

VEC DISCLOSURES – REGISTERED OFFICER/AGENT OR DEPUTY REGISTERED OFFICER/AGENT GUIDE

Victorian Electoral Commission online disclosure system

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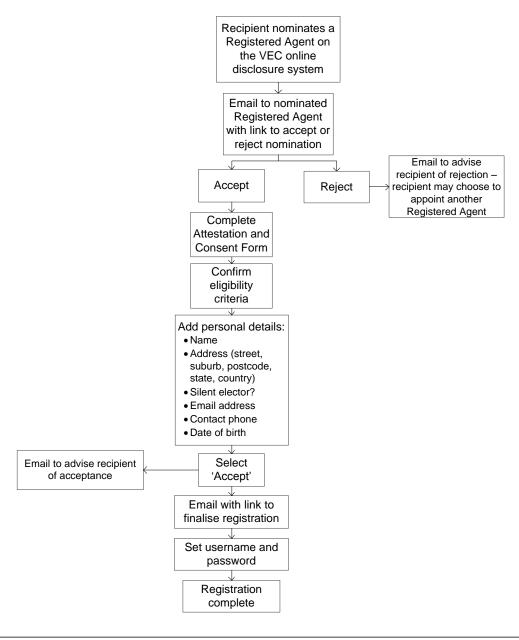
HOW TO ACCEPT OR REJECT A REGISTERED AGENT NOMINATION

Why have I been nominated as a Registered Agent?

Recipient of political donations may elect to nominate a Registered Agent to manage their funding and disclosure obligations. This includes disclosing all donations via the VEC online disclosure system, managing the State campaign account, submitting annual returns, and, if applicable, managing payments of funding.

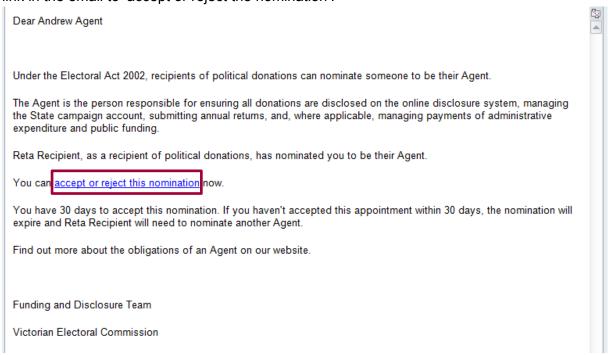
To be eligible to be appointed as a Registered Agent of a recipient, a person must be at least 18 years of age and must not have any convictions against the funding and disclosure provisions (Part 12) of the *Electoral Act 2002* (Vic), or the funding and disclosure provisions (Part XX) of the *Commonwealth Electoral Act 1918* (Cth).

Registered Agent nomination process overview

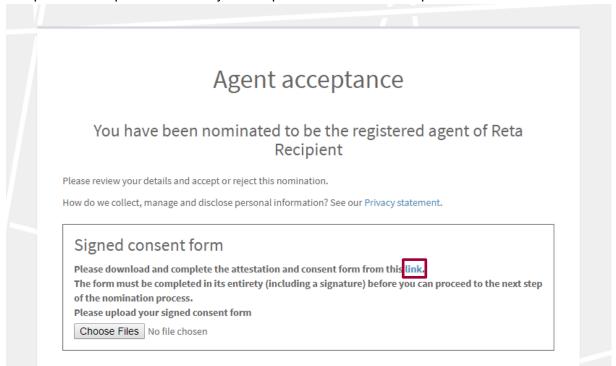


Registered Agent nomination process - accept nomination

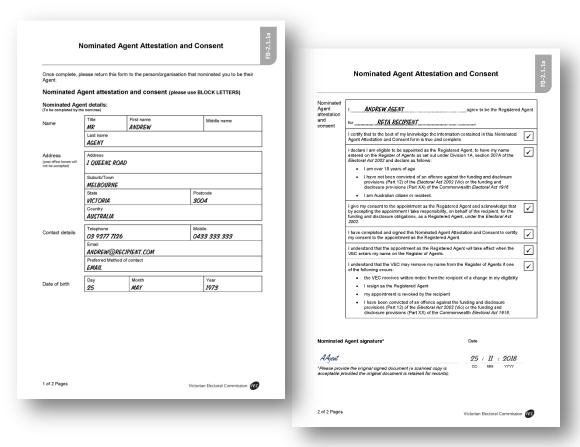
1. You will receive an email advising you have been nominated as a Registered Agent. Select the link in the email to 'accept or reject the nomination'.



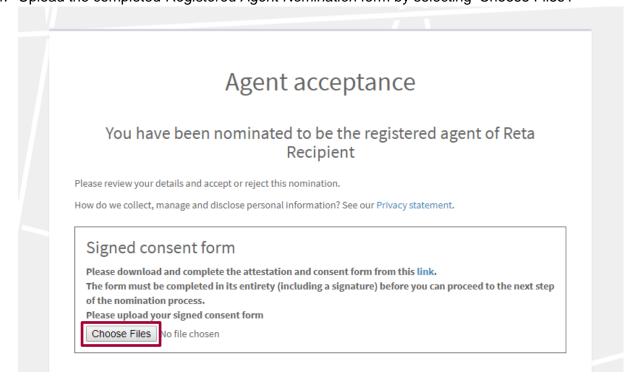
2. Download the *Registered Agent Nomination* form by selecting the 'link'. This form must be completed and uploaded before you can proceed to the next step.



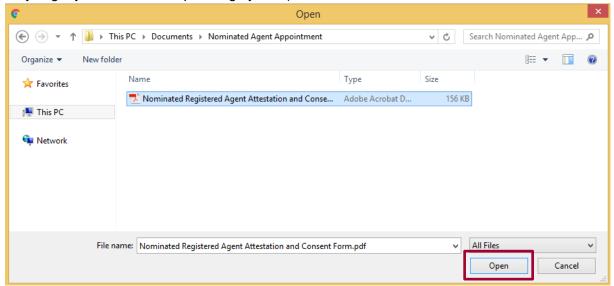
3. Complete the *Registered Agent Nomination* form, scan it and save it to your computer (you must keep an original version).



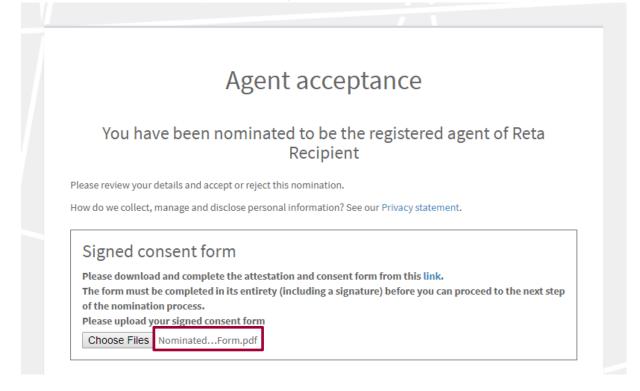
4. Upload the completed Registered Agent Nomination form by selecting 'Choose Files'.



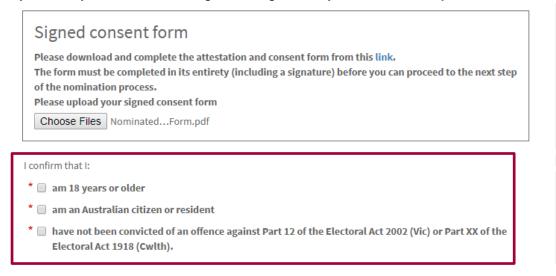
5. Once you have selected 'Choose Files', find the document you have saved locally and select 'Open. (Please note, this example is using a Windows operating system – the process may vary slightly on a different operating system).



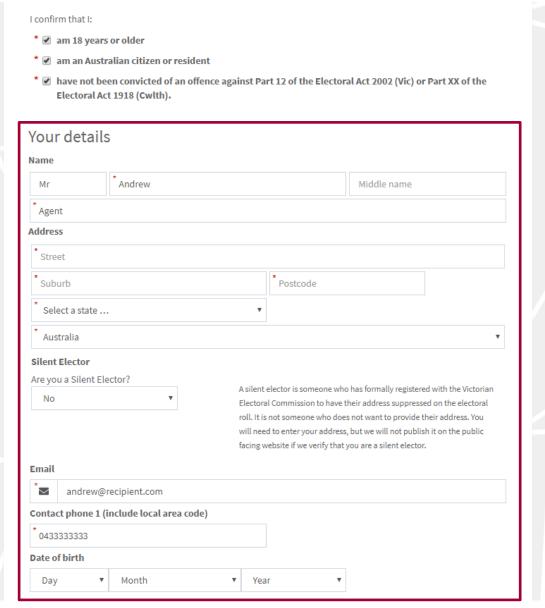
6. The document will now be uploaded and you can continue with the nomination process.



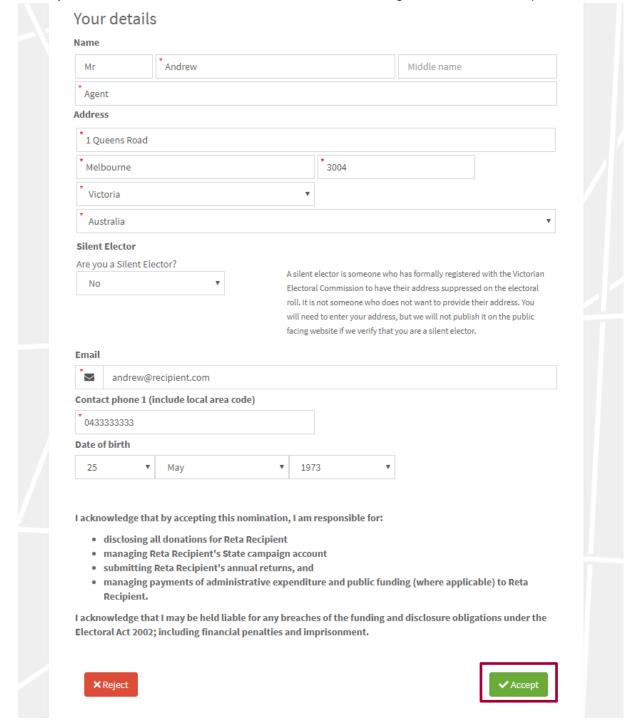
7. Confirm you meet the eligibility criteria by selecting each check box. If you do not meet one of the eligibility criteria, you cannot be a Registered Agent and you will need to reject the nomination.



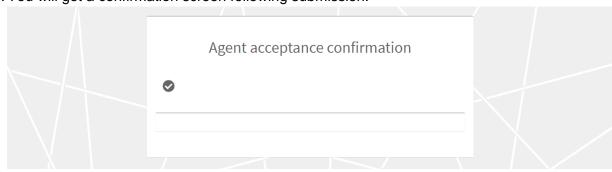
- 8. Once you have confirmed you meet the eligibility criteria, you will be prompted to enter your details. You **must** complete the following mandatory fields:
 - first and last name (this will be pre-populated based on the information provided by the recipient)
 - address street, suburb, postcode, state (drop-down list) and country (drop-down list)
 - email address (this will be pre-populated based on the information provided by the recipient)
 - contact phone (either landline or mobile must be 10 digits this may be pre-populated based on the information provided by the recipient)
 - date of birth (drop-down list).



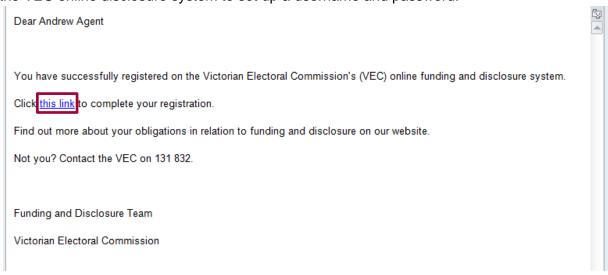
9. Once you have entered all details and read the acknowledgement, select 'Accept'.



10. You will get a confirmation screen following submission.



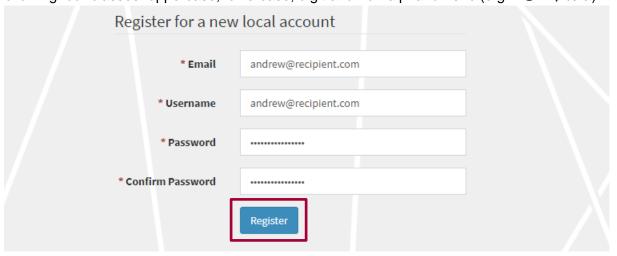
11. You will also receive a confirmation email from the VEC. Select the link in the email to return to the VEC online disclosure system to set up a username and password.



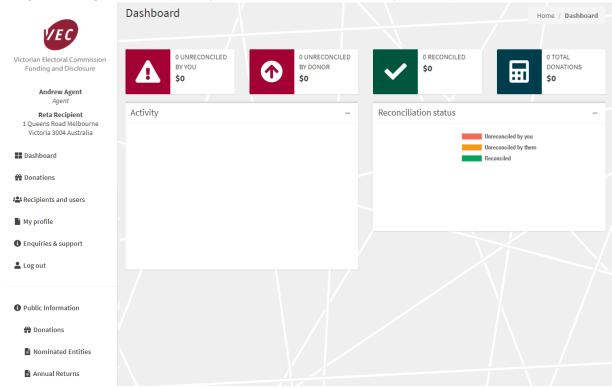
12. Selecting the link in the email will take you to the following page. Select 'Register'.



13. On the next page, enter your preferred username and password and then select 'Register'. Please note, your password must be at least eight characters and contain at least three of the following four classes: uppercase, lowercase, digit and non-alphanumeric (e.g. ! @ # \$ % &).

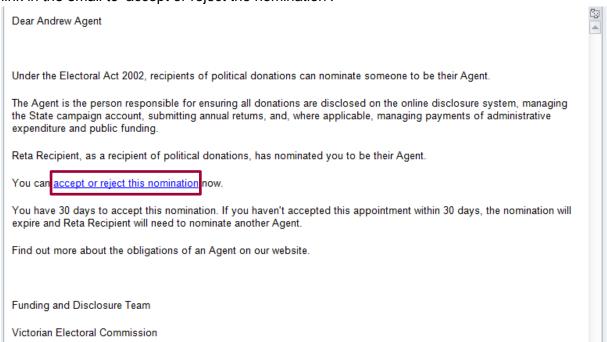


14. You are now registered on the VEC online disclosure system. You will be taken to your Registered Agent dashboard where you can: disclose and view donations, add Deputy Registered Agents and update your details or the details of your recipient.

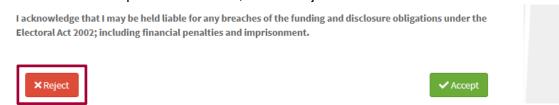


Registered Agent nomination process – reject nomination

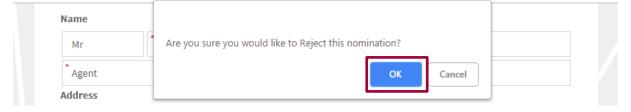
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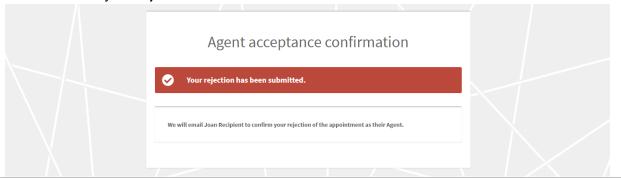
2. If you do not want to accept the nomination, select 'Reject' at the bottom of the form.



3. You will need to confirm you do not want to accept the nomination by selecting 'OK'.



4. You will receive a screen confirming your rejection. An email will also be sent to the recipient to advise them of your rejection.



