

Gift Aid Declaration

The Church of Scotland

Please complete this declaration in CAPITALS

Name of congregation:

Scottish charity number:
(Each congregation has its own number)

Donor's full name:

Donor's title:
(Mr/Mrs/Miss/Ms/Dr/Rev)

Donor's address:

Postcode:

I am a UK taxpayer and I want the congregation to treat all donations I have made for the four years prior to this year and all donations I make from the date of this declaration until I notify you otherwise as Gift Aid donations.

Signature of donor:

Date of signing:

Please give the completed form to your
Congregational Treasurer or Gift Aid Convener.

Stewardship and Finance Department,
The Church of Scotland, 121 George Street, Edinburgh EH2 4YN

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Gift aid
YOUR OFFERING

What is Gift Aid?

This is a government scheme which allows the congregation (as a registered charity) to reclaim the tax you have already paid on the money you give in your offering.

How does the Church benefit?

While the basic rate of Income Tax is 20%, the congregation can recover tax at the rate of 25%.

- > Every £1 given becomes £1.25.
- > £4 becomes £5.
- > £12 becomes £15.
- > £20 becomes £25.
- > £40 becomes £50.
- > £100 becomes £125.
- > £500 becomes £625.
- > £1,000 becomes £1,250.

If members of the congregation give £50,000 as Gift Aid contributions, the tax refund will increase this to £62,500.

If members of the congregation give £100,000 as Gift Aid contributions, the tax refund will increase this to £125,000.

Who can give through Gift Aid?

Anyone who pays Income Tax or Capital Gains Tax.

You must pay an amount of tax in the tax year which is at least equal to the tax which the congregation reclaims on your offering.

What is required?

Sign a Gift Aid Declaration – this is printed overleaf, ready for you to complete.

Give your offering using Offering Envelopes, or by Bank Standing Order, or by Cheque – to provide the Church with the necessary record of your giving.

You do not need ...

- > To promise to give a particular amount.
- > To promise to give for a specified period of time.

You can cancel your Gift Aid Declaration at any time.

Gift Aid is good Stewardship

Giving your offering as a Gift Aid contribution increases the value of your offering.

More money coming in to the Church means more sharing of the gospel through the work of the Church.