



Gift Aid
Awareness Day

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QUICK TAX FACTS

What is Gift Aid?

Gift Aid is a tax relief used by charities in the UK to increase donations – at no extra cost to the donor.

When a charity receives a donation from a UK taxpayer, the organisation is entitled to claim an extra 25% on the donation's value.

A £100 donation processed with Gift Aid will become a £125 donation.

What is Gift Aid worth to charities?

A whopping £1.6bn was paid to charities in 2024, giving charities, both large, medium and small, a massive boost to their funds!

But! More than £500m goes unclaimed each year. The charity sector wants to change that so they support Gift Aid Awareness Day in October each year.

What do donors need to do?

Donors need to #TickTheBox on the Gift Aid declaration form and provide some basic personal details, and the charity can claim 25p for every £1 given.

Once a donor has given their permission by filling in the Gift Aid declaration form, there is no need for them to do anything else.

Who can donate with Gift Aid?

For charities to claim Gift Aid on a donation, the donor must have paid UK income tax or capital gains tax that tax year. Even if the donor is not currently employed they may still be able to add Gift Aid.

Higher rate taxpayers

Higher rate taxpayers are entitled to claim back the difference between the tax they've paid on the donation and what the charity got back.

This claim can be made when filling out the Self Assessment tax return. The higher rate tax payer can also ask HMRC to amend their tax code.

Payroll Giving

Some employers and pension providers run a Payroll Giving scheme. Through this, charities receive donations that already include tax relief so they don't need to claim back from HMRC.

For higher rate taxpayers, Payroll Giving is more efficient because donations are taken directly from gross pay before income tax is deducted. National Insurance contributions on the amount of the donation are still paid.

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Tax relief when you donate
www.gov.uk/donating-to-charity/gift-aid

Gift Aid and Gift Aid Awareness Day
www.cfg.org.uk/news/tickthebox