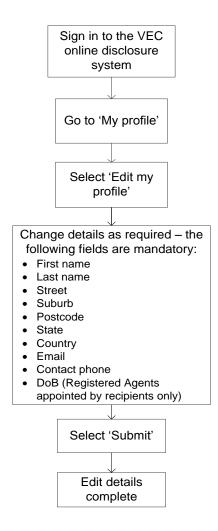
HOW TO EDIT MY DETAILS AS A REGISTERED OFFICER OR REGISTERED AGENT

Why would I edit my details?

As a Registered Officer or Registered Agent, you are responsible for managing your recipient's funding and disclosure obligations. This includes disclosing all donations via the VEC website, managing the State campaign account, submitting annual returns, and, if applicable, managing funding. As the person responsible for these obligations, the VEC does need to be able to get in touch with you from time to time, and this means your details need to be up-to-date at all times.

For Registered Agents appointed by a recipient, to be eligible to be appointed or remain a Registered Agent, you person must be at least 18 years of age and must not have any convictions against the funding and disclosure provisions (Part 12) of the *Electoral Act 2002* (Vic), or the funding and disclosure provisions (Part XX) of the *Commonwealth Electoral Act 1918* (Cth). If you no longer meet these eligibility requirements, you cannot be a Registered Agent.

Edit process overview

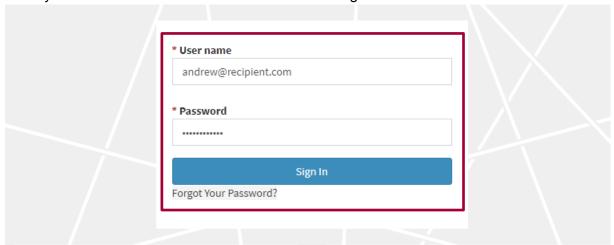


Edit process

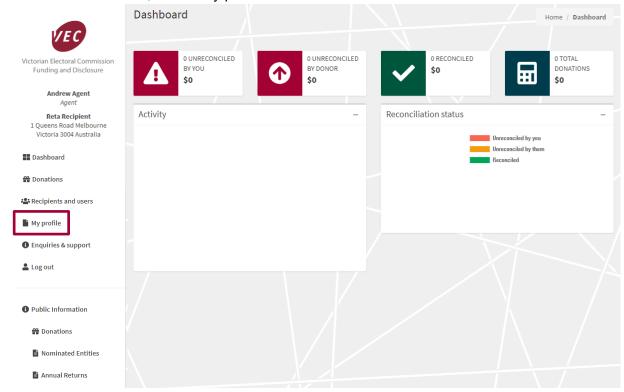
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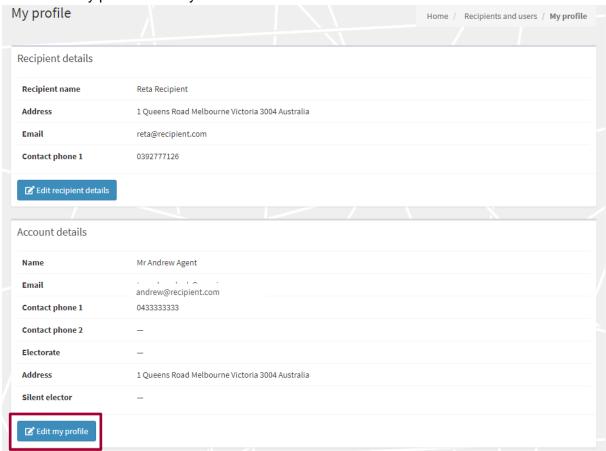
2. Enter your 'User name' and 'Password' and select 'Sign in'.



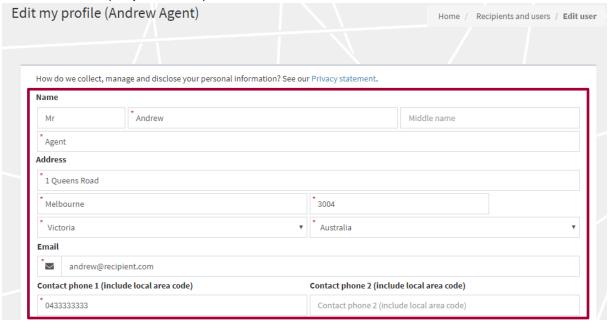
3. From the dashboard, select 'My profile' on the left-hand menu.



4. Select 'Edit my profile' below your details.

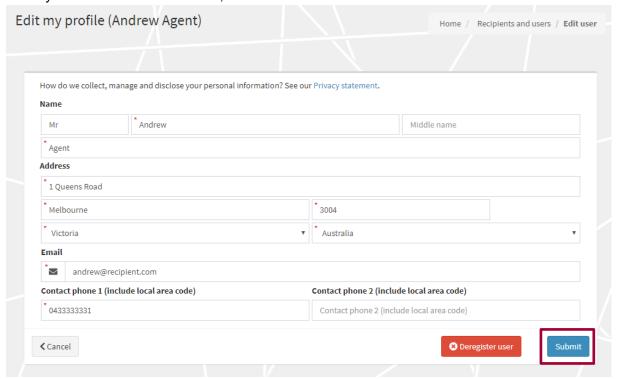


- 5. Select the fields you need to edit. The following mandatory fields **must** be completed:
 - first and last name
 - address street, suburb, postcode, state (drop-down list) and country (drop-down list)
 - · email address
 - contact phone (either landline or mobile must be 10 digits)
 - date of birth (drop-down list).

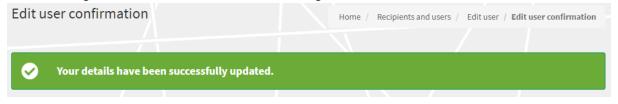


Note: mandatory fields have a red asterisk (*) in the top left-hand side.

6. Once you have filled in all details, select 'Submit'.



7. You will be given a confirmation screen following submission.



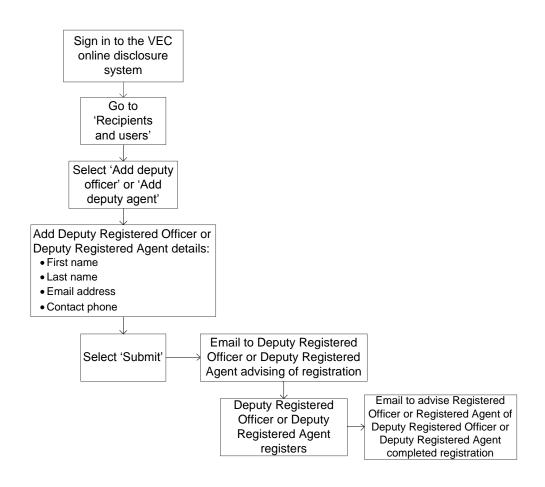
HOW TO REGISTER A DEPUTY REGISTERED OFFICER OR DEPUTY REGISTERED AGENT (AS A REGISTERED OFFICER OR REGISTERED AGENT)

Why should I register a Deputy Registered Officer or Deputy Registered Agent?

A Registered Officer or Registered Agent is responsible for managing a recipient's funding and disclosure obligations. This includes disclosing all donations via the VEC website, managing the State campaign account, submitting the annual returns, and, if applicable, managing funding. You may elect to appoint a Deputy Registered Officer or Deputy Registered Agent assist you with these obligations.

NB: Any task a Deputy Registered Officer or Deputy Registered Agent performs on behalf of the Registered Officer or Registered Agent will remain the responsibility of the Registered Officer or Registered Agent. As such, Registered Officers or Registered Agents should ensure there is strong internal governance, including the appropriate delegations when appointing Deputy Registered Officer or Deputy Registered Agents.

Deputy Registered Officer or Deputy Registered Agent registration process overview

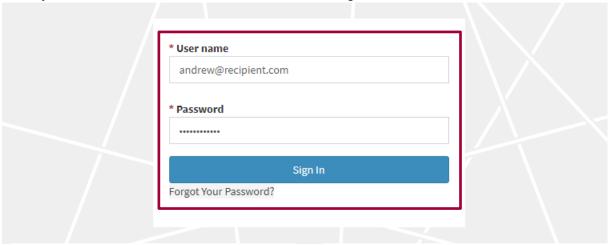


Deputy Registered Officer or Deputy Registered Agent registration process

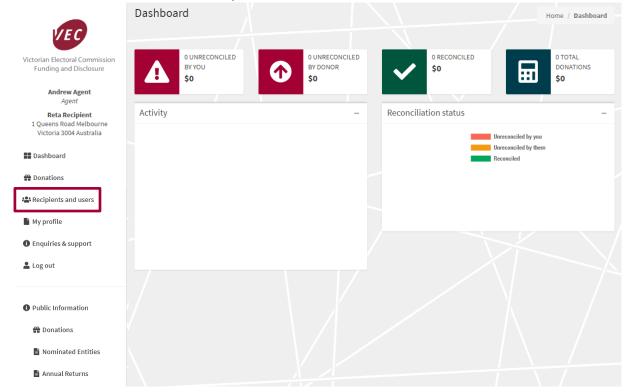
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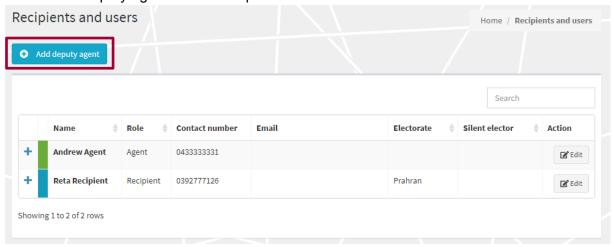
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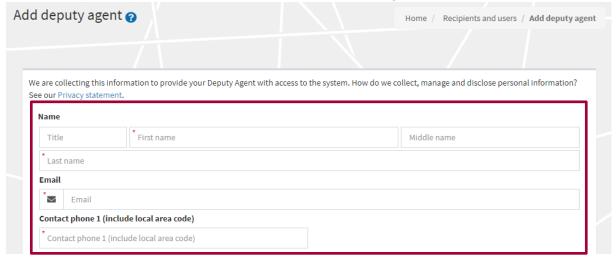
3. From the dashboard, select 'Recipients and users' on the left-hand menu.



4. Select 'Add deputy agent' from the top menu.

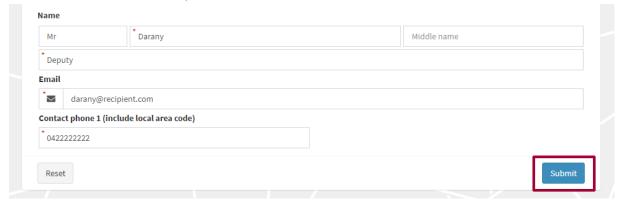


- 5. Enter the details of your Deputy Registered Officer or Deputy Registered Agent. You **must** complete the following mandatory fields:
 - first and last name
 - email address
 - contact phone (either landline or mobile must be 10 digits).

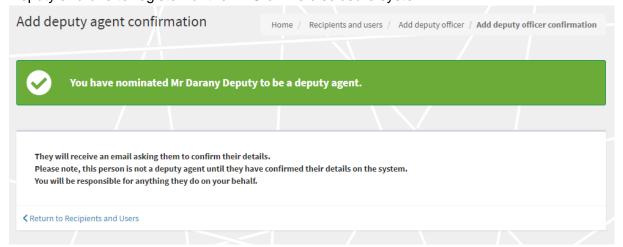


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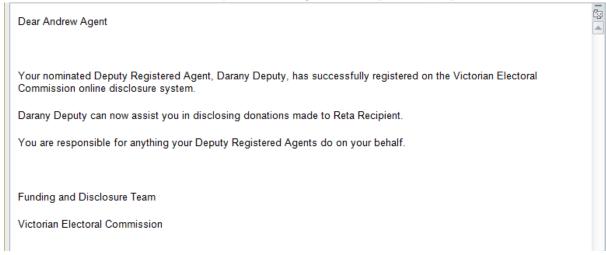
6. Once all details are filled in, select 'Submit'.



7. You will be given a confirmation screen following submission. The Deputy Registered Officer or Deputy Registered Agent will receive two emails – one in relation to their responsibilities as a Deputy and one to register for the VEC online disclosure system.



8. Once the Deputy Registered Officer or Deputy Registered Agent registers on the system, you will receive an email to advise they are now registered as your Deputy.

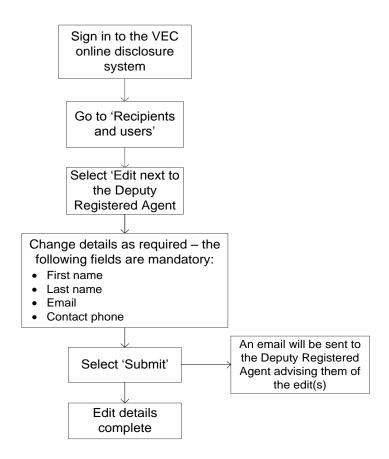


HOW TO EDIT THE DETAILS OF A DEPUTY REGISTERED OFFICER OR DEPUTY REGISTERED AGENT (AS A REGISTERED OFFICER OR REGISTERED AGENT)

Why would I edit the details of a Deputy Registered Officer or Deputy Registered Agent?

Deputy Registered Officers or Deputy Registered Agents assist Registered Officers or Registered Agents in managing a recipient's funding and disclosure obligations. The VEC may need to get in touch with Deputy Registered Officers or Deputy Registered Agents, so their details should be kept up-to-date at all times.

Deputy Registered Officer or Deputy Registered Agent edit process overview

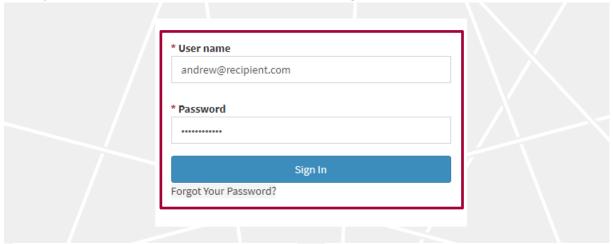


Deputy Registered Officer or Deputy Registered Agent edit process

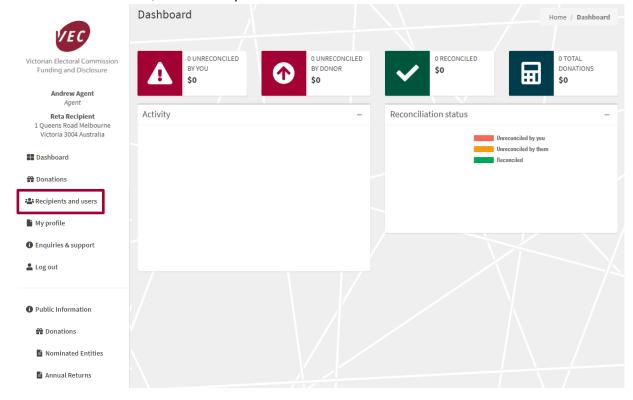
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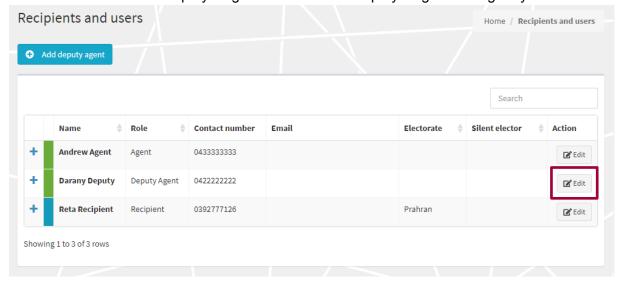
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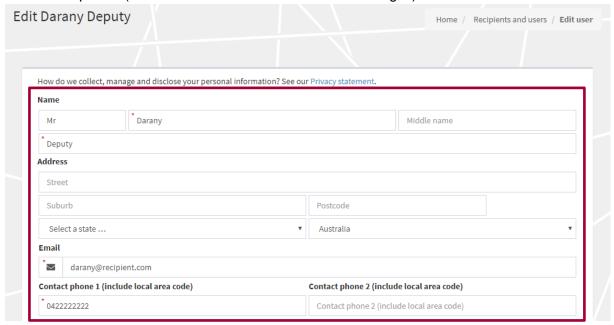
3. From the dashboard, select 'Recipients and users' on the left-hand menu.



