

What is Gift Aid?

Everything you need to know about Gift Aid

Who Can Give Gift Aid?

You can give Gift Aid when you made a personal donation if you're a UK tax payer paying sufficient Income Tax or Capital Gains tax to cover any donations you have made to all charities in the tax year.

What Information is needed for monetary Gift Aid claims?

- Full Name
- Home Address
- and Tick the box to confirm we can claim Gift Aid



Does my donation qualify for Gift Aid?

Gift Aid **cannot** be claimed on donations:

- That are funds/money that have been raised by (for example) a bake sale, or a group of people e.g. money collected from friends and family at a funeral.
- Donations made in return for something e.g. registration fee or ticket for an event, goods purchased at an auction, buying a raffle ticket etc.
- The money must be your own. You can't make a donation on behalf of someone else. If you are given the donation by someone, and you use your own details (bank details etc) to submit it, it cannot be accepted, even if they are a UK taxpayer.
- That are made from a business or company account
- If you don't pay sufficient Income Tax or Capital Gains Tax

[If you're not sure your donation is eligible, take a look at HMRC's guidelines here.](#)

How do I know if I'm a taxpayer?

- Tax is taken from your wages (or pension) before you receive it.
- You have to fill in a self-assessment form each year.
- You have any taxable savings (e.g. in a Building Society).
- You have a private pension plan.
- You get an income from investments and pay capital gains tax.
- To confirm that you are a taxpayer and find out the amount of tax you have paid in the tax year, please contact the HMRC.



I'm a pensioner, do my donations qualify?

You may still be paying tax on a private pension plan or a savings account, or capital gains tax if you sell either some property or shares. You are still eligible if you have paid enough tax during the year to cover the amount we are reclaiming on your donations.

What if I pay tax at a higher rate?

Dementia Support can claim Gift Aid on your donation and request a rebate for the difference between the higher and basic rate on the total value of your donation when you submit your tax return.

Is it worth it?

100% yes! We can't tick the box for you, but when you do request Gift Aid we'll process everything and you won't be charged anything by Dementia Support. Every penny makes a huge impact to our charity, you can [click here](#) to see how your donations are supporting people living with dementia in West Sussex.

Adding Gift Aid to your Donations



Ticking the Gift Aid box will add Gift Aid to the past four years of your donations to Dementia Support, as well as any made in the future.

Do I have to made a declaration for every gift?

No. Once you fill out a Gift Aid declaration and date it, it will cover donations you have already made to Dementia Support in the past 4 years and any donations you make in the future. There is no extra paperwork, all we need is your form and we will deal with HMRC to reclaim the tax.

Can I stop my eligibility for Gift Aid and start again?

Yes. In fact, it's really important that you let us know if you stop paying enough tax (even if it's only for a short time) so that we can stop claiming the tax on your donations.



What should I do if I'm not eligible?

Please don't worry, you don't need to do anything, your support is important to us and we respect that not everyone is able to claim gift aid.

If I've already filled in a Gift Aid form for another charity, does this apply to my Dementia Support donations too?

No, you need to complete a declaration to each charity that you support and ensure that you are paying enough tax during the year to cover your total annual donations. You can support as many UK charities as you like through Gift Aid.

**If you have any questions please contact the
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