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Your Questions Answered



War Memorials Trust

Registered Charity Number: 1062255

When giving to charity is this tax relief available to anyone?

Anyone who is a UK tax payer can get the tax office to repay the tax paid on donations to charity. They must pay income or capital gains tax. The tax payer can be in employment, pay tax on a pension or savings. The taxpayer must pay as much tax as the amount to be reclaimed on donations in each financial year.

Can my donations as a pensioner count?

As long as you are a taxpayer Gift Aid can be claimed. For example you may pay tax on a private pension plan or on interest on a savings account. Alternatively you may make financial transactions that attract tax for example the sale of shares or property.

What information do you need?

We need to hold your full name, including first name, address and postcode. You may also wish to state whether Gift Aid can be claimed on a single donation or all donations from a certain date. If this is the case you will need to date your declaration.

Forms to make a Gift Aid declaration can be obtained from the charity.

Do I have to fill in loads of forms?

No is the short answer. You need to advise the charity, by ticking the box on forms, emailing or telephoning us, that you are a UK taxpayer and we can do the rest.

If your situation changes or you move house then you need to update us.

Do I have to fill in a form every time I give?

No. Once the charity has your declaration we can continue to claim on future donations although you do need to tell us if your circumstances change or you move house. Similarly we can claim retrospectively on your earlier gifts if appropriate.

Can the charity claim the full amount as I am a higher rate tax payer?

The charity can only claim the basic rate. However the tax payer can reclaim the difference and donate it to the charity of their choice.

What changes occurred in April 2008?

The changes were legal and the value of your additional gift to the charity will remain unchanged. The documentation prepared by the charity and any declarations made by you continue to be valid. However on 6th April the basic rate on tax fell. This meant that the value of a Gift Aid declaration fell from 28p for every pound given to 25p. However Transitional Relief was introduced for 3 years from April 2008 which means that although the donor only gives 25p in every pound War Memorials Trust will in fact receive 28p. This is designed to assist charities manage the change in income levels. Further information can be found at <http://www.hmrc.gov.uk/businesses/tmagift-aid.shtml>

What if I have more questions?

Please call War Memorials Trust on 020 7259 0403 or email info@warmemorials.org or write to us at 4 Lower Belgrave St London SW1W 0LA and we will discuss these with you.