4. Select 'Edit' next to the Deputy Registered Officer or Deputy Registered Agent you want to edit.

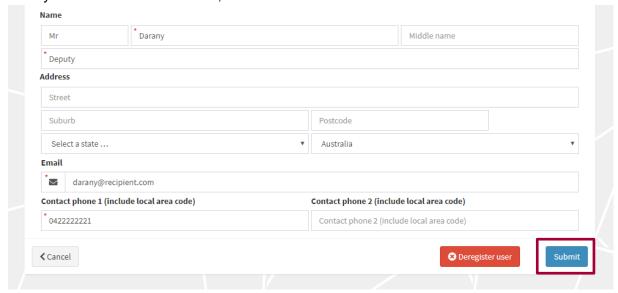


- 5. Select the fields you need to edit. The following mandatory fields **must** be completed:
 - · first and last name
 - email address
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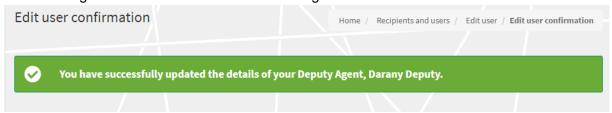


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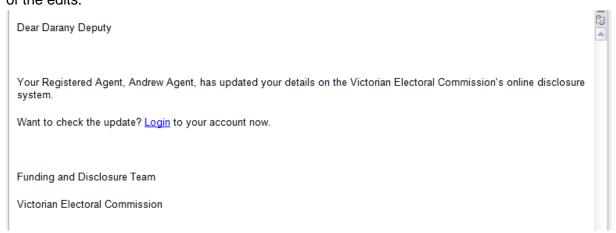
6. Once you have filled in all details, select 'Submit'.



7. You will be given a confirmation screen following submission.



8. The Deputy Registered Officer or Deputy Registered Agent will receive an email to advise them of the edits.

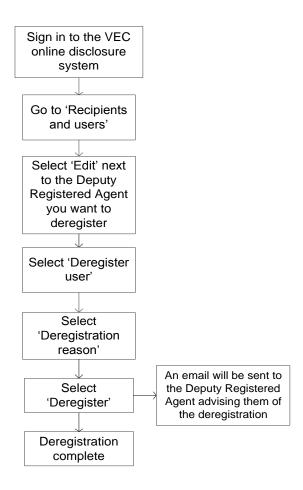


HOW TO DEREGISTER A DEPUTY REGISTERED OFFICER OR DEPUTY REGISTERED AGENT (AS A REGISTERED OFFICER OR REGISTERED AGENT)

Why would I deregister the Deputy Registered Officer or Deputy Registered Agent?

Deputy Registered Officers or Deputy Registered Agents assist Registered Officers or Registered Agents in managing a recipient's funding and disclosure obligations. If the Deputy Registered Officer or Deputy Registered Agent is no longer undertaking the duties of a Deputy, you can deregister them.

Deputy Registered Officer or Deputy Registered Agent deregistration process overview

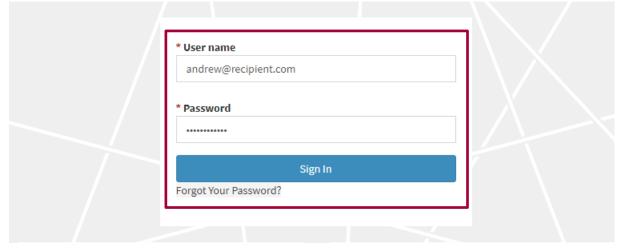


Deputy Registered Officer or Deputy Registered Agent deregistration process

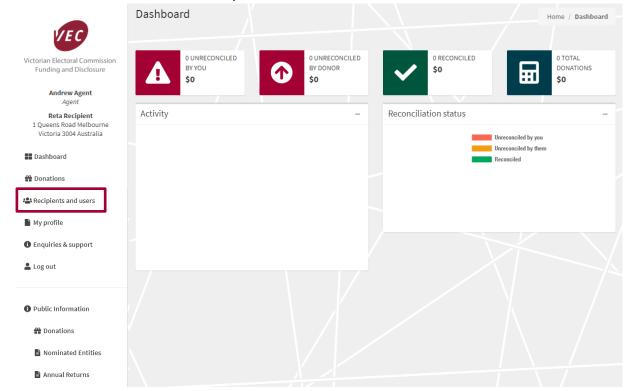
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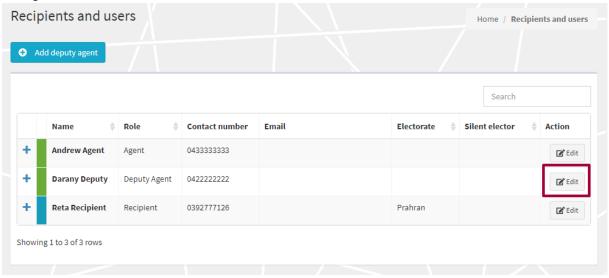
2. Enter your 'User name' and 'Password' and select 'Sign in'.



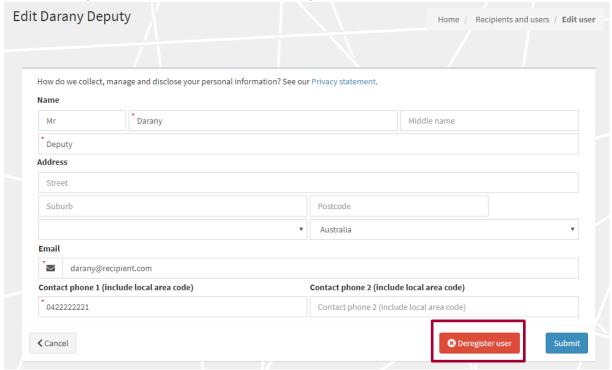
3. From the dashboard, select 'Recipients and users' on the left-hand menu.



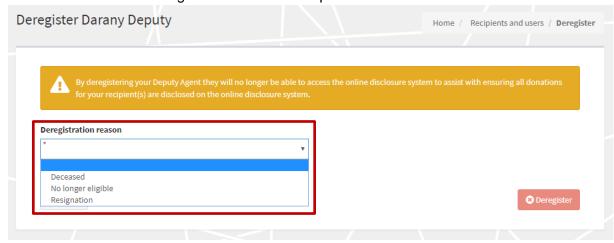
4. Select 'Edit' next to the Deputy Registered Officer or Deputy Registered Agent you want to deregister.



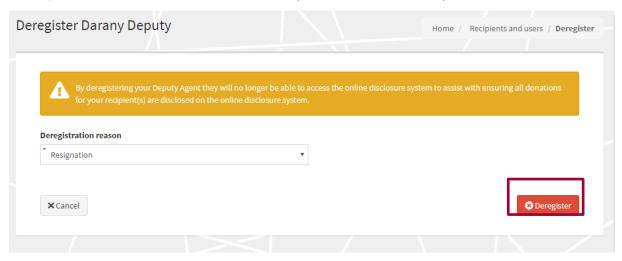
5. Select 'Deregister user' at the bottom or the page.



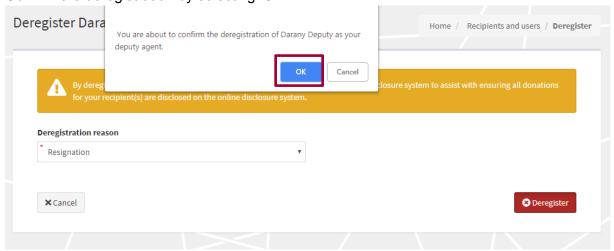
6. Select the reason for deregistration from the drop-down list.



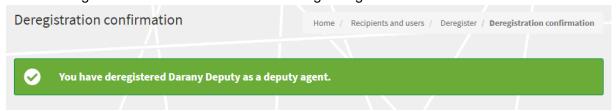
7. Once you have selected the reason for deregistration, select 'Deregister'.



8. Confirm the deregistration by selecting 'OK'.



9. You will be given a confirmation screen following deregistration.



10. An email will be sent to the Deputy Registered Officer or Deputy Registered Agent to advise them of their deregistration.



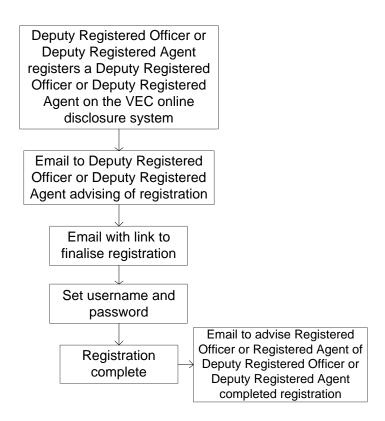
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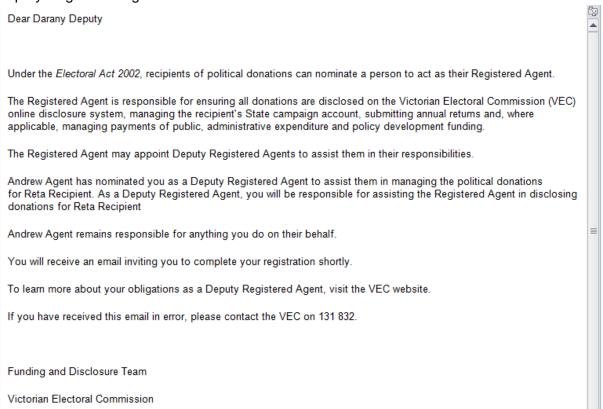
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Deputy Registered Officer or Deputy Registered Agent registration process overview

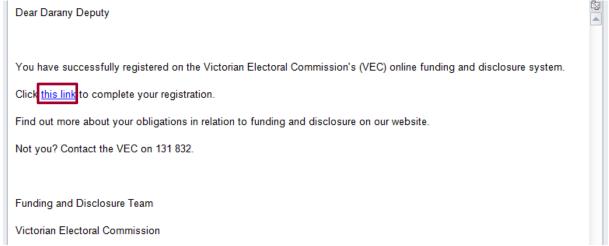


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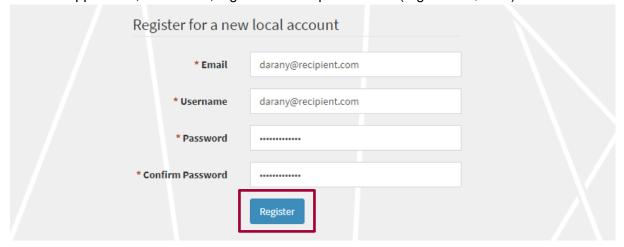
2. You will receive a second email prompting you to set-up a username and password for the VEC online disclosure system. Select 'this link' in the email to set-up your username and password.



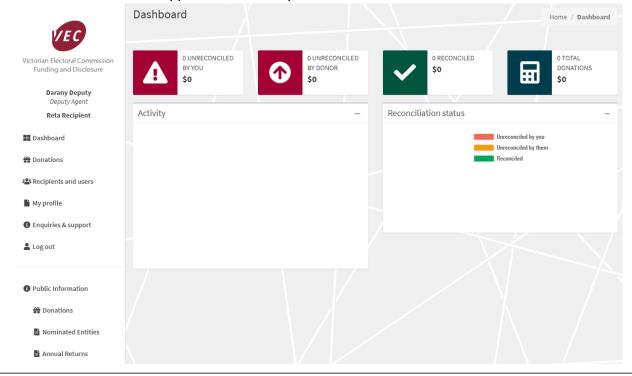
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VEC Funding And Disclosure System Complete Your Registration Register

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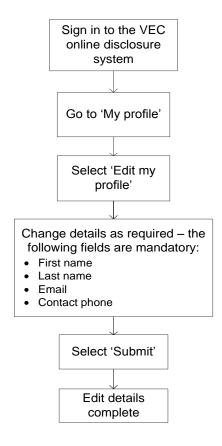


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Why would I edit my details?

As a Deputy Registered Officer or Deputy Registered Agent, the VEC may need to get in touch with you from time to time, so you should keep your details up-to-date at all times.

Edit process overview

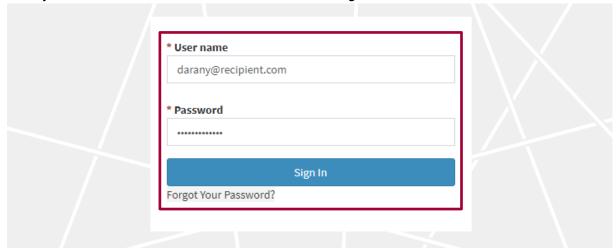


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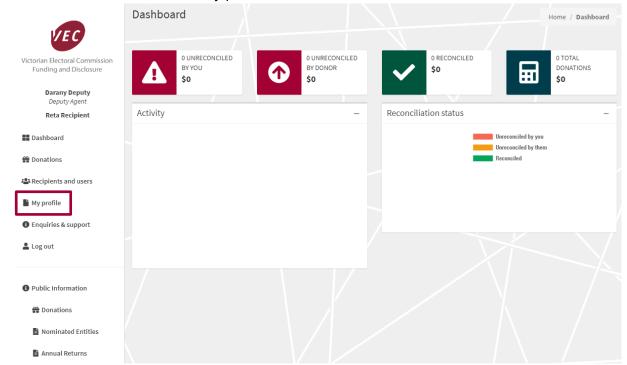
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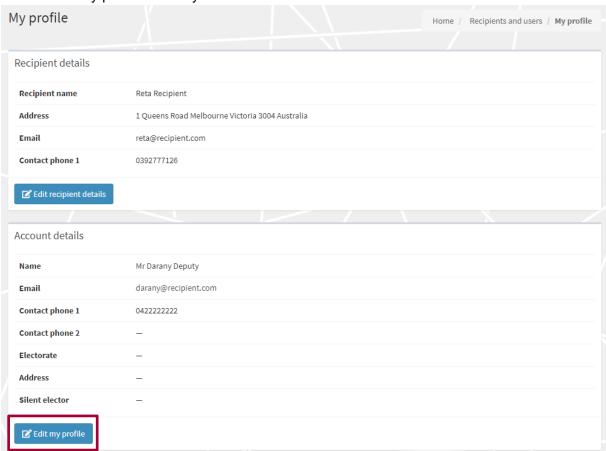
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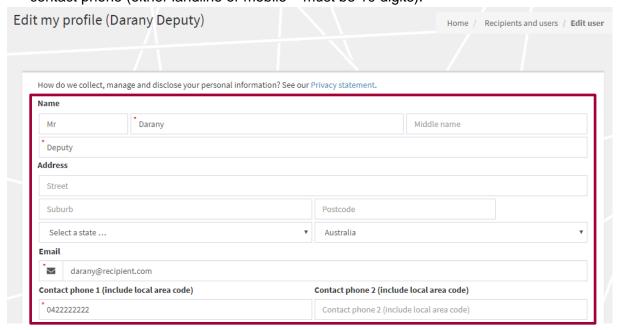
3. From the dashboard, select 'My profile' on the left-hand menu.



