

Registered Political Parties in Western Australia

Amendments to the *Electoral Act 1907* dealing with the registration of political parties came into effect on 21 October 2000 and are contained in Part IIIA of the Act. The introduction of registration of political parties meant that candidates of registered political parties were able to use a political party name on ballot papers. The following table shows the names and abbreviations of the registered political parties that nominated candidates in the 2005 State General Election.

Full Party Name	Ballot Paper Name	Abbreviation
Australian Democrats	DEMOCRATS	DEM
Australian Labor Party (Western Australian Branch)	Australian Labor Party	ALP
Christian Democratic Party WA	Christian Democratic Party WA	CDP
Citizens Electoral Council of Australia	CITIZENS ELECTORAL COUNCIL	CEC
Community 1st (Inc.)	COMMUNITY 1ST	CFP
Family First Party WA Inc.	FAMILY FIRST	FFP
Fremantle Hospital Support Group	Fremantle Hospital Support Group	FHS
liberals for forests	FOREST LIBERAL	L4F
National Party of Australia (WA) Incorporated	THE NATIONALS	NAT
New Country Party	New Country Party	NCO
One Nation Western Australia	ONE NATION	ONP
Public Hospital Support Group	Public Hospital Support Group	PHS
The Greens (WA) Inc.	Greens (WA)	GRN
The Liberal Party of Australia (Western Australian Division) Incorporated	Liberal	LIB

Under Section 113C of the Act, candidates may apply to have the name of a registered political party, a composite name of 2 registered political parties, or the word *Independent* printed adjacent to their name on a ballot paper.

In the case of Legislative Council candidates, Section 80 of the Act allows two or more candidates to apply to have their names included in a group on the ballot papers for a region in the order that they specify.