

What to do if you receive a contribution that exceeds your contribution limits?

Contributions must be deposited or returned within 10 days of receipt. If you deposit a contribution that would exceed your contribution limit from that contributor, you have the following options to remedy the excess within 60 days of receipt of the contribution:

Refund the Excess Portion of a Contribution to the Contributor

1. If a candidate chooses to refund the excess portion of the contribution, the candidate shall issue a check to the contributor for the excessive amount. The check shall be drawn from the account of the campaign. (see [information sheet](#) on how to report)
2. If the check is not deposited by the contributor within 6 months of the issuance of the check, the candidate shall submit the excess contribution to the Treasury Department as unclaimed property. (See [info sheet](#) on how to report.) For information on how to send the excess contribution to the Department of Treasury, click on the following link:
louisiana.findyourunclaimedproperty.com

Redesignate the Excess Portion of a Contribution to Another Election

Contributions may be designated to a particular election by the contributor. If the contributor does not designate the contribution for a particular election, the contribution is presumed to be given to the next election in which the candidate is participating.

1. A candidate may choose to redesignate the contribution
 - a. to a past election in which the candidate has an outstanding debt
 - b. to the primary election,
 - i. if the candidate is in the general election and had a debt in connection with the primary election
 - ii. if the candidate was elected in the primary election and had a debt in connection with the primary election
 - c. to the general election,
 - i. if the candidate is still a candidate in the primary election
 - ii. if the candidate was in the general election and has a debt in connection with the general election
 - d. to a future election cycle, if the contribution is given after a past election in which the candidate was elected or defeated.
2. The candidate must obtain written authorization from the contributor and must give the contributor the option to receive a refund.
 - a. See [examples of reporting](#) contributions information sheet on how to report
 - b. See [redesignation](#) form to obtain written authorization

Reattribute the Excess Portion of a Contribution to Another Contributor

1. A candidate can only attribute the excess portion to another contributor who has a legal claim to the funds (for example, to the spouse of the contributor) and who has not otherwise contributed the maximum amount to the candidate's campaign.
2. The candidate must obtain written authorization from both the original and attributed contributors and must give the original contributor the option to receive a refund.
 - a. See [examples of reporting](#) information sheet on how to report
 - b. See [reattribution](#) form to obtain written authorization