

Gift Aid - What is it?

Gift Aid is one of the simplest and most effective ways of giving to charity. Using Gift Aid means that for every pound you give, the charity you are supporting will receive an extra 28 pence from the Inland Revenue.

This means that a £10 Gift Aid donation, is worth £12.80 to the charity - imagine what a difference that could make to the charity you support, and it doesn't cost you a thing.

On top of this, higher rate taxpayers are eligible to reclaim as much as £23 from the taxman for every £100 donated to charity, by including details of their Gift Aid donations on their Self Assessment form.

Gift Aid - How does it work?

Gift Aid is surprisingly easy to use. Gift Aid can apply to donations of any amount, large or small, by cash, cheque, postal order, direct debit, standing order, debit or credit card or even in a foreign currency (including the euro).

If you are a UK taxpayer, all you have to do is give the charity a simple Gift Aid declaration. This might involve completing the short form below or just giving basic details to the charity over the phone or the internet.

What's more - one single Gift Aid declaration can apply to all past donations you have made (since April 2000) and to all future donations you make.

As a higher rate taxpayer looking to reclaim tax from your donation, all you have to do is remember to include details of your charitable gifts on your tax form. Also, from April 2003, higher rate taxpayers will be able to reclaim tax relief from donations paid to charity both during the previous tax year and during the current tax year, that means the relief is paid that much quicker.

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Gift Aid Declaration

Name of Charity

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Details of donor

Title Forename(s) Surname

Address

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..... Post Code

I want the charity to treat

*the enclosed donation of £ as a Gift Aid donation

*the donation(s) of £ which I made on/...../..... as (a)
Gift Aid donation (s)

*all donations that I make from the date of this declaration until I notify you
otherwise as Gift Aid donations

*all donations I have made for the six years prior to this year, (but no earlier than
6/4/2000) **and** all donations I make from the date of this declaration until I notify
you otherwise, as Gift Aid donations.

*delete as appropriate

**You must pay an amount of Income Tax and/or Capital Gains Tax at
least equal to the tax that the charity reclaims on your donations in the
appropriate tax year (currently 28p for each £1 you give).**

Date:/...../..... Signed:

1. You can cancel this Declaration at any time by notifying the charity.
2. If in the future your circumstances change and you no longer pay tax on your income and capital gains equal to the tax that the charity reclaims, you can cancel your declaration.
3. If you pay tax at the higher rate you can claim further tax relief in your Self Assessment tax return.
4. If you are unsure whether your donations qualify for Gift Aid tax relief, ask the charity or refer to help sheet IR65 on the [HMRC web site](#).
5. Please notify the charity if you change your name or address.