

Transitional Rules



Electoral Legislation (Electoral Reform) (Application and Transitional Provisions) Rules 2026 (Transitional Rules)

What are the Transitional Rules?

Transitional Rules support the transition from the current funding and disclosure scheme to the new scheme set by the *Electoral Legislation Amendment (Electoral Reform) Act 2025*.

The rules:

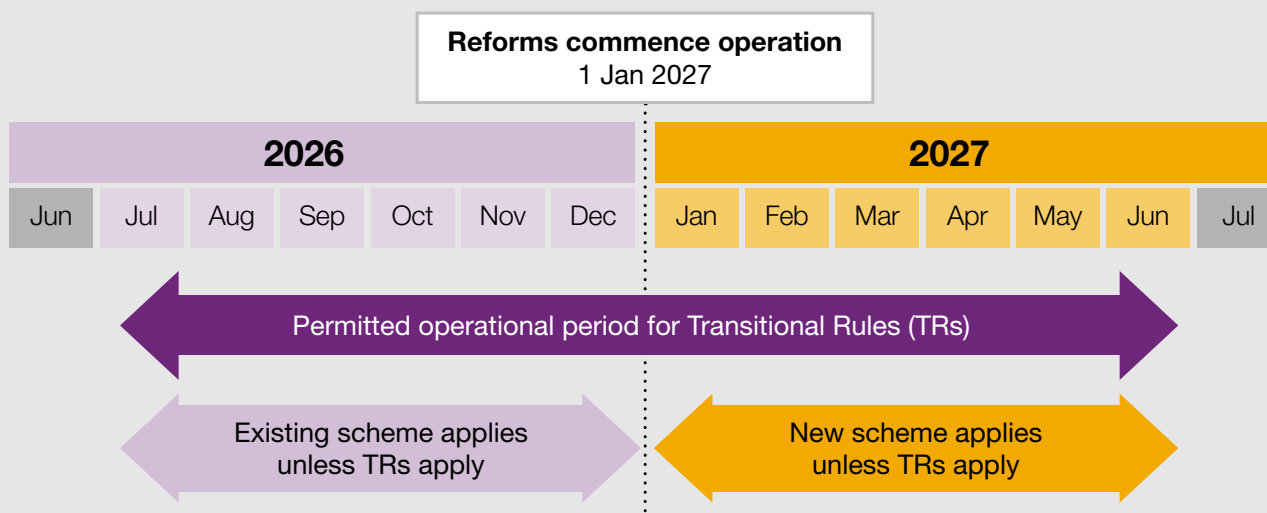
- clarify the timing and application of the Electoral Reform Act
- detail when obligations of the existing funding and disclosure scheme end and new obligations begin, and
- maintain the operation of certain reporting obligations during the transitional period.

Do the rules affect me?

Transitional Rules may apply to individuals and entities with obligations under the [existing](#) funding and disclosure scheme.

When do the Transitional Rules commence?

Transitional Rules apply from **1 July 2026** until **30 June 2027**. They cannot operate beyond this date.





Time period	Disclosure deadline	Publication timing	Current or new requirements?
2025-26 financial year Registered political parties, significant third parties, associated entities (1 July 2025 – 30 June 2026)	20 October 2026	1 February 2027	Current Electoral Act requirements
2025-26 financial year Members of the House of Representatives, Senators, third parties, donors (1 July 2025 – 30 June 2026)	17 November 2026	1 February 2027	Current Electoral Act requirements
2026 financial year (1 July 2026 – 31 December 2026) Under the Transitional Rules, 1 July to 31 December 2026 is considered a financial year.	11 March 2027	22 April 2027	Current Electoral Act requirements
2027 calendar year (1 January 2027 – 31 December 2027)	25 February 2028	By 11 March 2028	New Electoral Reform Act requirements

Indexation

Disclosure threshold

The disclosure threshold will not be indexed on 1 July 2026.

This means the disclosure threshold will remain as \$17,300 for the 1 July 2026 to 31 December 2026 period.

Election funding rates

The election funding and the automatic payment rates will be indexed on 1 July 2026.

Where can I find more information?

The Transitional Rules can be found on the [Federal Register of Legislation](#). More information on the Rules or FAD Reform, can be found on the [AEC Transitional Rules page](#).

Further information

Visit aec.gov.au/FADreform/ or email FADreform@aec.gov.au

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