

Gift Aid Explained

All qualifying donations made to charity by UK taxpayers may be eligible for Gift Aid. Making a donation to SLSGB using Gift Aid means that we can reclaim tax on the gift making the members money go further. The Gift Aid rate is currently 25% - In other words, for every £1 we can reclaim an additional 25p from HMRC at no extra cost to your club or the member. This extra money makes a huge difference to our funding and the level of service and support we can provide.

What this means:

- **To the Donor** - the funds come from the tax man, not their pocket
- **To SLSGB** - for every £25 membership we can claim an additional £6.25 that we will put to good use for the benefit of the Charity - Even better, we may be able to claim for the last 4 years too.

Who is qualified for a Gift Aid Donation?

As long as the donor is a UK tax payer and pays more tax than we are claiming, then yes! This is also the case for a parent of an under 18 year old who is a member of SLSGB. We can claim the donation on their behalf even though the membership is held in your child's name.

(The donor must have paid at least as much Income or Capital Gains tax in the tax year to cover the total amount claimed by all charities and Community Amateur Sports Clubs donated to by that donor including SLSGB. Council tax and VAT do not qualify).

How do I set this up?

As you manage your membership applications and renewals ask the member to agree to Gift Aid. This can be done by formatting the membership application with a simple tick box set of 4 simple questions as shown below:-

Surf Life Saving Great Britain, please treat as Gift Aid donations all qualifying gifts of money made:

Indicate your choice with a 'Y' after the option

- Now, in the past 4 years & in the future
- Now & in the future
- Now
- None, my tax circumstances don't fulfil the criteria

I confirm I have paid or will pay an amount of Income Tax and/or Capital Gains Tax for each tax year (6 April to 5 April) that is at least equal to the amount of tax that all charities or Community Amateur Sports Clubs (CASCs) that I donate to will reclaim on my gifts for that tax year. I understand that other taxes such as VAT and Council Tax do not qualify. I understand that the Charity will reclaim 25p of tax on every £1 that I give on or after 6 April 2010.

Once you have your member's agreement to use Gift Aid when processing memberships whether online, paper form or as a membership secretary by MIS batch renewal use the option to select gift aid for the members who have given their agreement.

IMPORTANT NOTE If your club is a registered charity and collects both the Club and the SLSGB membership fees in a combined payment the Club cannot claim gift aid on the amount to be paid on for the SLSGB membership as the Club is not the beneficiary of this part of the payment