5. Select 'Edit my profile' below your details.

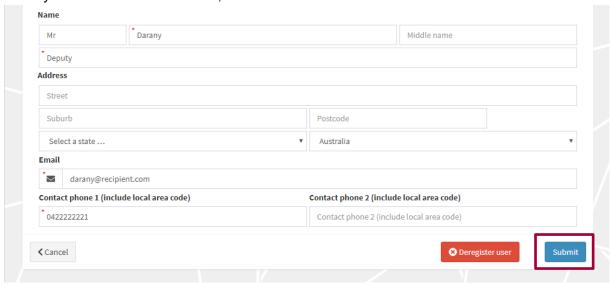


- 6. Select the fields you need to edit. The following mandatory fields must be completed:
 - · first and last name
 - email address
 - contact phone (either landline or mobile must be 10 digits).

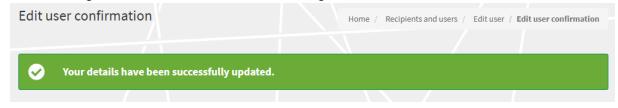


Note: mandatory fields have a red asterisk (*) in the top left-hand side.

7. Once you have filled in all details, select 'Submit'.



8. You will be given a confirmation screen following submission.



HOW TO REGISTER A RECIPIENT OF A REGISTERED POLITICAL PARTY

Why do I need to register party member recipients?

In Victoria, recipients of political donations – being registered political parties, candidates, groups of candidates, elected members, associated entities, third party campaigners, and nominated entities of registered political parties – must disclose all political donations worth \$1,000 or more on the Victorian Electoral Commission (VEC) website within 21 days of receiving them.

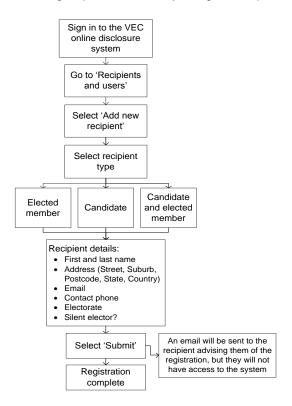
Before disclosing any donations for that recipient, they must first be registered on the VEC online disclosure system.

If you give false or misleading information when disclosing a donation, including address and contact details, you may be fined or imprisoned, or both. The fine for this offence is 300 penalty units (more than \$48,000). The imprisonment term is two years.

The Registered Officer of a registered political party is the Registered Agent. The Registered Agent is responsible for registering all candidates, elected members and groups endorsed by the party (and where applicable its nominated entity – covered in a different how-to guide) and disclosing all of the donations they receive. The Registered Officer may register Deputy Registered Agents to assist them in registering recipients on the VEC online disclosure system.

Party member registration process overview

(for candidates, elected members, and groups¹ endorsed by a registered political party)



NB: only a Registered Officer or a Deputy Register Officer registered on the online disclosure system can register the recipients of a registered political party.

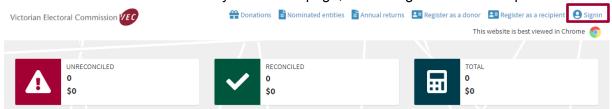
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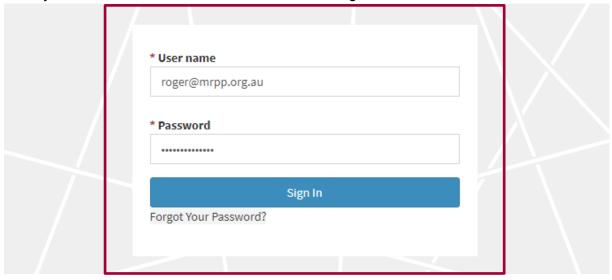
¹ Groups can only be registered between the issue of the writ and election day in an election year.

Party member registration process

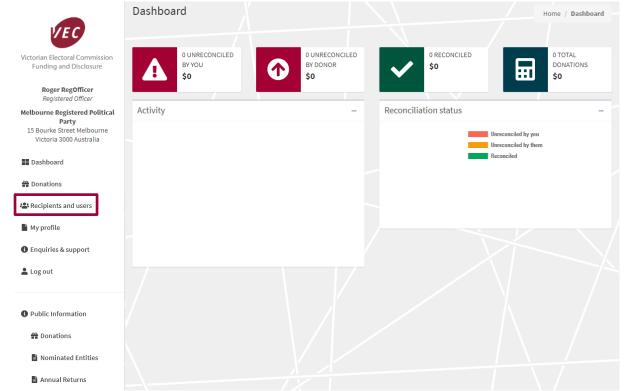
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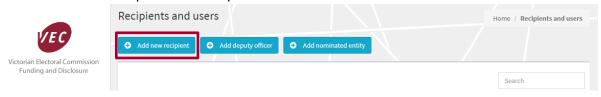
10. Enter your 'User name' and 'Password' and select 'Sign in'.



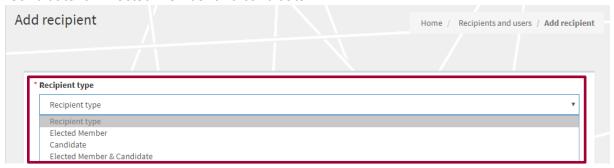
11. From the dashboard, select 'Recipients and users' on the left-hand menu.



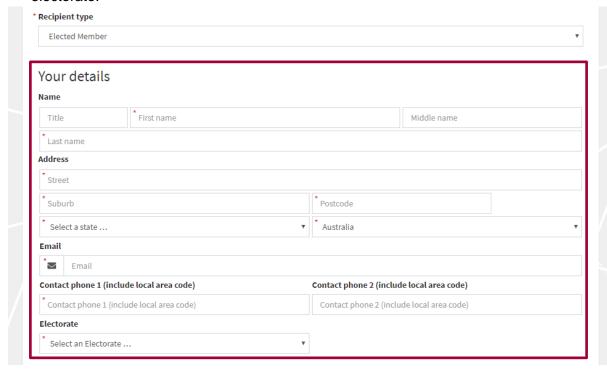
12. Select 'Add new recipient' in the top menu.



13. Select the recipient's 'Recipient type' from the drop down list – either 'Elected member', 'Candidate' or 'Elected member and candidate'.

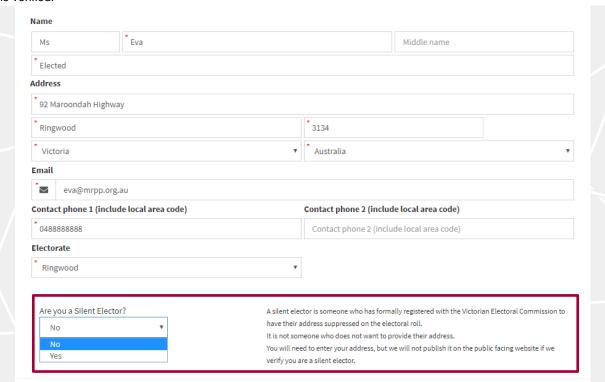


- 14. Once you have selected the recipient type, you will be prompted to enter the details of the recipient. You **must** complete the following mandatory fields:
 - first and last name
 - address street, suburb, postcode, state (drop-down list) and country (drop-down list)
 - email address
 - contact phone (either landline or mobile must be 10 digits)
 - · electorate.



Note: mandatory fields have a red asterisk (*) in the top left-hand side.

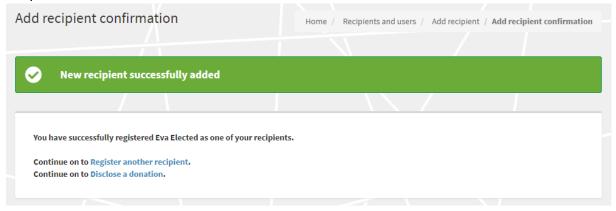
15. Confirm whether the recipient is a silent elector by selecting 'Yes' or 'No' from the drop-down list. Please note, a silent elector is someone who has formally registered with the Victorian Electoral Commission to have their address details suppressed on the electoral roll. Silent elector details are required, but the VEC will not publish address details on the website if silent elector status is verified.



Once you have filled in all details, select 'Submit'.



17. You will get a confirmation screen following submission. From here, you can 'Register another recipient' or 'Disclose a donation'.



18. The recipient will receive an email to advise them they have been registered on the VEC online disclosure system. This will not provide them access to the system, but will simply advise them they have been registered.

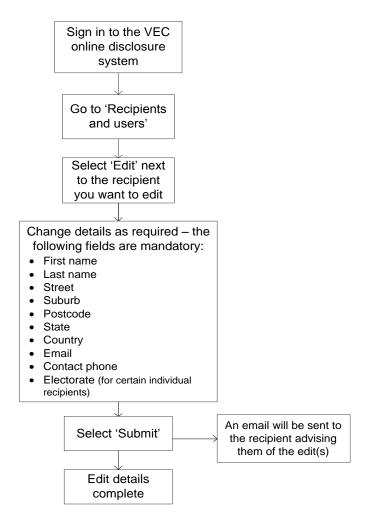
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Your Registered Officer, Roger RegOfficer, as your Registered Agent, has registered you as a recipient of political donations on the Victorian Electoral Commission online disclosure system.	
For more information, please contact your Registered Officer.	
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HOW TO EDIT A RECIPIENT

Why would I edit the details of my recipient(s)?

All recipients of political donations must ensure their details are up-to-date at all times. If false or misleading information about a recipient is given when disclosing a donation, including address and contact details, the person responsible for disclosing the donation may be fined or imprisoned, or both. The fine for this offence is 300 penalty units (more than \$48,000). The imprisonment term is two years.

Recipient edit process overview

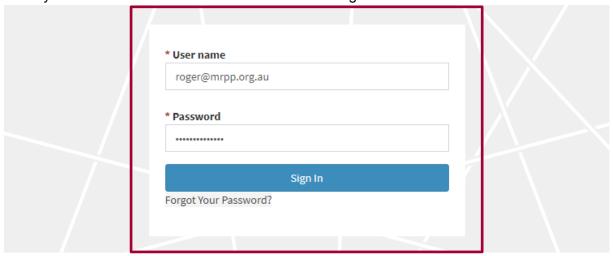


Edit recipient details

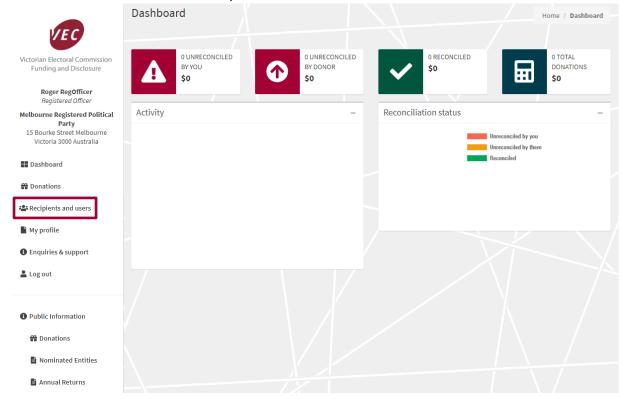
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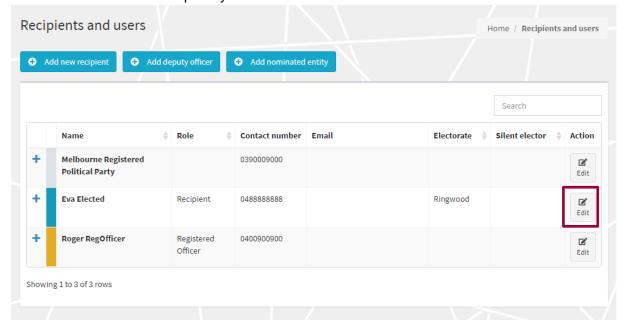
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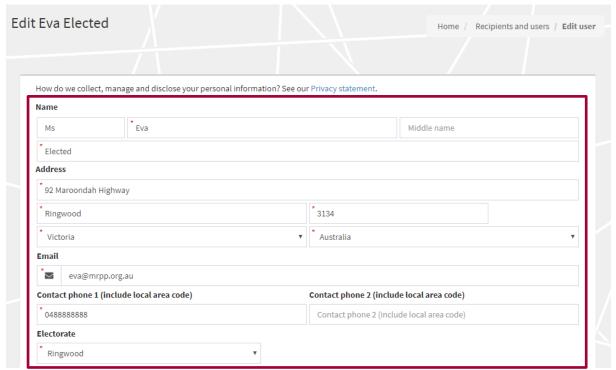
3. From the dashboard, select 'Recipients and users' on the left-hand menu.



4. Select 'Edit' next to the recipient you want to edit.

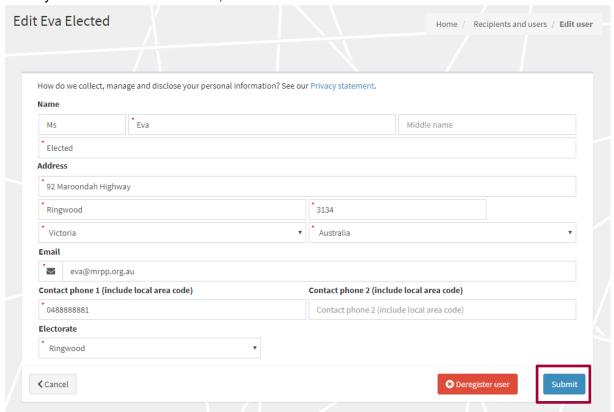


- 5. Select the fields you need to edit. The following mandatory fields **must** be completed:
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 - address street, suburb, postcode, state (drop-down list) and country (drop-down list)
 - email address
 - contact phone (either landline or mobile must be 10 digits)
 - electorate.

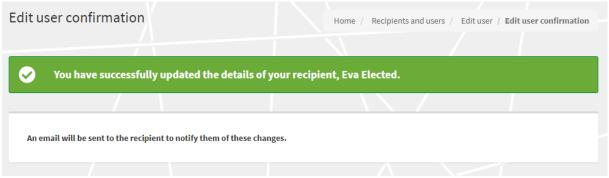


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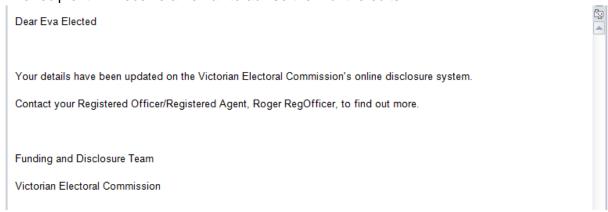
6. Once you have filled in all details, select 'Submit'.



7. You will be given a confirmation screen following submission.



8. The recipient will receive an email to advise them of the edits.



HOW TO DISCLOSE A DONATION

Why do I need to disclose my donations?

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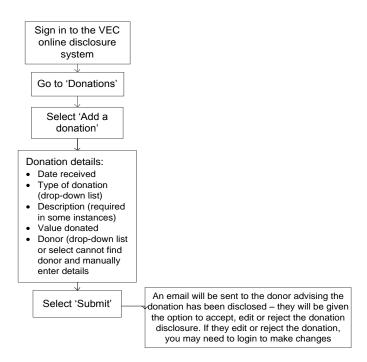
If a recipient or their Registered Officer or Registered Agent fails to disclose a donation worth \$1,000 or more within 21 days, they may be fined. The fine for this offence is 200 penalty units (more than \$32,000).

If false or misleading information is given when disclosing a donation, including address and contact details, the person providing this information may be fined or imprisoned, or both. The fine for this offence is 300 penalty units (more than \$48,000). The imprisonment term is two years.

NB: This process is for disclosing a donation that has not yet been disclosed by the donor. If the donation has already been disclosed by the donor you will need to follow the process for <u>Accepting a donation disclosure process</u>, <u>Editing a donation disclosure process</u>, or <u>Rejecting a donation disclosure process</u>.

