



Decision Rights Template

Define who recommends, approves, executes, and is informed for recurring campaign decisions.

Campaign	
Owner	
Date / milestone	
Review date	

Purpose and operating standard

Use this before a fast-moving phase or whenever approvals are causing delay.

Use verified information, assign a named owner, protect personal data, and confirm jurisdiction-specific legal or election requirements with the authorized campaign official or election authority.

Decision-rights standard

- The accountable person owns the final result.
- Approval should exist only where risk or law requires it.
- Time-critical decisions need a backup and deadline.
- Escalation should be triggered by defined thresholds, not personality.

Decision table

Decision	Recommend	Approve	Execute	Inform	Deadline / threshold
Daily field target					
Candidate schedule change					
Expense / contract					
Public statement					
Voter-data export					
Safety response					

Escalation test

Question	Answer
What can the owner decide without approval?	



Question	Answer
What facts require escalation?	
Who is the backup?	
What happens if no answer arrives by the deadline?	



Sources and local adaptation

Confirm all election, finance, accessibility, privacy, and voting-information requirements using current official sources. Record the source and verification date before operational use.

Elections Canada - candidate and political financing guidance
<https://www.elections.ca/>

U.S. Federal Election Commission - candidate and committee guidance
<https://www.fec.gov/help-candidates-and-committees/>

National Democratic Institute - Campaign Skills Handbook
https://www.ndi.org/sites/default/files/Campaign%20Skills%20Handbook_EN.pdf

CISA - election security resources
<https://www.cisa.gov/topics/election-security/election-security-resource-library>