



# Oklahoma Ethics Commission

## Oklahoma Activity of PACs Registered at the FEC or in Another State

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### FEC (Federal Election Commission) PACs

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1. **FEC PACs for Candidates.** These PACs: (1) may make contributions to candidates, limited committees with similar purposes, and/or party committees, (2) are prohibited from accepting corporate contributions; and (3) are registered and in compliance with FEC reporting requirements.
  - a) **Not required to register or file *quarterly* reports in Oklahoma, but are required to file pre-election reports in Oklahoma as set out in (b) below.** [Ethics Rule 2.96](#)
  - b) **Oklahoma Reports Required for IEs/ECs/SQCs of \$5,000 or more:** PACs that makes independent expenditures (IE), electioneering communications (EC), or state question communications (SQC) for Oklahoma state elections totaling \$5,000 or more Oklahoma are required to file **pre-election reports** called IE/EC/SQC Reports.
  - c) **Filing Oklahoma Reports:** Use the schedule for [Oklahoma Limited Committees](#) and file reports using the “Special Reports” tab and IE/EC/SQC option at <http://guardian.ok.gov>. See [Ethics Rules 2.107](#), [2.108](#), and [2.109](#).
  - d) **Oklahoma Depository not Required.** An FEC PAC for Candidates is not required to have an Oklahoma Depository.
2. **OTHER FEC PACs.** These PACs *do not meet the requirements above* for “FEC PAC for Candidates,” and are operating in Oklahoma by making IEs, ECs, or SQCs. The exceptions from registration and reporting that apply to FEC PACs for Candidates do not apply to Other FEC PACs.
  - a) **Registration and Reporting is Required with the Oklahoma Ethics Commission.**
  - b) **An in-state depository and Oklahoma Resident as Treasurer are Required.**
  - c) **Register and use resources for [Oklahoma Unlimited Committees](#).** See [Ethics Rules 2.96](#) and [2.98](#).

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### OUT OF STATE PACs (NON-OK PACs)

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**PACs registered in another State and not with the FEC.** A PAC registered in a state other than Oklahoma that may make contributions to candidates and does not accept corporate funds. The PAC **must**:

- a) **Prior to making contributions to Oklahoma candidates**, submit **proof of registration** as a PAC in another state to the Commission to [ethics@ethics.ok.gov](mailto:ethics@ethics.ok.gov);
- b) File a quarterly report for any quarter in which it makes contributions to Oklahoma Candidates using the “Special Reports” tab at <http://guardian.ok.gov>. This report will include contributions to Oklahoma candidates, contributions from Oklahoma residents, and independent expenditures (IE) or electioneering communications (EC), made concerning Oklahoma elections; and
- c) Report IEs and ECs, totaling \$5,000 or more by using the “Special Reports” tab using the “Non-Oklahoma PAC” option at <http://guardian.ok.gov> in accordance with Pre-Election Reporting dates.
- d) **Reporting Dates:** Use the reporting dates on the [Oklahoma Limited Committees](#) Calendar for Quarterly and IE/EC Pre-Election Reporting. See [Ethics Rules 2.92](#), [2.96](#), [2.99](#), and [2.105\(C\)](#).