Donation disclosure process overview

(when entering a donation that has not yet been disclosed by the donor)

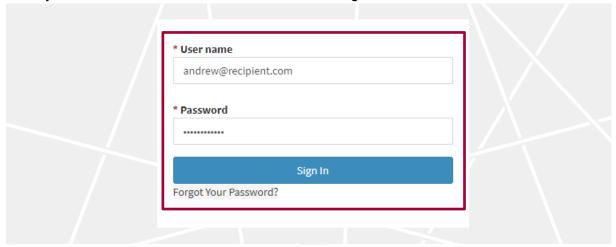


Donation disclosure process

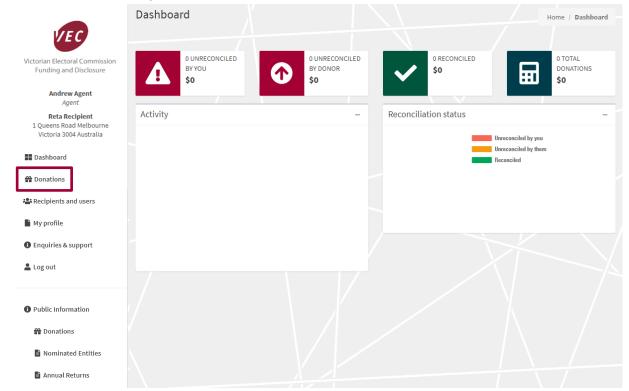
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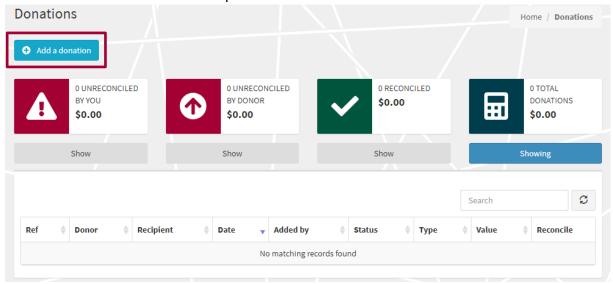
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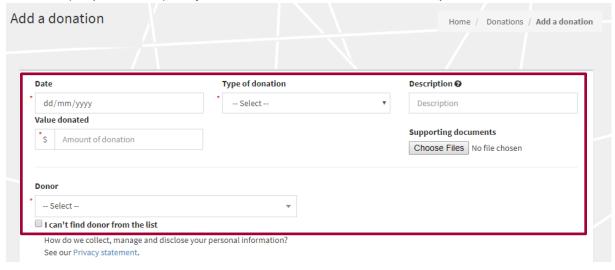
3. From the dashboard, select 'Donations' on the left-hand menu.



4. Select 'Add a donation' from the top menu.

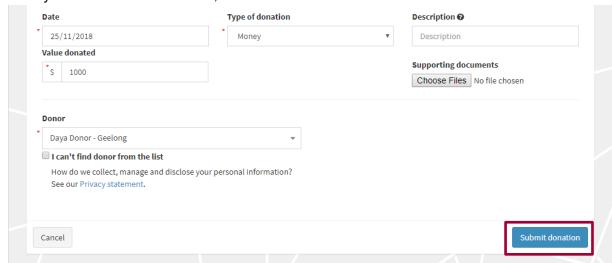


- 5. Enter the details of the donation. You **must** complete the following mandatory fields:
 - date donation received (date selector)
 - type of donation (drop-down list money, service, loan guarantee, money)
 - value donated
 - donor (drop-down list) if you cannot find the donor, refer to step 9 or 10.

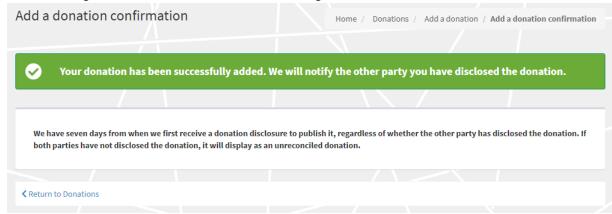


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6. Once you have entered all fields, select 'Submit donation'.



7. You will be given a confirmation screen following submission.



8. The donor will receive an email to advise them you have disclosed the donation. They will be given the option to accept, edit or reject the donation disclosure. If they edit or reject the donation, you will receive an email prompting you to login and review the edited details or rejection.

Dear Daya Donor

Under the Electoral Act 2002, any political donations of \$1,000 or more (including multiple donations that equal \$1,000 or more) must be disclosed by the person giving and the person receiving that donation via the Victorian Electoral Commission's (VEC) online disclosure system. This disclosure must be done within 21 days of giving or receiving that donation.

Our records indicate Reta Recipient has disclosed a political donation you have given them via the VEC's online disclosure system.

You must also disclose this donation on the online disclosure system.

If you have not yet registered for the online disclosure system, you can register now.

If you have already registered, login now to review the donation.

We will publish the donation disclosure on our website within seven days, regardless of whether you have disclosed the donation.

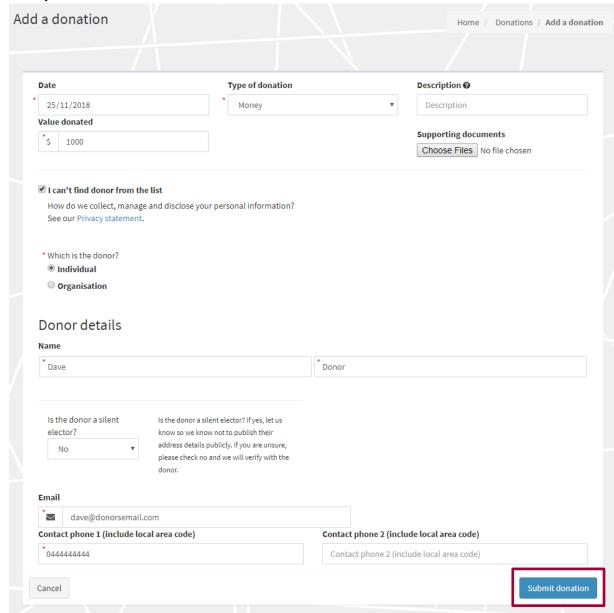
Not you? Contact the VEC on 131 832.

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If you can't find an individual donor in the list

- 9. If you can't find an individual donor in the list, check the box 'I can't find the donor from the list'. New fields will now display. For the question 'Which is the donor?', select 'Individual' and then enter the details of the donor. You **must** complete the following mandatory fields:
 - · first name and last name
 - email address
 - contact phone (either landline or mobile must be 10 digits).

Once you have entered all fields, select 'Submit donation'.

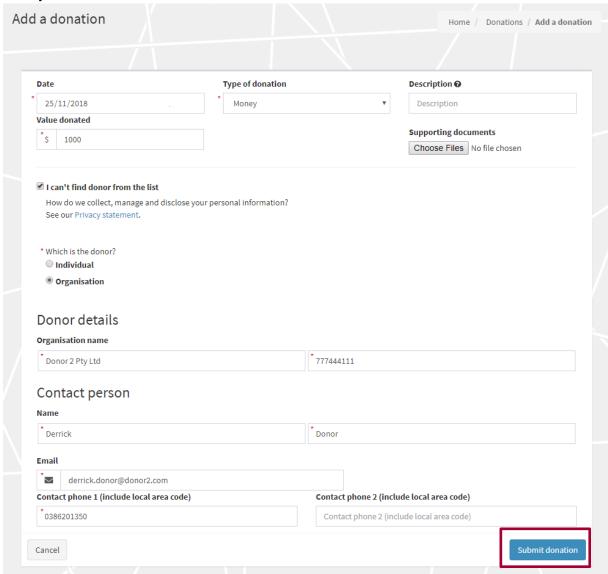


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If you can't find an organisation donor in the list

- 10. If you can't find an organisation donor in the list, check the box 'I can't find the donor from the list'. New fields will now display. For the question 'Which is the donor?', select 'Organisation' and then enter the details of the donor. You **must** complete the following mandatory fields:
 - organisation name
 - ABN or ACN
 - first name and last name of contact person
 - email address
 - contact phone (either landline or mobile must be 10 digits).

Once you have entered all fields, select 'Submit donation'.



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HOW TO ACCEPT A DONATION DISCLOSURE

Why do I need to accept a donation disclosure?

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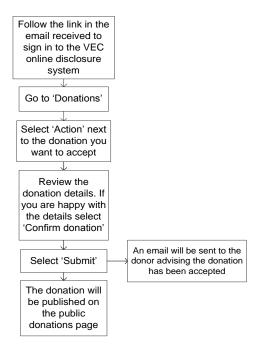
If a recipient or their Registered Officer or Registered Agent fails to disclose a donation worth \$1,000 or more within 21 days, they may be fined. The fine for this offence is 200 penalty units (more than \$32,000).

If false or misleading information is given when disclosing a donation, including address and contact details, the person providing this information may be fined or imprisoned, or both. The fine for this offence is 300 penalty units (more than \$48,000). The imprisonment term is two years.

NB: This process is for accepting a donation that has been disclosed or edited by the donor. To add a new donation disclosure you will need to follow the <u>Donation disclosure process</u>. To edit or reject a donation disclosure you will need to follow the <u>Editing a donation disclosure process</u> or the <u>Rejecting a donation disclosure process</u>.

Accepting a donation disclosure process overview

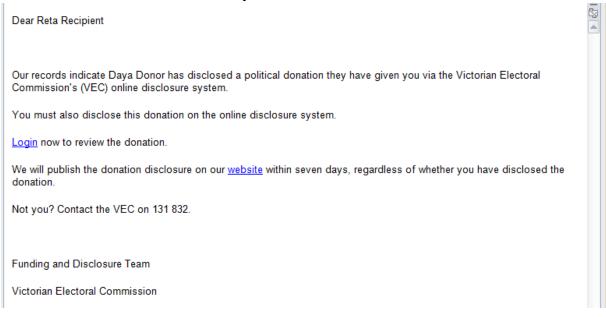
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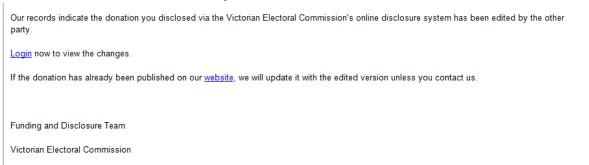
Accepting a donation disclosure process

1. You will receive an email advising either a donation has been disclosed by the donor, or a donation you disclosed has been edited by the donor. Select the 'login' link in the relevant email to be taken to the VEC online disclosure system home page.

Email received when donation disclosed by donor



Email received when donation edited by donor



2. From the VEC online disclosure system home page, select 'Sign in' from the top menu.

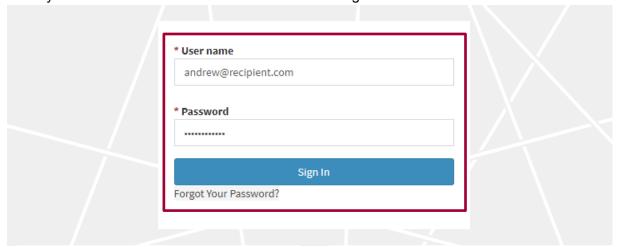


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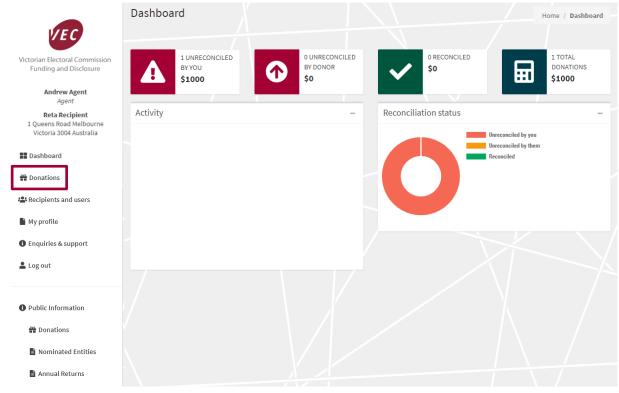
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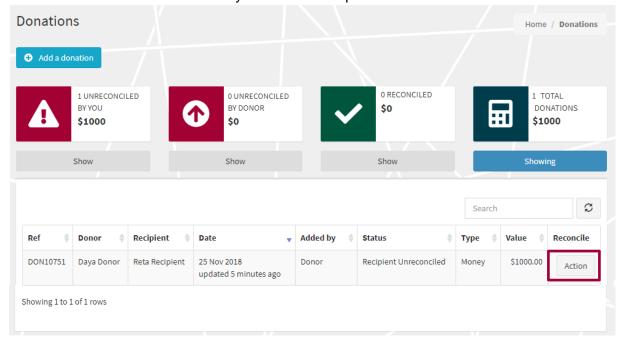
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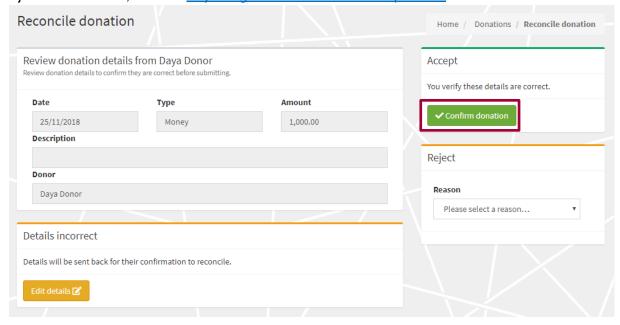
4. From the dashboard, select 'Donations' on the left-hand menu.



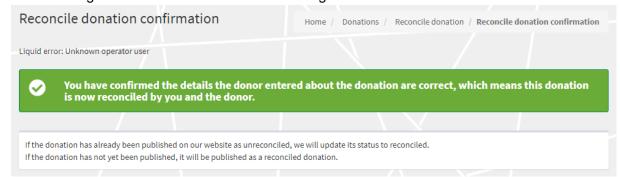
5. Select 'Action' next to the donation you want to accept.



6. Review the donation details. If you are happy with the details, select 'Confirm donation'. If you need to edit any of the details, see the <u>Editing a donation disclosure process</u>. If you want to reject the donation, see the <u>Rejecting a donation disclosure process</u>.



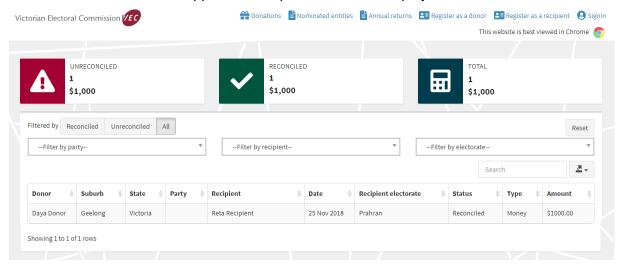
7. You will be given a confirmation screen following submission.



8. The donor will receive an email to advise them you have accepted the donation disclosure.



9. The donation will now also appear on the public donation display.



HOW TO EDIT A DONATION DISCLOSURE

Why do I need to edit a donation disclosure?

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Deputy Registered Officers and Deputy Registered Agents may also disclose donations on behalf of the Registered Officer or Registered Agent.

If a donor has already disclosed a donation they gave you, or has edited a donation you disclosed, but you do not agree with the details, you can edit those details. Once you have made your edits, the donor will be given the option to accept, edit or reject your changes.

