



Gift Aid your donation

Your Questions Answered



If you Gift Aid your donation, TB Alert will receive an additional 28p for every pound you give. TB Alert can claim Gift Aid tax relief of 25p on every pound you give. Her Majesty's Revenue and Customs (HMRC) will also be operating transitional provisions for Gift Aid donations made from 6 April 2008 until 5 April 2011, paying a Government supplement of 3p on every pound you give.

How can I sign up for Gift Aid?

All you need to do is complete a gift aid declaration – included with this information sheet

How does Gift Aid work?

Gift Aid is one of the easiest ways to make your donation tax effective. TB Alert reclaims the basic rate tax from the Inland Revenue. There is no extra cost to you and the process is simple - all you have to do is make a Gift Aid declaration.

What does the Gift Aid declaration commit me to?

Absolutely nothing! It just ensures that if you choose to donate to TB Alert, we can claim back from the Inland Revenue the tax you paid when you earned the money you gave us as a donation.

What is a Gift Aid declaration?

It is simply a statement by an individual taxpayer that they want a charity to get back from the Inland Revenue the tax paid on their donation. This is a great way to add to the value of your gift to TB Alert without it costing you a penny more!

Gift Aid - do I qualify?

For every £1 you donate to TB Alert in a financial year, you must have paid 25p in income or capital gains tax in the same financial year to qualify for Gift Aid.

How do I know if I pay UK income or capital gains tax?

You pay these taxes if:

- income tax is taken from your wages or salary before you receive your pay
- you pay tax after filling in a self-assessment form each year
- you have any taxable savings (in a Building Society, for instance), or a pension plan, or investment income
- you have paid any capital gains tax, on the sale of a property or some shares, for instance.

If any of these applies to you, please complete and return your declaration so TB Alert can reclaim the tax on your donations. NB Inheritance tax does not count as UK income or capital gains tax.

Why does it work out at 28 pence for every pound given?

Although basic rate tax is currently 20 per cent, the donation for £1 is treated as the net after tax from £1.25 (£1.25 minus 20 per cent is £1). TB Alert get back the 25 pence. In addition HMRC will also be operating transitional provisions for Gift Aid donations made from 6 April 2008 until 5 April 2011, paying a Government supplement of 3p on every pound you give.

What if I don't pay UK tax?

Then, unfortunately, you are not able to make a Gift Aid declaration. If you want us to make a note of this on your records, please let us know by contacting us in one of the following ways:

- Email: fundraising@tbalert.org
- Telephone: 01273 234784 (Monday to Friday, office hours only)
- Write to us at: TB Alert, Community Base, 113 Queens Road, Brighton, BN1 3XG

What if I'm a pensioner?

You may still pay tax on a private pension plan or a savings account, or pay capital gains tax if you sell property or shares. If so, please tick the Gift Aid declaration.

What if I'm a higher rate taxpayer?

TB Alert can only directly claim back at the basic rate but please complete and return the declaration anyway. However, as a higher rate taxpayer, if you declare your donations on your tax return, you can claim a rebate based on the difference between the higher rate and the basic rate when you fill in your self-assessment form.

You can donate all or part of your tax repayment to TB Alert using your Self-Assessment Return. You will be asked for TB Alert's charity code - the code is DAF85TG

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

If you normally make donations via CAF, 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.

Can Gift Aid be applied to events sponsorship?

Yes, in most cases - please see sponsorship forms for more details. If you are being sponsored or sponsoring someone else, for example someone running the London Marathon, please Gift Aid eligible contributions. Remember each sponsor needs to include their home address and postcode to enable TB Alert to reclaim the tax.

How long does the declaration last for?

To simplify matters for both you and TB Alert, the declaration wording normally covers present, future and past donations. We are able to claim on any gifts made since the Gift Aid scheme was revised on 6 April 2000, as long as you are eligible.

Who will have access to this information about me?

Only TB Alert and the Inland Revenue. We will not share it with anyone else.

What should I do if my tax status changes or I want to cancel my declaration?

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I declare that I would like TB Alert to claim Gift Aid on all past and future donations. I am a UK taxpayer, paying more in income tax or capital gains tax than the value of the tax claimed on my gift.

Donor Name: _____

Donor Signature: _____ Date: _____

Address: _____

_____ Postcode: _____