

Frequently Asked Questions

What is Gift Aid?

Gift Aid is a government scheme that allows charities and community amateur sports clubs (CASC's) to reclaim the basic rate of tax you pay as a UK taxpayer. It means that we can claim 25p of tax for every £1 you donate at no extra cost to you.

Who qualifies for Gift Aid?

You are eligible if:

- you pay Income Tax or Capital Gains tax in the UK
- you have paid enough tax to cover the Gift Aid your chosen charities will claim
- you complete a Gift Aid Declaration (paper, verbally or online)

Note: VAT and Council Tax don't count

How do you sign up to a Gift Aid scheme?

You must complete a Gift Aid Declaration with your full name and address and confirm that you are a UK taxpayer.

What donations qualify for Gift Aid?

All individual donations are eligible for Gift Aid, provided we hold a fully completed Gift Aid Declaration from the donor.

Gift Aid **cannot** be claimed on:

- Donations from **non-UK taxpayers**
- Money given **on behalf of others**
- Payments for **raffles, events, or goods**
- **Company donations** (unless from sole traders or partnerships)

What if I am a higher rate taxpayer?

You can claim back the difference between the tax you've paid on the donation and what the charity got back when you fill in your Self Assessment tax return. It's the same if you live in Scotland. Do this either through your Self Assessment tax return **OR** by contacting HM Revenue and Customs (HMRC) and asking them to amend your tax code

Example: You donate £100 to charity - they claim Gift Aid to make your donation £125. You pay 40% tax so you can personally claim back £25.00 (£125 x 20%).

When should you update your details?

Please let the charity know if:

- You **change your name or address**
- You **stop paying tax** or no longer pay enough tax
- You want to **cancel your Gift Aid declaration**

Keeping your information up to date helps avoid issues with HMRC and ensures your donations keep making a difference.

You can find our more information about Gift Aid by visiting www.gov.uk/donating-to-charity/gift-aid