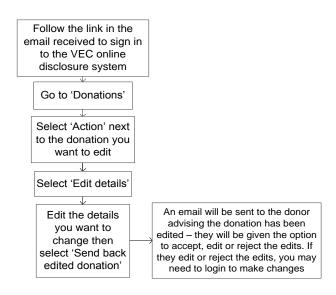
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Editing a donation disclosure process overview

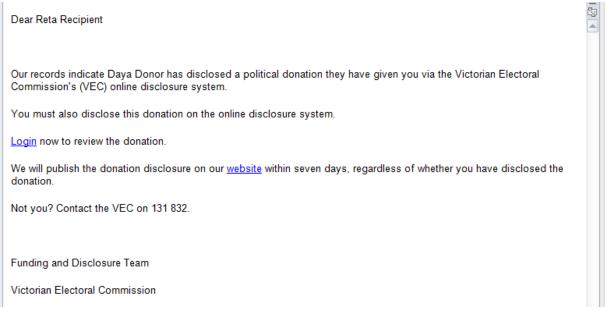
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Editing a donation disclosure process

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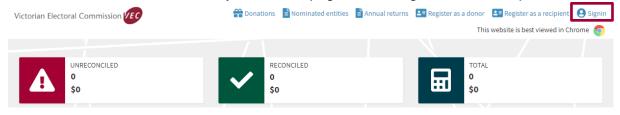
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Email received when donation edited by donor



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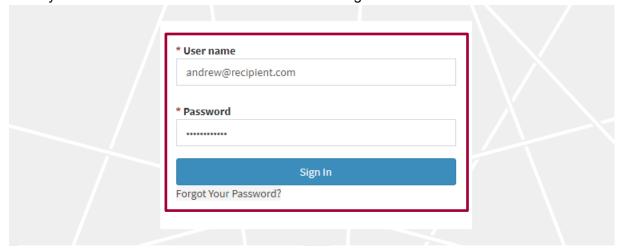


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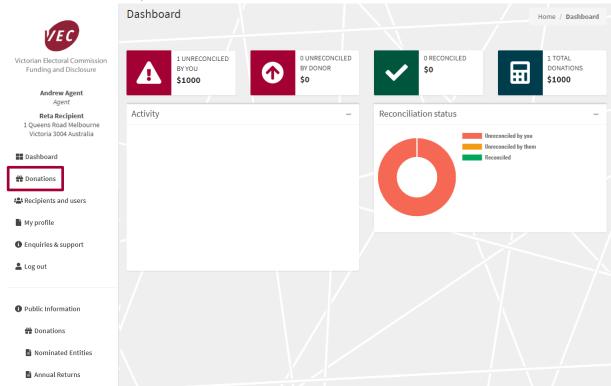
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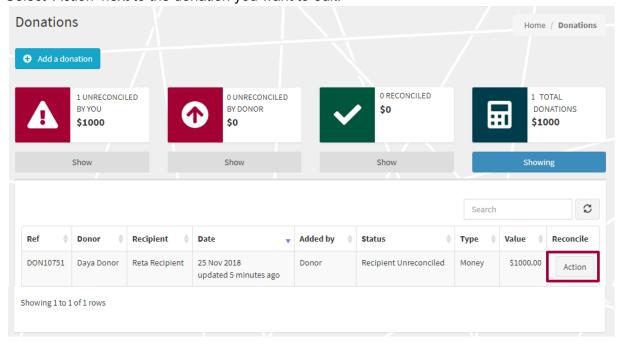
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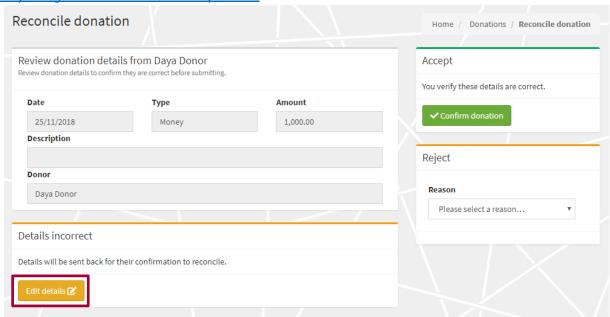
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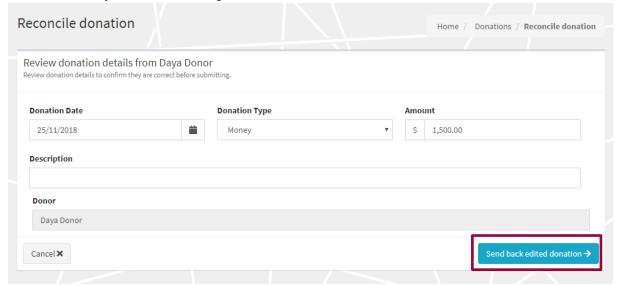
5. Select 'Action' next to the donation you want to edit.



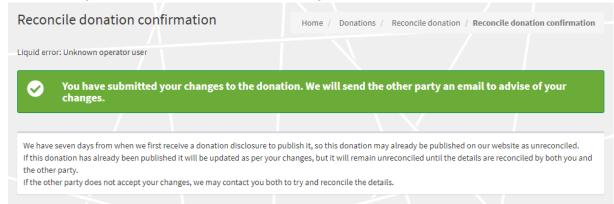
6. Review the donation details. If you need to edit some of the details, select 'Edit details'. If you want to accept the details, select 'Confirm donation'. If you want to reject the donation, see the Rejecting a donation disclosure process.



7. Edit the details you want to change and then select 'Send back edited donation'



8. You will be given a confirmation screen following submission.



9. The donor will receive an email to advise them you have edited the donation disclosure. They will be given the option to accept, edit or reject the changes. If they edit or reject the changes, you will receive an email prompting you to login and review the edited details or rejection.



HOW TO REJECT A DONATION DISCLOSURE

When would I need to reject a donation disclosure?

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Deputy Registered Officers and Deputy Registered Agents may also disclose donations on behalf of the Registered Officer or Registered Agent.

If a donor discloses a donation they gave to the recipient, but the recipient did not receive the donation or the donation was returned to the donor, the disclosure can be rejected.

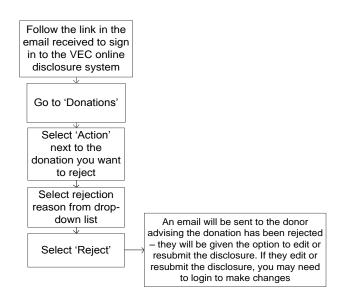
If a recipient or their Registered Officer or Registered Agent fails to disclose a donation worth \$1,000 or more within 21 days, they may be fined. The fine for this offence is 200 penalty units (more than \$32,000).

If false or misleading information is given when disclosing a donation, including address and contact details, the person providing this information may be fined or imprisoned, or both. The fine for this offence is 300 penalty units (more than \$48,000). The imprisonment term is two years.

NB: This process is for rejecting a donation that has been disclosed or edited by the donor. To add a new donation disclosure you will need to follow the process for <u>Donation disclosure process</u>. To accept or edit a donation disclosure you will need to follow the <u>Accepting a donation disclosure</u> process or the <u>Editing a donation disclosure process</u>.

Rejecting a donation disclosure process overview

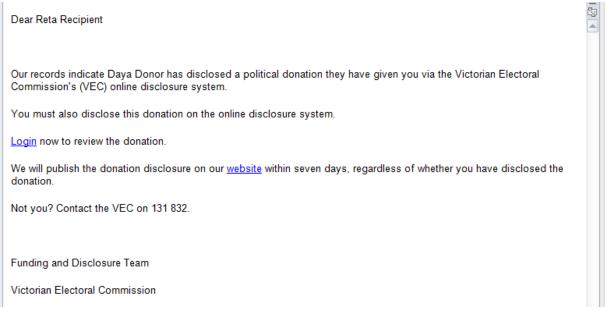
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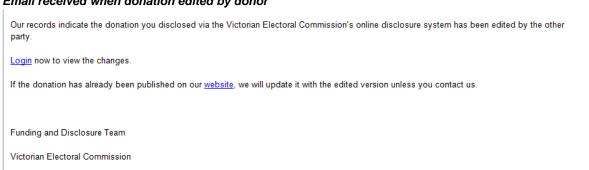
Rejecting a donation disclosure process

1. You will receive an email advising either a donation has been disclosed by the donor, or a donation you disclosed has been edited by the donor. Select on the 'login' link in the relevant email to be taken to the VEC online disclosure system home page.

Email received when donation disclosed by donor



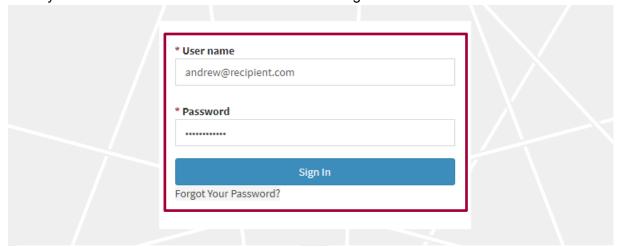
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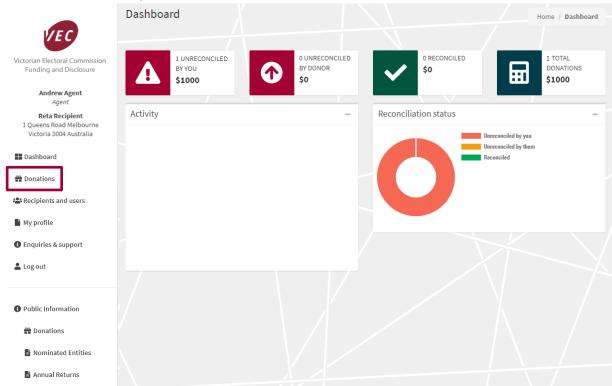
2. From the VEC online disclosure system home page, select 'Sign in' from the top menu.



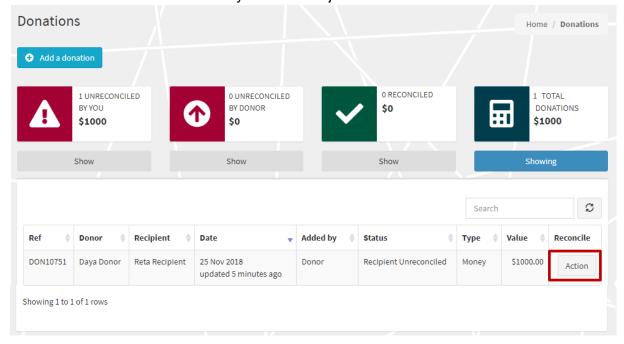
VEC disclosures - Registered Officer/Agent or Deputy Registered Officer/Agent guide - Victorian Electoral Commission online disclosure system D18/46877 Page 65 of 90 4. Enter your 'User name' and 'Password' and select 'Sign in'.



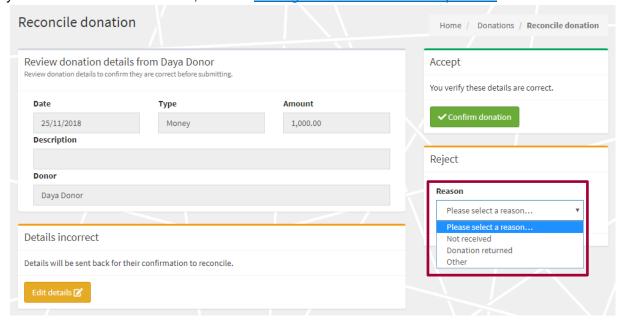
5. From the dashboard, select 'Donations' on the left-hand menu.



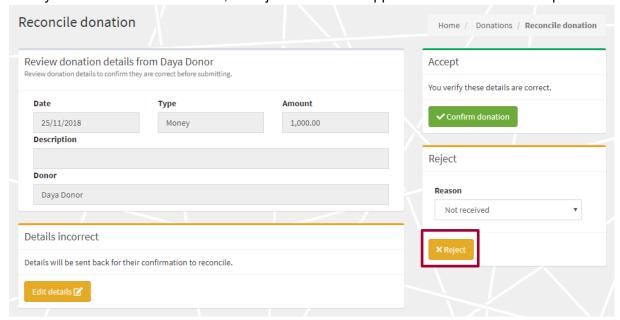
6. Select 'Action' next to the donation you want to reject.



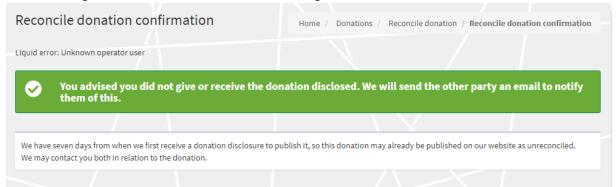
7. Review the donation details. To reject the donation, select your rejection reason from the drop-down list on the right-hand side. If you want to accept the details, select 'Confirm donation'. If you want to edit the donation, see the <u>Editing a donation disclosure process</u>.



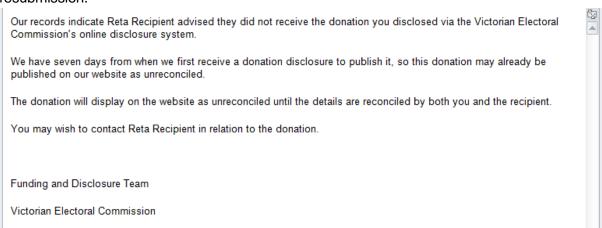
8. Once you have selected a reason, a 'Reject' button will appear. Select this button to proceed.



9. You will be given a confirmation screen following submission.



10. The donor will receive an email to advise them you have rejected the donation disclosure. They will be given the option to edit or resubmit the donation disclosure. If they edit or resubmit the donation, you will receive an email prompting you to login and review the edited details or resubmission.



HOW TO APPOINT A NOMINATED ENTITY (OF A REGISTERED POLITICAL PARTY – AS A REGISTERED OFFICER)

Why should I appoint a Nominated Entity?

Registered political parties may elect to appoint an organisation to be its Nominated Entity. Any gifts made between a registered political party and its Nominated Entity are not considered political donations. A registered political party can only appoint one organisation to be its Nominated Entity.

For this appointment to come into effect, the VEC must have accepted the registered political party's written application to appoint a Nominated Entity (which must include written consent from the proposed Nominated Entity), and formally added the organisation to the Register of Nominated Entities.

To be eligible to be appointed as a Nominated Entity, the organisation must be an incorporated body that:

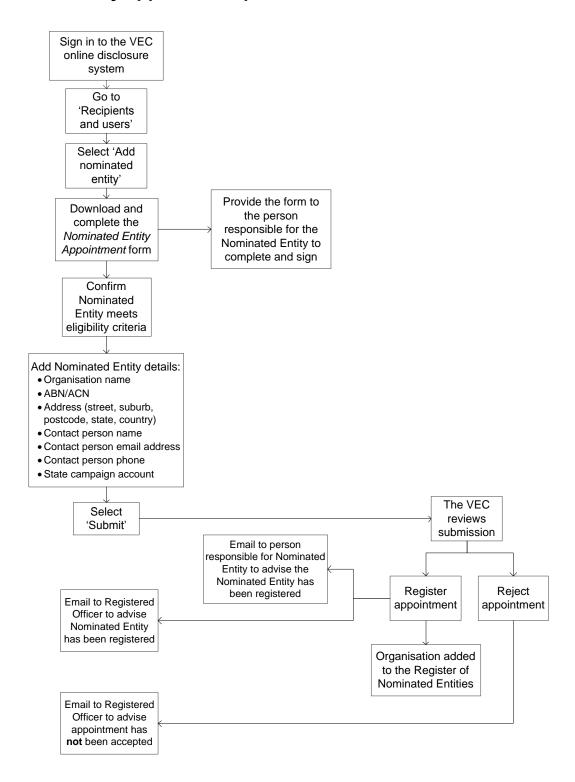
- operates for the principal benefit of the registered political party, or is established and maintained—or is the trustee of a trust established and maintained—for the principal benefit of the members of the registered political party
- does not have voting rights in the registered political party
- is not already the Nominated Entity of another registered political party
- has not been convicted of an offence under Part 12 of the *Electoral Act 2002* (Vic) (nor has an officer of the organisation).

