you are nominated

This must be prior to the close of nominations, which is 4pm on Wednesday 1 April 2026.

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