

NEWSLETTER

FEC Raises Contribution Limit

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By statute, the Federal Election Commission is obligated to raise certain political contribution limits at the beginning of each election cycle in order to account for inflation. The increased 2009-2010 contribution limits for individuals are as follows:

- \$2,400 per election to federal candidates; and
- \$30,400 per calendar year to a national political party committee (RNC, DNC, NRCC, NRSC, DCCC, DSCC).

The two-year aggregate limit for individuals is now \$115,500 (with a maximum of \$45,600 going to federal candidates in the aggregate in 2009-2010 and a maximum of \$69,900 going to all PACs and party committees combined in the same two-year cycle). Of the \$69,900 sublimit, only \$45,600 may go, in the aggregate, to federal PACs and state, district and local party committees in the two-year election cycle.

The individual contribution limits did not change with respect to PACs and state, district and local political party committees. These limits are as follows:

- \$5,000 per calendar year to federal PACs (unchanged); and
- \$10,000 per calendar year to the federal accounts of state, district and local party committees (combined amount) (unchanged).
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