To be eligible to be appointed as a Nominated Entity after 1 July 2020, or for any further appointments beyond the first appointment before 1 July 2020, the organisation must be an incorporated body that meets the above criteria and:

- is controlled by the registered political party (in accordance with section 50AA of the *Corporations Act 2001* (Cth))
- operates for the <u>sole</u> benefit of the registered political party, or is established and maintained—or is the trustee of a trust established and maintained—for the <u>sole</u> benefit of the members of the registered political party.

NB: The Registered Officer of the registered political party is the Registered Agent of the Nominated Entity – meaning the Registered Officer is responsible for submitting all donation disclosures and annual returns for the Nominated Entity.

Nominated Entity appointment process overview

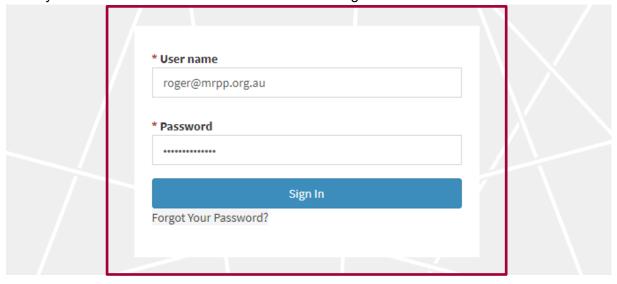


Nominated Entity appointment process

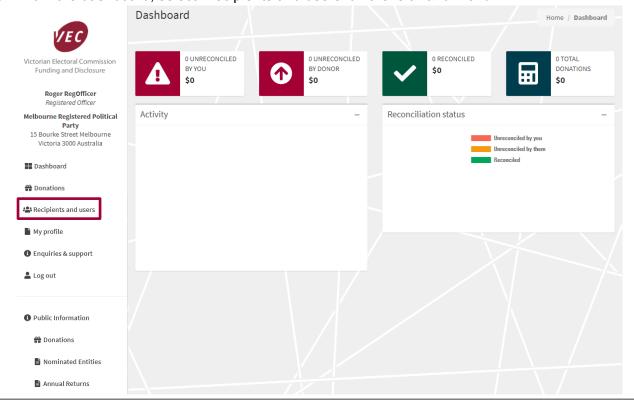
1. From the VEC online disclosure system home page, select 'Sign in' from the top menu.



2. Enter your 'User name' and 'Password' and select 'Sign in'.



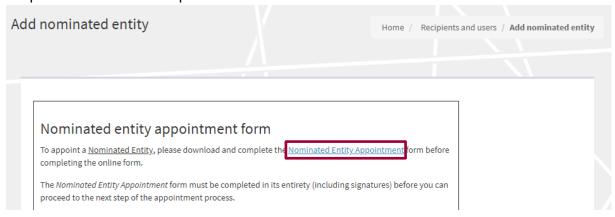
3. From the dashboard, select 'Recipients and users' on the left-hand menu.



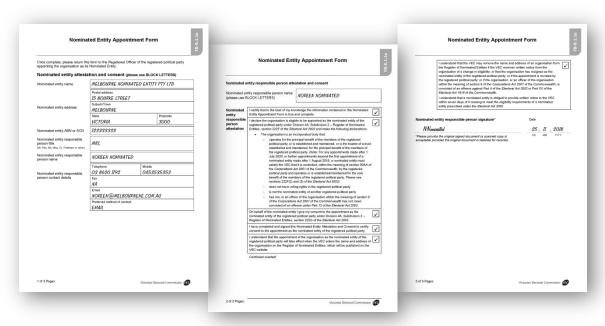
4. Select 'Add nominated entity' from the top menu.



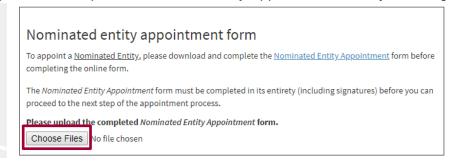
5. Download the *Nominated Entity Appointment* form by selecting on the 'Nominated Entity Appointment' link. This form must be completed in its entirety (including a signature) before you can proceed to the next step.



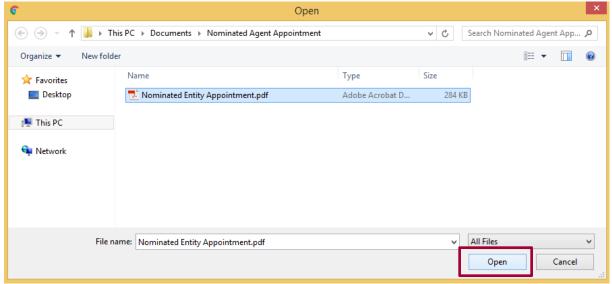
6. Complete the *Nominated Entity Appointment* form, scan it and save it to your computer (you must keep an original version).



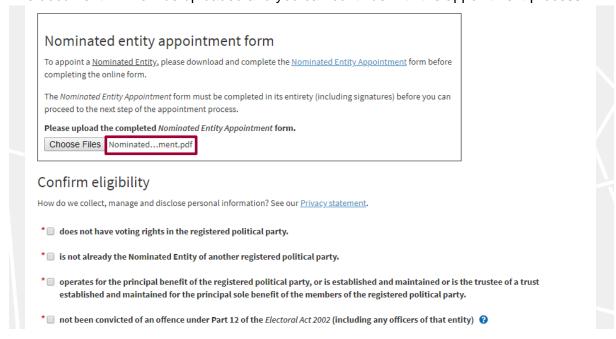
7. Upload the completed Nominated Entity Appointment form by selecting 'Choose Files'.



8. Once you have selected 'Choose Files', find the document you have saved locally and select 'Open'. (Please note, this example is using a Windows operating system – the process may vary slightly on a different operating system).



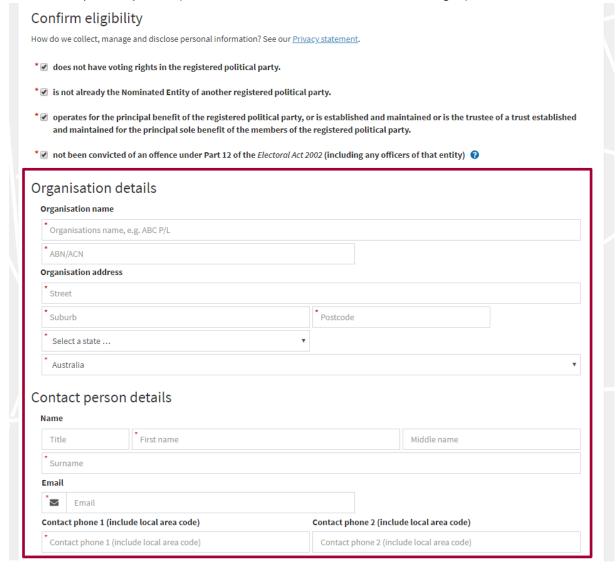
9. The document will now be uploaded and you can continue with the appointment process.



10. Confirm the organisation meets the eligibility criteria by selecting on each check box. If the organisation does not meet one or more of the eligibility criteria, they cannot be appointed as your Nominated Entity.

Nominated entity appointment form To appoint a Nominated Entity, please download and complete the Nominated Entity Appointment form before completing the online form. The Nominated Entity Appointment form must be completed in its entirety (including signatures) before you can proceed to the next step of the appointment process. Please upload the completed Nominated Entity Appointment form. Choose Files Nominated...ment.pdf Confirm eligibility How do we collect, manage and disclose personal information? See our Privacy statement. • does not have voting rights in the registered political party. • is not already the Nominated Entity of another registered political party, operates for the principal benefit of the registered political party, or is established and maintained or is the trustee of a trust established and maintained for the principal sole benefit of the members of the registered political party. operates for the principal benefit of the Electoral Act 2002 (including any officers of that entity)

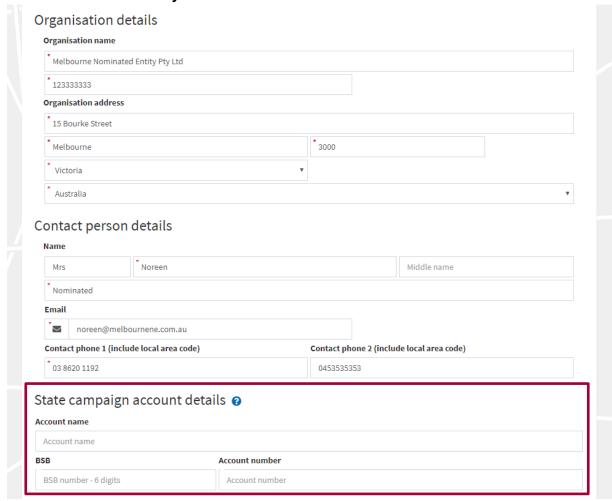
- 11. Once you have confirmed the organisation meets the eligibility criteria, you will be prompted to enter the details of the organisation you are appointing as your nominated entity. You must complete the following mandatory fields:
 - organisation name
 - ABN/ACN
 - address street, suburb, postcode, state (drop-down list) and country (drop-down list)
 - · contact person first and last name
 - · contact person email address
 - contact person phone (either landline or mobile must be 10 digits).



Note: mandatory fields have a red asterisk (*) in the top left-hand side.

12. Enter the State campaign account details for the organisation you are appointing as your nominated entity (this is the account recipients must have for the receipt of political donations)

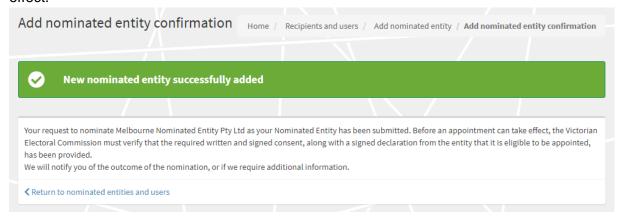
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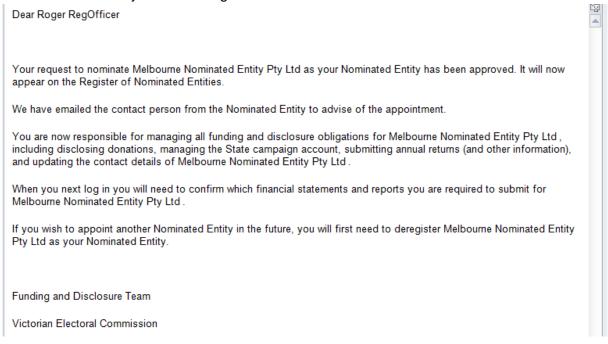
13. Once you have filled in all details, select 'Submit'.



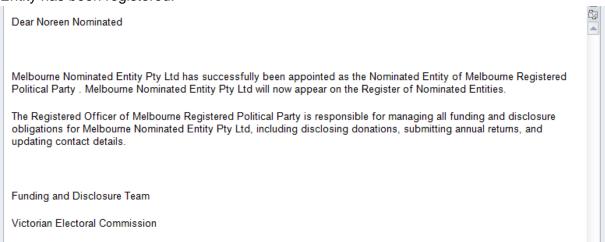
14. You will be given a confirmation screen following successful sumbission. Note, at this point the VEC still needs to formally register your Nominated Entity before the appointment comes into effect.



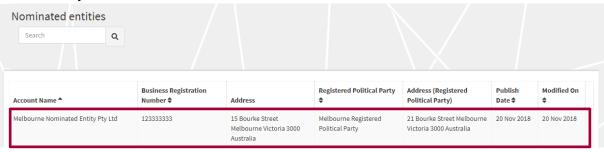
15. If the VEC registers the Nominated Entity, the Registered Officer will receive an email to advise the Nominated Entity has been registered.



16. The contact person of the Nominated Entity will also receive an email to advise the Nominated Entity has been registered.



17. The organisation will now appear on the Register of Nominated Entities on the VEC online disclosure system.



HOW TO EDIT THE DETAILS OF A NOMINATED ENTITY (AS A REGISTERED OFFICER OR DEPUTY REGISTERED OFFICER)

Why would I edit the details of a Nominated Entity?

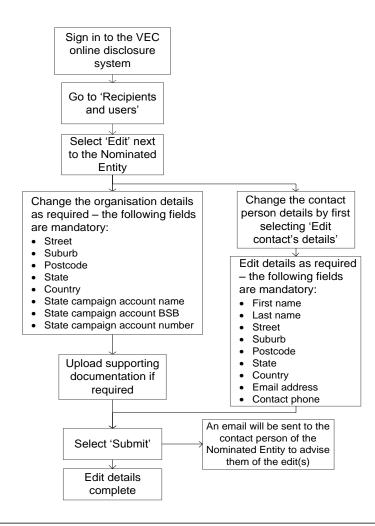
Registered Officers need to ensure the details of their Nominated Entity are up-to-date at all times. This is in relation to both the Register of Nominated Entities and the disclosure of donations.

The Victorian Electoral Commission must publish a Register of Nominated Entities on its website and this register must contain the name and address of the Nominated Entity as well as the name and address of the registered political party. If the details of the Nominated Entity change at any point, the Registered Officer of the registered political party must update these details to ensure the Register of Nominated Entities remains accurate.

In relation to donation disclosures, the Registered Officer is responsible for submitting all donation disclosures on behalf of its Nominated Entity. If false or misleading information about the Nominated Entity is given when disclosing a donation, including address and contact details, the person responsible for disclosing the donation may be fined or imprisoned, or both. The fine for this offence is 300 penalty units (more than \$48,000). The imprisonment term is two years.

NB: You cannot edit the name or ABN/ACN via the online disclosure system – if you need to update these details, contact the Victorian Electoral Commission on 131 832 or via disclosures@vec.vic.gov.au.

Nominated Entity edit process overview

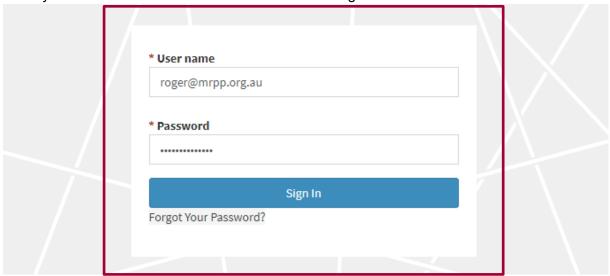


Nominated Entity edit process

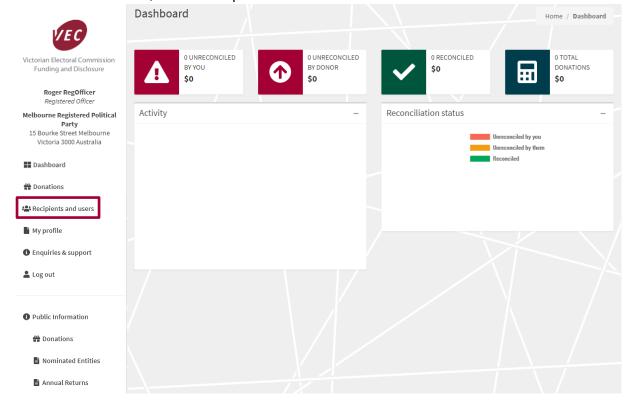
1. From the VEC online disclosure system home page, select 'Sign in' from the top menu.



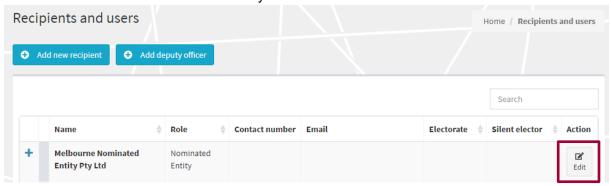
2. Enter your 'User name' and 'Password' and select 'Sign in'.



