



**INTERNATIONAL RESCUE CORPS  
GIFT AID  
QUESTION AND ANSWER SHEET**

**Q.**

What is Gift Aid?

**A.**

Gift Aid is one of the simplest and most effective ways of giving to charity. Using Gift Aid means that for every £1 you give to International Rescue Corps, the Charity will receive an extra 25p from the Inland Revenue. This means that a £10 donation under Gift Aid is worth £12.50 to the Charity – this makes a real difference to us.

**Q.**

How can I sign up for Gift Aid so that the Charity receives an extra 25% from my donation?

**A.**

All you have to do is sign a International Rescue Corps Gift Aid Declaration form. This form is a declaration by an individual taxpayer that they want the charity to get back from the Inland Revenue the tax paid on their donation.

**Q.**

Am I qualified to sign a Gift Aid declaration form?

**A.**

Providing you pay as much tax as International Rescue Corps will be entitled to reclaim on your donations in the same financial year, you are entitled to sign a Gift Aid form. For example, if you donate £100 to the charity in a financial year, you will have to have paid at least £25 to the taxman that year.

**Q.**

What if I'm a pensioner?

**A.**

You may still pay tax on a private pension plan or a savings account, or pay capital gains tax if you sell shares or property. If so, you can sign a Gift Aid declaration form subject to the amount of your donation and amount of tax you pay (see question above).

**Q.**

What if I am a higher rate taxpayer?

**A.**

International Rescue Corps can claim tax back at the basic tax rate only if you sign a Gift Aid declaration form. If you are a higher taxpayer, you can also declare your donations on your own tax return and claim a rebate based on the difference between the higher rate and the basic rate. For example, if a higher rate taxpayer donated £100 during financial year, this equates to £125 when a Gift Aid form signed. You can then claim another £25 from the taxman based on the difference between basic tax rate and higher tax rate. (<http://www.hmrc.gov.uk/individuals/giving/gift-aid.htm#4>)

**Q.**

What does the Gift Aid declaration commit me to?

**A.**

Absolutely nothing, it just allows the charity to claim an extra 25% on top of your donation.

**Q.**

If I sign a Gift Aid declaration form, are my details kept confidential?

**A.**

Yes, this information is not shared with anyone else.

**Q.**

How often do I need to sign a Gift Aid declaration form?

**A.**

Only once. As well as allowing the charity to claim tax relief on all future donations you make, the signing of this form also allows the charity to make a claim on all donations made since 6<sup>th</sup> April 2000

**DECLARATION FORM**

**Name of Charity:** International Rescue Corps      **Registered Charity No:** England and Wales (283031) and Scotland (SC038213)

**Details of donor**

**Forename(s)**  
**Surname**  
**Address**

I would like the charity to treat :

❖ all donations/ membership fees since 6<sup>th</sup> April 2000, and all donations I make from the date of this declaration until I notify you otherwise as Gift Aid donations

OR

❖ the enclosed donation of £..... as a Gift Aid donation  
(delete as appropriate)

**Signed** .....

**Date** .....

Notes:-

1. You must pay an amount of tax (income tax or capital Gains Tax) at least equal to the tax that the charity reclaims on your donations in the tax year (currently 25p for every £1 you give)
2. You can cancel this declaration at any time by notifying the charity
3. If in the future your circumstances change and you no longer pay tax on your income and capital gains equal to the tax that the charity reclaims, you can cancel your declaration (see note 1.)
4. If you pay tax at the higher rate, you can claim further tax relief in your self assessment tax return
5. Please notify the charity if you change your name or address.

*Please return to Gift Aid Convenor:-*

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