



Gift Aid FAQs

Am I eligible to make a Gift Aid declaration?

To qualify for Gift Aid, you must pay an amount of UK tax (income tax and/or capital gains tax), which is equal to, or more than, the amount we will reclaim in the tax year (currently 25p for every £1 you donate).

What does the Gift Aid declaration commit me to, and does it cost me anything?

It doesn't cost you a penny! Making a Gift Aid declaration simply ensures that if you choose to join or donate to BCT, we can currently claim 25p* in tax relief for every £1 you give.

*For any gift aided donations made before 6th April 2008, BCT can claim back 28p.

How will I know if I pay income tax?

Look at papers relating to the monies paid to you. Savings/bank accounts normally deduct tax at source so a bank statement will normally show if tax has been deducted. Individual share dividend certificates also show where tax has been deducted.

How will I know if I pay income tax on my pension?

As a pensioner you will receive a P60 each year, keep this safe, it will show any tax deductions.

Do I pay capital gains tax?

You are usually aware if you pay capital gains tax, as you would have had to declare it. This would have been declared by yourself or by your accountant/financial advisor.

How much Gift Aid will my subscription/donation generate?

Use CharityFacts' Gift Aid calculator to find out how much extra money your donation will be worth if you sign up for Gift Aid.

I don't pay tax but my partner does. Can I still give Gift Aid?

If you have a Family membership and your partner pays tax then he/she can tick the Gift Aid box provided that the membership is paid either from your partner's account or from a jointly held or named account.

I'm an adult paying for a Young Batworkers' Club membership on behalf of a child – is this subscription eligible for Gift Aid?

Yes – the subscription will qualify if it is made by a parent or legal guardian on behalf of a child under the age of 18.

I've already made a Gift Aid declaration to BCT. Do I have to fill in one every year?

No. You only ever need to fill in one form: all your donations and / or membership subscriptions are covered under one declaration. You can cancel your declaration at any time by contacting our Membership department (for example, if you cease to become a tax payer).

Can Gift Aid be claimed retrospectively?

BCT can claim Gift Aid retrospectively for up to four years. This means that if you make a declaration today, we can reclaim tax on the eligible subscriptions and donations you have made in the past four years, so long as you

have paid enough tax to cover the total amount we are reclaiming. Make a declaration today and allow the support you've already given to BCT go even further!

What if I make my subscriptions / donations via CAF (Charities Aid Foundation)?

If you normally give via CAF, the tax has already been reclaimed. However, please fill in the declaration anyway so that any separate donations you might make are tax effective as well.

Does Gift Aid affect any of the covenants (pledges) I have signed for in favour of the BCT so far?

A Gift Aid declaration can replace any existing covenants you have, so there is no need to have separate covenants for your membership and or donations.

Do I have to indicate that I have made a Gift Aid declaration on a tax return?

Not if you are a standard rate tax payer and do not receive a tax return from HM Revenue & Customs. However, if you do receive a tax return, you must declare the information.

I am a self assessment tax payer and I pay tax at the higher rate of 40%, how can I give part or all of my tax repayment to BCT?

To do this you simply need to add the BCT repayment code to your tax return. HM Revenue & Customs will then pay your refund direct to BCT.