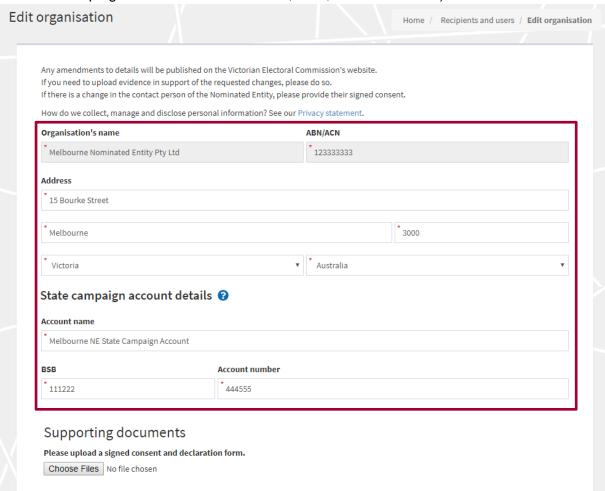
3. From the dashboard, select 'Recipients and users' on the left-hand menu.



4. Select 'Edit' next to the Nominated Entity.



- 5. To edit the organisation details, select the fields you need to edit. The following mandatory fields **must** be completed:
 - address street, suburb, postcode, state (drop-down list) and country (drop-down list)
 - State campaign account account name, BSB, account number).

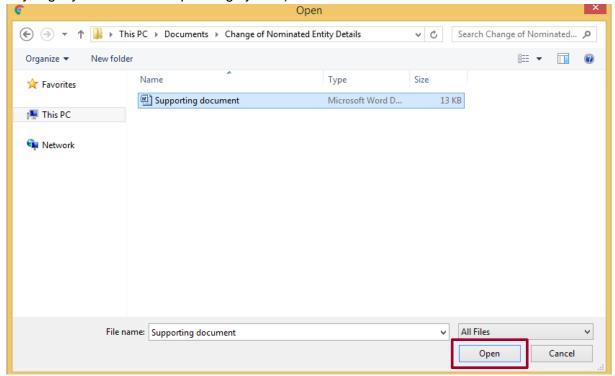


Note: mandatory fields have a red asterisk (*) in the top left-hand side. The Organisation name and ABN/ACN cannot be edited via the online disclosure system – if you need to edit these, contact the VEC via 131 832 or disclosures@vec.vic.gov.au.

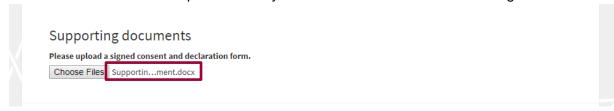
6. If you need to upload supporting documents, select 'Choose Files' beneath the 'Supporting documents' section.



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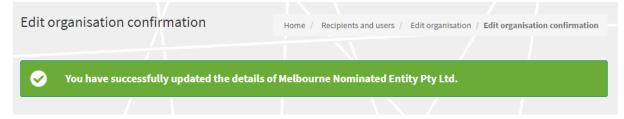
8. The document will now be uploaded and you can continue to submit the changes.



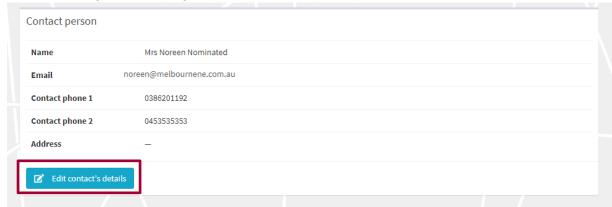
9. Once you have filled in all details (and uploaded supporting documents where applicable), select 'Submit'.



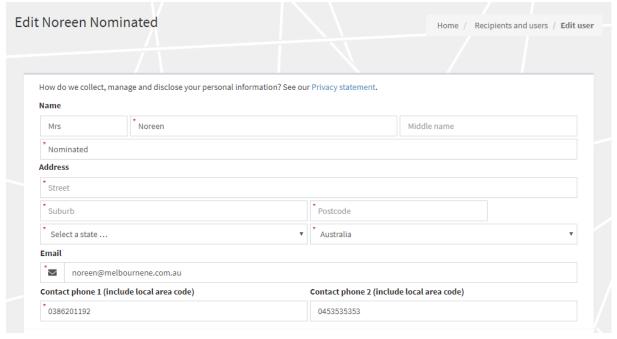
10. You will be given a confirmation screen following submission.



11. To edit the Nominated Entity contact person details, select 'Edit contact's details' at the bottom of the 'Edit organisation page' (accessed via steps 1-5)

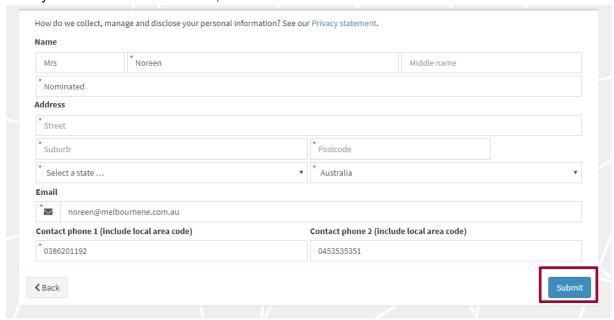


- 12. To edit the Nominated Entity's contact person details, select the fields you need to edit. The following mandatory fields **must** be completed:
 - first and last name
 - address street, suburb, postcode, state (drop-down list) and country (drop-down list)
 - email address
 - contact phone (either landline or mobile must be 10 digits).

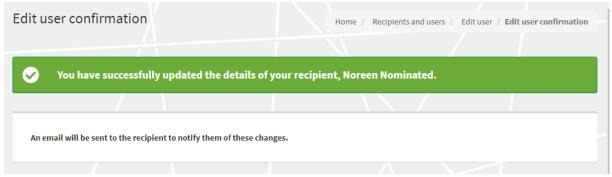


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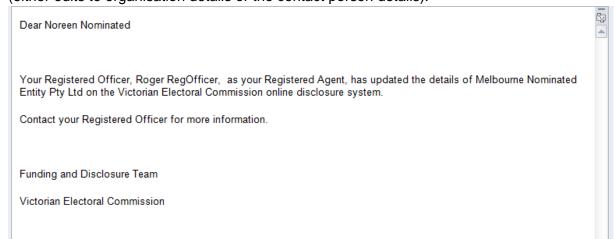
13. Once you have filled in all details, select 'Submit'.



14. You will be given a confirmation screen following submission.



15. The contact person from the Nominated Entity will receive an email to advise them of the edits (either edits to organisation details or the contact person details).



HOW TO DEREGISTER A NOMINATED ENTITY (AS A REGISTERED OFFICER OR DEPUTY REGISTERED OFFICER)

Why would I deregister a Nominated Entity?

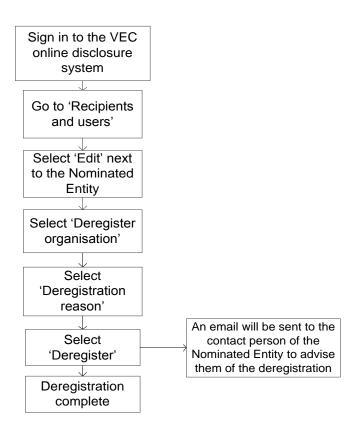
If the Nominated Entity is no longer eligible to be a Nominated Entity – as the organisation, or an officer of the organisation, is convicted of an offence against Part 12 of the *Electoral Act 2002* (Vic) or Part XX of the *Commonwealth Electoral Act 1918* (Cth) – they must be deregistered as a Nominated Entity.

The Nominated Entity must provide written notice to the Victorian Electoral Commission within seven (7) days of the Nominated Entity ceasing to be eligible.

If the registered political party that appointed the organisation to be its Nominated Entity would like to appoint a different organisation to be its Nominated Entity, it must first deregister its existing Nominated Entity (a registered political party can only have one nominated entity at any given time).

If the Nominated Entity would like to resign as the Nominated Entity, or the registered political party would like to revoke the appointment of the Nominated Entity, the Nominated Entity must be deregistered as the Nominated Entity.

Nominated Entity deregistration process overview

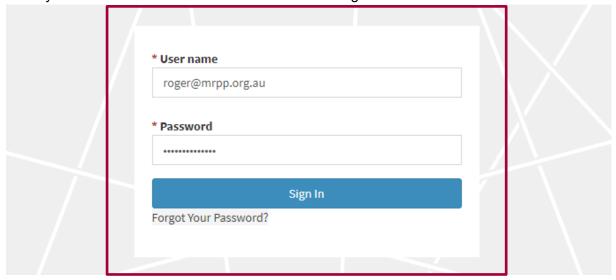


Nominated Entity deregistration process

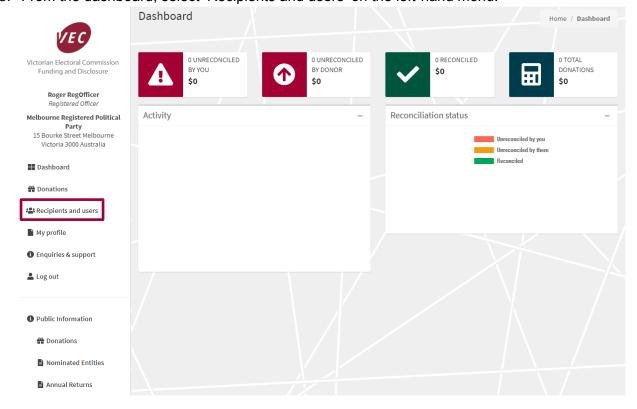
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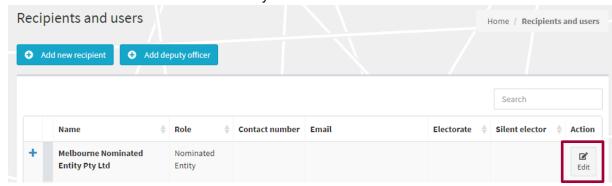
2. Enter your 'User name' and 'Password' and select 'Sign in'.



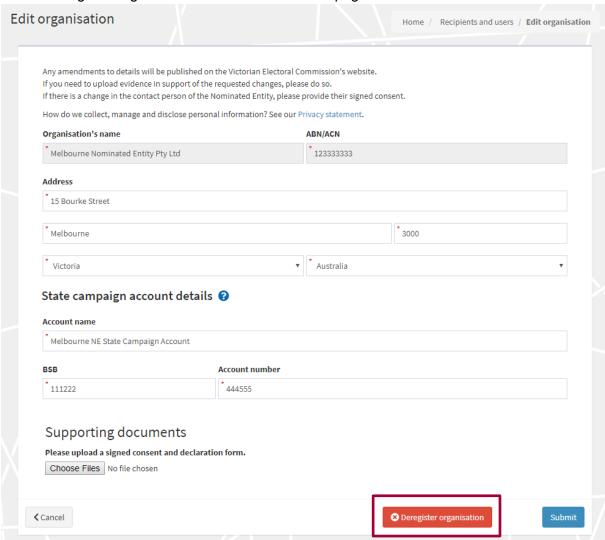
3. From the dashboard, select 'Recipients and users' on the left-hand menu.



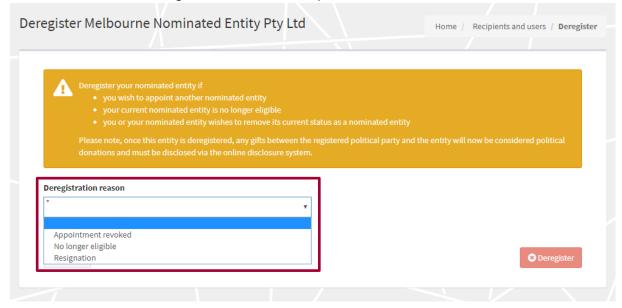
4. Select 'Edit' next to the Nominated Entity.



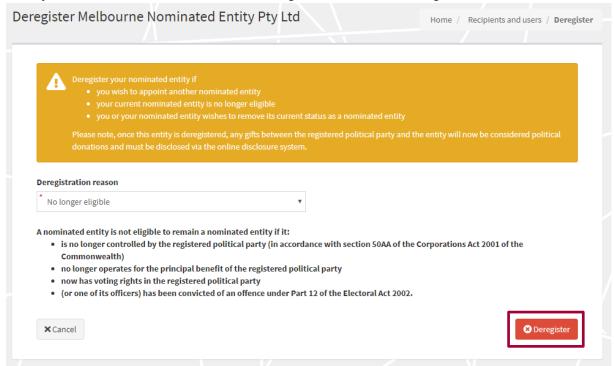
5. Select 'Deregister organisation' at the bottom of the page.



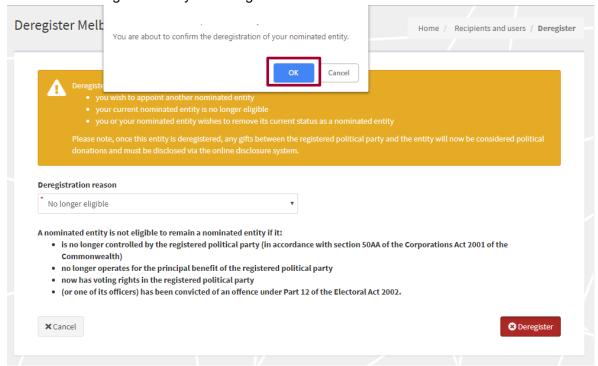
6. Select the reason for deregistration from the drop-down list.



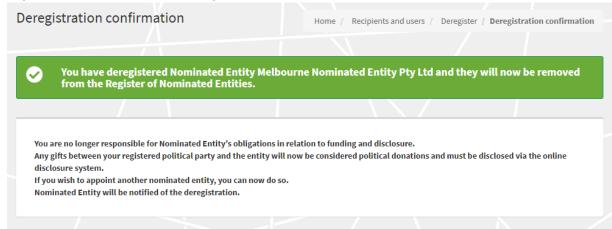
7. Once you have selected the reason for deregistration, select 'Deregister'.



8. Confirm the deregistration by selecting 'OK'.



9. You will be given a confirmation screen following deregistration. The VEC will remove the organisation from the public Register of Nominated Entities.



10. An email will be sent to the contact person of the Nominated Entity to advise them of their deregistration.

Melbourne Registered Political Party has deregistered Melbourne Nominated Entity Pty Ltd as its Nominated Entity.

Melbourne Nominated Entity Pty Ltd will now be removed from the Register of Nominated Entities.

If Melbourne Nominated Entity Pty Ltd accepts political donations or incurs political expenditure, you will need to register on the Victorian Electoral Commission's online disclosure system.

The Registered Officer of Melbourne Registered Political Party , is no longer responsible for managing funding and disclosure obligations for Melbourne Nominated Entity Pty Ltd , including disclosing donations, submitting annual returns, and updating contact details.

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11. You will also receive an email to confirm the deregistration.

Your request to deregister Melbourne Nominated Entity Pty Ltd as Melbourne Registered Political Party 's Nominated Entity has been approved. We will now remove it from the Register of Nominated Entities.

Any gifts between your registered political party and the entity will now be considered political donations and must be

Now that Melbourne Nominated Entity Pty Ltd has been deregistered as your Nominated Entity, you will cease to be responsible, as Melbourne Nominated Entity Pty Ltd's agent, for any of its obligations in relation to funding and disclosure.

If you wish to appoint another Nominated Entity, you can do so via the online disclosure system.

We will notify Melbourne Nominated Entity Pty Ltd of its deregistration.

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disclosed via the online disclosure system.

Dear Roger RegOfficer

Victorian Electoral Commission